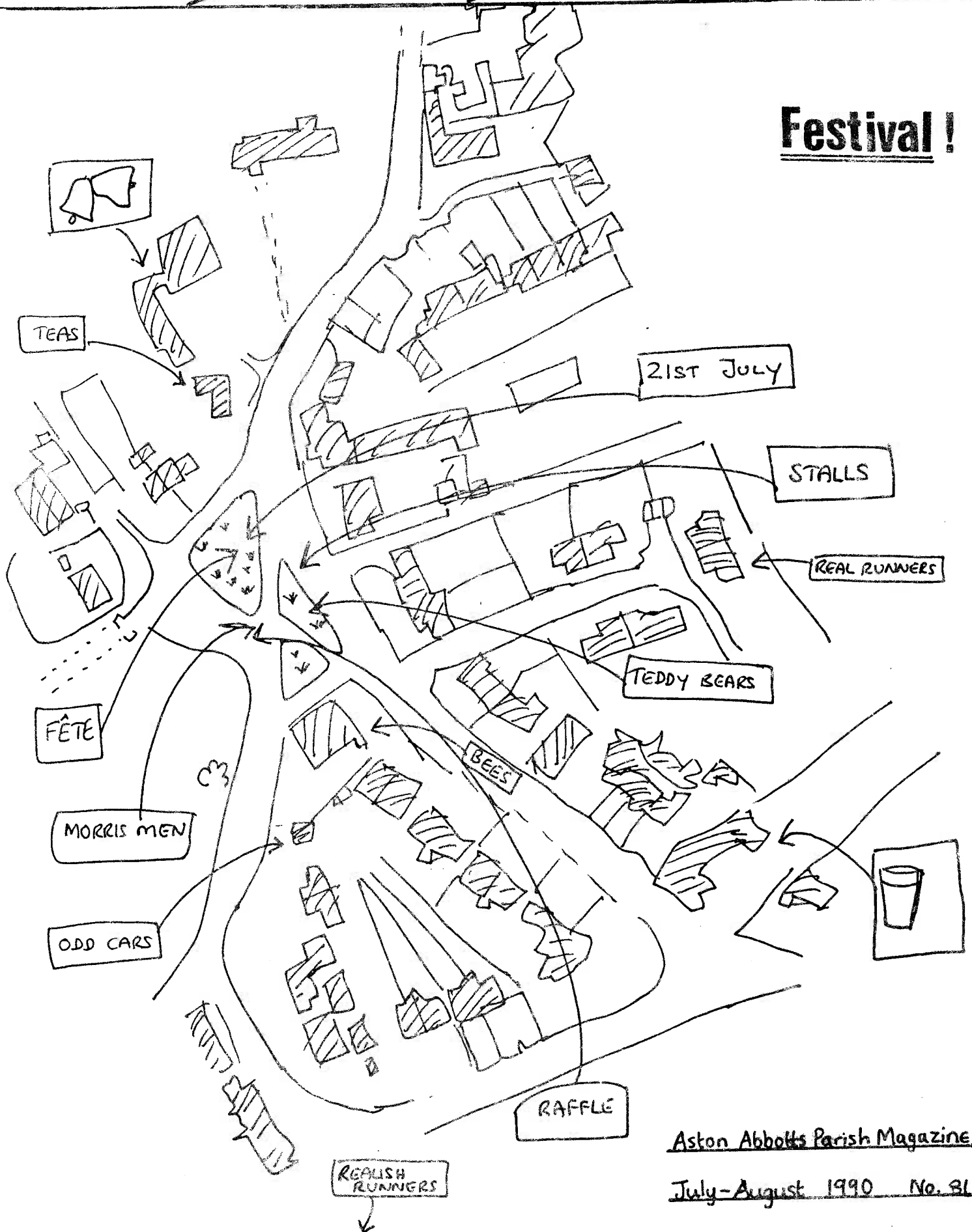


The Chronicle

Festival!



Aston Abbots Parish Magazine

July-August 1990 No. 31



Editorial

We have had a few complaints recently about the Chronicle being delivered 'late'. It is quite difficult to get the timing right. We appreciate that from the 'What's On' point of view, it is useful to have the Chronicle in ones hands at the beginning of the month. Yet if the deadline is too early, all the information is out of date. Our distributors go around the houses purely on a voluntary basis; they are all busy people, and it is quite understandable if they cannot drop everything immediately the pile of Chronicles arrives. So, from October, we are going to experiment with making the deadline a week earlier in order to try to get copies to everyone by the beginning of the month. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to relieve one of our regular distributors, you would be very welcome!

This is Festival weekend - in fact it's Festival month generally in the country, with lots of villages holding special events. Please support ours as much as you can - last year's was very successful and enjoyable; let's make this year's just as good.

Cycling through Cublington at some appallingly early hour last month (can't even remember which day it was - Caroline) I was astounded to see a nubile, improbably yellow-haired, inflatable woman astride the duck house by the pond. Needless to say, she had disappeared by evening. The work on the pond has been excellent, but I'd have thought the people of Cublington could have got themselves a better class of duck!

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Waddesdon School is closed until 5th September, so the deadline for September's issue will be Friday 31st August; articles etc to 2 Church Row, telephone 681373. Copies will go out during the following week; sorry for unavoidable delay.

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INFO

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

- Tuesday 10th: Rambling Club members meet Linslade canal bridge
7.15 pm
- Thursday 12th: Whist Drive,
Church Room, 7.30 pm
- Monday 16th: Toddlers, Church Room,
2.30 - 4 pm
- Wednesday 18th: Mobile library
(times below)
- Saturday 21st: FESTIVAL 2 pm
(details page 5)
- Sunday 22nd: FESTIVAL
Church open 2-5 pm
Treasure hunt 2 pm
Songs of Praise 6 pm
- Tuesday 24th: Footpath walk
(Aylesbury Vale holiday
walk) All welcome.
The Green 7.15 pm
- Thursday 26th: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30 pm
- Friday 27th: Parish Council
Church Room, 8 pm
- Sunday 29th: Routemaster outing to
Wycombe caves/West Wycombe
Park/Beaconscot model village.
Depart 1 pm. Fare £2.50
Book with Colin 681343
- Monday 30th July: Toddlers
Church Room, 2.30 - 4 pm

REGULARS

- Alternate Wednesdays, mobile library:
The Green 2 - 2.30 pm
Longmoor 2.35-50 pm
- Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish shop,
The Green, 1.40-2 pm
- Wednesdays: Fish & chip van, outside
Bull & Butcher, 8 pm

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

- Wednesday 1st: Children's holiday
show. Watch for posters
- Wednesday 1st: Mobile library
- Sunday 12th: Footpath Spider
Walk. Join us, it's fun.
Start 2 pm (Tea 3.30-4.30)
- Wednesday 15th: Mobile library
- Sunday 19th: Halton Mansion
Flower Festival. Depart 1.30
Fare £2 Book with Colin
681343
- Monday 20th: Toddlers, Church Room,
2.30-4 pm
- Wednesday 29th: Mobile library

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 3rd: Toddlers, Church Room,
2.30-4 pm
- Friday 7th: Parish Council,
Church Room, 8 pm

REGULARS (cont)

- Wednesdays, 10.30 am Free bus
to Tesco returning at
12.45 from Tesco. This is
under threat due to lack of
support, so use or lose...

N.B. Bin Day is now
Wednesday.

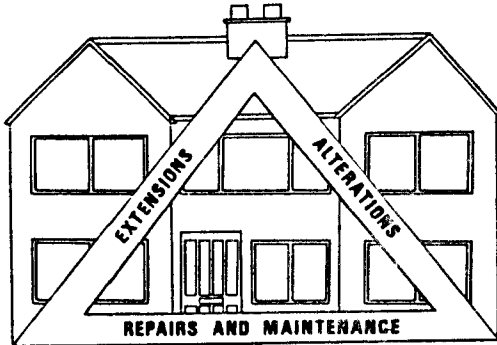
SUNDAY LETTER COLLECTION The post
Office is now making a Sunday
collection at 11.00 am.

THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club is held at the
Methodist Church at 10 am on
Sunday mornings. We are also
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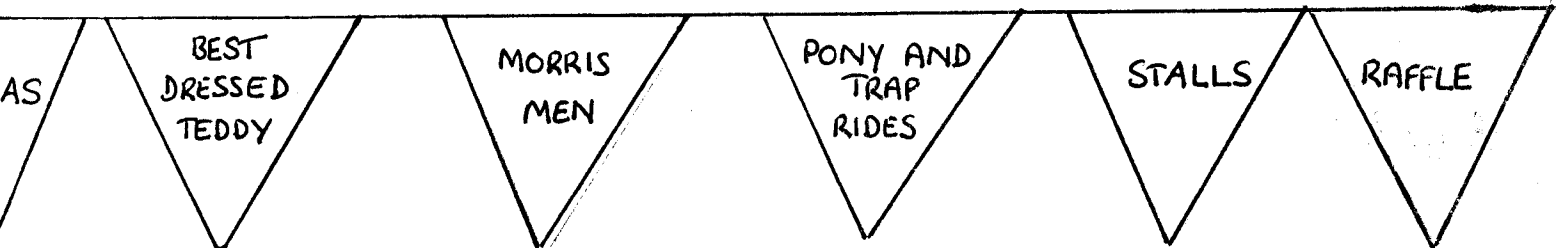


Saturday 21st July: FÊTE

- 2 pm: the Rector opens the Fête on the Green
- 4 - 4.30 pm: Morris Dancers
- 4.30 pm: Raffle Draw

Sunday 22nd July

- 2 pm: Treasure Hunt
- 2 - 5 pm: Church open
- 6 pm: Songs of Praise



As well as the many stalls, there will be a children's competition for the Best Dressed Teddy Bear. There will be a team of Morris Dancers at 4 pm. Pony and trap rides are bound to be popular. And a display of village photographs old and new is planned.

In case you haven't received books of Raffle tickets to sell, or would like more, contact Michael and Hilary Hasler on 681877 (Burston Cottage, Cublington Road). Prizes include (1st) Hot Air Balloon Flight; (2nd) Meal for Two at the Old Masters restaurant; (3rd) Flying lesson.

The Fête Committee will be visiting all homes on the evening of July 16th from 7.30 onwards to collect items for the fête; any objects large or small will be appreciated. If you will be away, please contact the relevant person:

- 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 and Craft stall: Mary Watts (not Shirley Ford as stated in last month's Chronicle) 681376
- Home Made Produce: Ivy Brandon 681486

The Fête is the major fundraising event of the year whereby village organisations benefit, so please give generously and come and support us on the day. It's fun too...

We need help to fetch and carry on the morning of July 21st. Volunteers please meet on the Green at 10 am.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1st July	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	
8th July	Rev. Lemmon	6.00 pm	
15th July	Waddesdon	6.00 pm	
22nd July	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	Parish Church
29th July	Mr Cross	6.00 pm	
12th August	Mr Riscon	6.00 pm	
19th August	Weedon	6.00 pm	
26th August	Wingrave	6.00 pm	

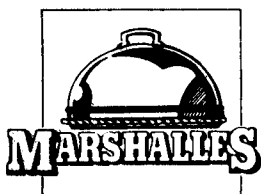
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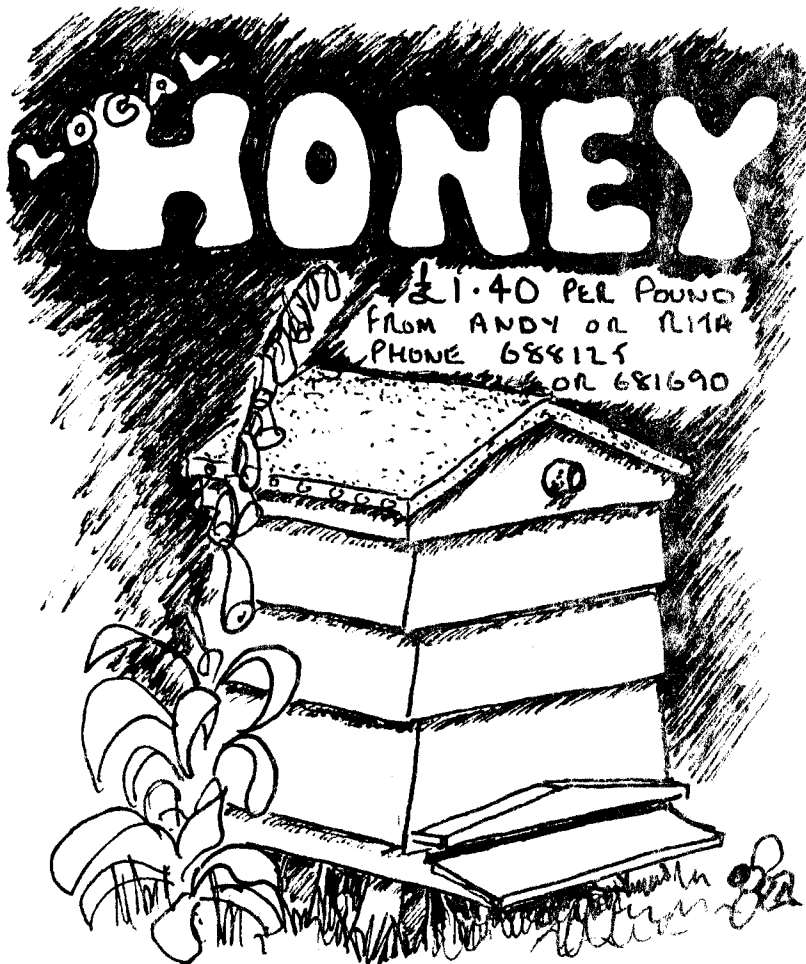
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Anti-airport veterans reunite for picnic site ceremony

SIR Desmond Fennell QC, who led the local fight against a new London airport being sited in this area, was invited to open the picnic area and newly-designated footpaths on the Stewkley-Cublington boundary last Saturday. And the occasion turned out to be something of a Wing Airport Resistance Association reunion.

Sir Desmond was welcomed by Mrs Brenda Wickham, chairman of the Countryside Sub-Committee of Bucks County Council. She pointed out that this imaginative project had been possible because the county council owned the land. It set an example of what could be done to improve and waymark footpaths so that the increasing recreational use of the countryside was channelled to definitive and correct rights-of-way.

Cllr Wickham referred to the objective of getting all county footpaths readily usable before the end of the decade and paid particular tribute to the work done on this Kingsbridge site by Ivor Brent, the Countryside Project Officer for North Bucks. He and his colleagues had been instrumental in enlisting voluntary help, which had resulted in thousands of hours of work on path clearance, stile repairs and replacements etc throughout Bucks.

Before cutting the tape, Sir Desmond drew attention to the number of former WARA campaigners present at what had been the centre of the proposed airport. He referred particularly to Sir Colin Buchanan who had served on the Roskill Commission and whose dissenting voice played a

New paths opened

major part in getting the Roskill recommendations rejected.

Also present on Saturday was Sir Ralph Verney, who as Bucks County Council chairman 21 years ago had persuaded Sir Desmond Fennell to take up the WARA case.

Sir Desmond invited those present to join the circular walk on the new footpath system, which has been dedicated by the County Council and has links to existing rights-of-way in Cublington and Stewkley parishes.

From Kingsbridge it follows the stream which eventually becomes part of the Thames, climbs the hill to the Centenary Plantations, where local children put in 100 oaks last November, and leads to the Cublington Spinney which commemorates the success of the WARA campaign.

Also present at the official opening and inaugural walk were today's county council chairman Mrs Gillian Miscampbell, the countryside officer Catriona Mulligan, and officials from the Valuation and Estates Dept.

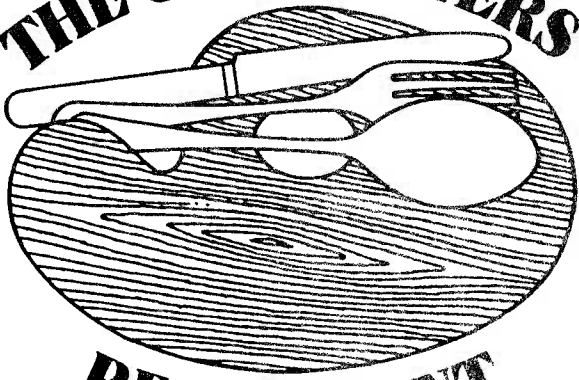


● Sir Desmond Fennell QC and County Cllr Brenda Wickham cut the ceremonial ribbon to declare the picnic area and new footpaths open.

FOOTPATHS AND PICNICS, NOT PLANES AND HOLIDAY INNS

Being newish to the village, it seems incredible to us that had things turned out otherwise the air here would have been full of the noise of jet engines and the land transformed by runways, access roads, and all the bleak buildings of a modern airport. So - thank you everyone who stopped it!

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Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).

People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

John Chesher. . . . 1st July
Donna Wiggett 2nd July
George Fox 2nd July
Ginger 4th July
Brenda Malin 6th July
Margaret Kent 6th July
Len Scutchings . . . 7th July
Nicola Lovell 9th July
Vic Scott 13th July
Gordon Smith (73). 15th July
Diane Lovell 17th July
Andrew Plested . . . 19th July
Daniel Smith (1). 24th July
Dee Whyte 27th July
Lawrence Hinds . . . 29th July

Alexander Owen . . . 3rd Aug
Paul Fletcher 4th Aug
Christine Fox 10th Aug
Mark Hewitt 11th Aug
Joanna Owen 12th Aug
Andrew Parker 21st Aug
Dean Wiggett 25th Aug



GOOD LUCK to Kay and Josh Reid, who will be leaving the Bull & Butcher shortly. The good news is that they will then be found at the Unicorn in Cublington. We hope it works out for them.

Kay and Josh say: 'Please convey our thanks to all your readers who have made us feel so welcome in Aston Abbotts. We have been told that the sale of the Bull & Butcher should be completed within the next few weeks and that the buyers intend to keep it going as a pub. We have agreed to run the pub for the brewery until mid-July by which time the new owners should be here. We shall miss Aston Abbotts but we are looking forward to moving to the Unicorn at Cublington and hope that some of our customers from the Bull will find time to call in and see us there.'



CONGRATULATIONS to Diana Kent and Nigel Manley, who announced their engagement recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Brandon and John Whyte, who finished 140 and 141 in the Leighton Half Marathon with times of 1.57.32.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Unfortunately we did not get into the second round of the competition (although; unlike in Ambridge, no human skulls were found in the village pond). Our score was as follows:

<u>The appearance and condition of:</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Comments by judges</u>
Places of worship with graveyard or cemetery and, if appropriate, conservation area	7	Plain but tidy, small amount of litter
Common, green, playing field	7	
Inns, hotels, public houses	6	Spoilt by weeds etc outside
Shops	7	
Bus shelter and telephone kiosks	7	
Village hall/community centre	7	
Boundary hedges, road verges and ditches, fences, etc	6	Some needed attention
Notice boards and signs	7	
Max. of 10 marks for each feature Absent features will receive 5 marks		
Bonus marks for general appearance, including war memorial, pond, stream, absence of litter etc - 20 marks	15	Some litter, not attended to by some occupiers
TOTAL (max, 100)	69	10th June 1990

The following went through to the final round (Gurney Cup - population up to 500): Weston Underwood, Fulmer, and Bradenham. Not stated how many points they achieved, or how many villages entered, so it's hard to know exactly where we stood! However, thanks to all who worked to tidy up for the competition.

RECYCLING

What a shame to read that AVDC has decided not to try recycled stationery in council offices. At about the same time, South Beds announced a six-month trial of recycled paper products... AVDC have however decided to have an aluminium can bank in Britannia Street.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Colin Higgs (Chairman)
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Richard Speakman
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Bryan Round 11 Nup End Lane,
Wingrave 681621
Roy Malin 3 Ross Rd 681358
CLERK: Margaret Chesher
20 The Green 681201

RECTOR'S REPORT

When I was a young curate, I was rather taken back when the vicar, with whom I worked, said: 'The Bishop is coming for Confirmation on..... You had better get me a dozen or so candidates'. I had always thought that Confirmation should be based on a request from the candidate rather than on a demand from the vicar. But we know that, unless some pressure is applied by someone, very few young people will come forward by themselves.

With the passage of time, the problem has grown. The changing pattern of Sunday has all but killed the Sunday Schools. There are now so many other tempting things for the children to do, and it is hardly surprising that we see so few children in Church, and, in some places, Confirmation is still seen as the 'Church Leaving Exam'. This may be partly because there has been no obvious link between the Confirmation classes and the things which the young people feel 'matter'. To be honest; the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, together with 'How to behave in Church', do not sit easily with Neighbours and Top of the Pops. There are links - quite strong links - but they are often too subtle for the youngsters to see.

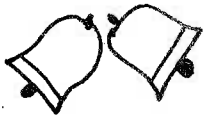
Then there is still that tradition that Confirmation is something that must be 'Done' as part of the process of growing up. That it is something that is 'socially useful' to save embarrassment in later life, although I cannot, for the life of me, see why!

Many of today's parents have not been Confirmed, so it is not surprising that they do not encourage their children to be Confirmed. Godparents, too, seem to have changed in status. They are now seen as 'Substitute parents in case of emergency' and providers of presents rather than playing an active role in ensuring that those for whom they act are 'Brought up as Christians within the family of the Church'.

So, who is to blame? We all are! And we find ourselves caught in an almost impossible dilemma. On the one hand we don't want to force people into making a profession of faith which they cannot wholly accept. On the other, if we don't actively promote Confirmation, we are making the decline in Church membership more critical.

There will be a preliminary meeting for those who are thinking about Confirmation (and for those who are having pressure applied!) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th July at the Rectory.

Bob Willmott



Church news

The splendid target clock made and given by Simon Dowling now shows nearly £1000. An excellent start indeed.

The 50/50 sale was a huge success not only for contributing £400 to the Clock Fund but for the occasion itself. Apart from one dealer, who shall be nameless, the auction itself and subsequent arrangements were most amicable. Len was in fine form and some splendid prices were achieved notably for a bureau which John Ford donated and which he afterwards confessed he would have burnt if Shirley hadn't stopped him! Our thanks to everyone involved, particularly to Len who really enjoyed and deserved his subsequent glass of beer! Also to those, including John, who gave their 50 per cent to the Clock Fund.

I am pleased to say that the first new volunteer to help with the churchyard grass is Juan Gutierrez. We hope he is only the first as I said last month even to mow the grass once in a season would be a great help. It is now looking spick and span once again and how it does set off our fine church. Do re-read the Rector's piece last month and make some real decisions about his last sentence which was '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.' What are the answers in your case?

The first Sunday in August will not be a Family Service; instead we are having Holy Communion at 8 am using our red books, that is the normal service, but without hymns. The idea is to see how many of us are attracted to, once in a while, being able to worship early and thereby have the rest of the day clear.

Next month, so to speak, will be September and harvest - how the year flies, and indeed the years fly!

Finally, don't forget our FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE on Sunday 22nd July at 6 pm.

PETER DINES

Church services

			<u>Sidesman</u>
8th July	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Tony Hewitt
	Pentecost 5 Acts 11.4-18	Luke 10.1-12	(p.661)
15th July	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Colin Higgs
	Pentecost 6 Eph. 4.17-end	Mark 10.46-end	(p.667)
22nd July	SONGS OF PRAISE	6 pm	Len Scutchings & John Ford
	St Mary Magdalen 2 Cor. 5.14-17	John 20.11-18	(p.788)
29th July	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Michael Hasler
	Pentecost 8 1 Cor. 12.4-13	Luke 6.27-38	(p.677)
5th August	HOLY COMMUNION	<u>8 am</u>	Alison Ford
	Pentecost 9 2 Cor. 6.3-10	Mark 9.14-29	(p.682)
12th August	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Gillian Ford
19th August	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Colin Higgs
26th August	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Michael Hasler
2nd September	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	Methodist Church

* Methodist Church services on p. 6 *

ROMANIAN RELIEF AID

Aid is desperately needed to relieve the plight of Romanian orphanages neglected during the Ceausescu years. These orphanages have been the dumping ground for children - the unwanted, the physically and mentally handicapped. It is within the easy grasp of Christians in the West to come to the aid of these Romanian orphans. Will you do your part?

What's Needed?

FOODS

Tinned foods which don't require much preparation to make a meal.

- Soups
- Vegetables
- Baked beans
- Meats
- Baby foods
- Milk powder (with added vitamins and protein)
- Evaporated milk

GENERAL

- Pens
- Washing powder
- Cots
- Toys (0-6 yrs)
- Bottle sterilising units
- Paper
- Babies clothing
- Bedding
- Vitamin tablets

MEDICINE

Typical contents of a first-aid kit and childrens preparations.

- Cough syrups
- Plasters
- Crepe bandages
- Throat pastilles
- Childrens aspirin

TOOLS

Everyday DIY tools. What about your secondhand tools? As long as they are sturdy and functional, then they can be used.

- Hammers
- Screwdrivers
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- Electrical cable

Every little helps and is greatly appreciated, if however, it is within your means to give generously, then please do.

Many of us have read of Romanian children in orphanages, so neglected that they do not even cry any more. Here is a chance to help. A 2-ton van is leaving for Romania on 14th August to bring goods to the school at Bratieu, near Sibiu, which has requested pens, paper and shoes; and to Galati school and orphanage (near Constanta on the Black Sea). Tony Hewitt is collecting for Aston Abbotts - please take items to him at Church Farm House, or ring 681390.

Hay Barn Business Park
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Dear Villagers,

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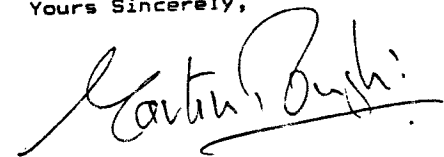
All our staff are British, with four area managers based around the country and a team of six here at Aston Abbotts. From here we also handle all the company's business in Scandinavia, the Middle-East, and Africa so some of us are overseas for much of the time.

Our local employees are Emma, our secretary, who lives in Wingrave and Ivor, our storekeeper, who lives in Wing. Paul, who looks after Scandinavia for us, lives in Chepstow (and commutes every day!), Terry, master of the Middle-East markets, lives in Nottingham, Debbie, our office manager, lives in Wantage and I am living in a rented cottage in Haddenham, whilst looking for a house in the area.

We're all very happy to be here in Aston Abbotts. It really is a most beautiful village, and all the people we have met have been very helpful and friendly to us. We certainly appreciate how lucky we are to be able to work in such delightful surroundings.

So that, very briefly, is who we are and what we do! If anyone is interested in finding out more about us, or seeing some of the products we manufacture then feel free to give us a call on 682140 and we'll arrange to show you around...and if you're a doctor we might even give you a special "locals only" discount!

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I wonder if I might draw your readers' attention to the pre-school child's course for parents?

The course will start in September and will be of interest to mums and dads with children of pre-school age. We will look at such topics as pre-reading skills, learning through play, motivation, and early number and science activities. I am a mother of three children, aged 6 years, 4 years and 2 years. Previously, I worked in Hertfordshire as deputy headteacher of a First School, with children aged 5-9 years, and so the course will also focus at times on the National Curriculum demands at the first level.

I ran the course last year in a shorter form and this year it will run for 10 weeks, commencing September 24th (Monday). The venue will be Wing Secondary School.

If anyone is interested in finding out more I can be contacted on Leighton Buzzard 371396.

Yours sincerely

Karen Head

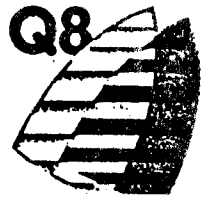
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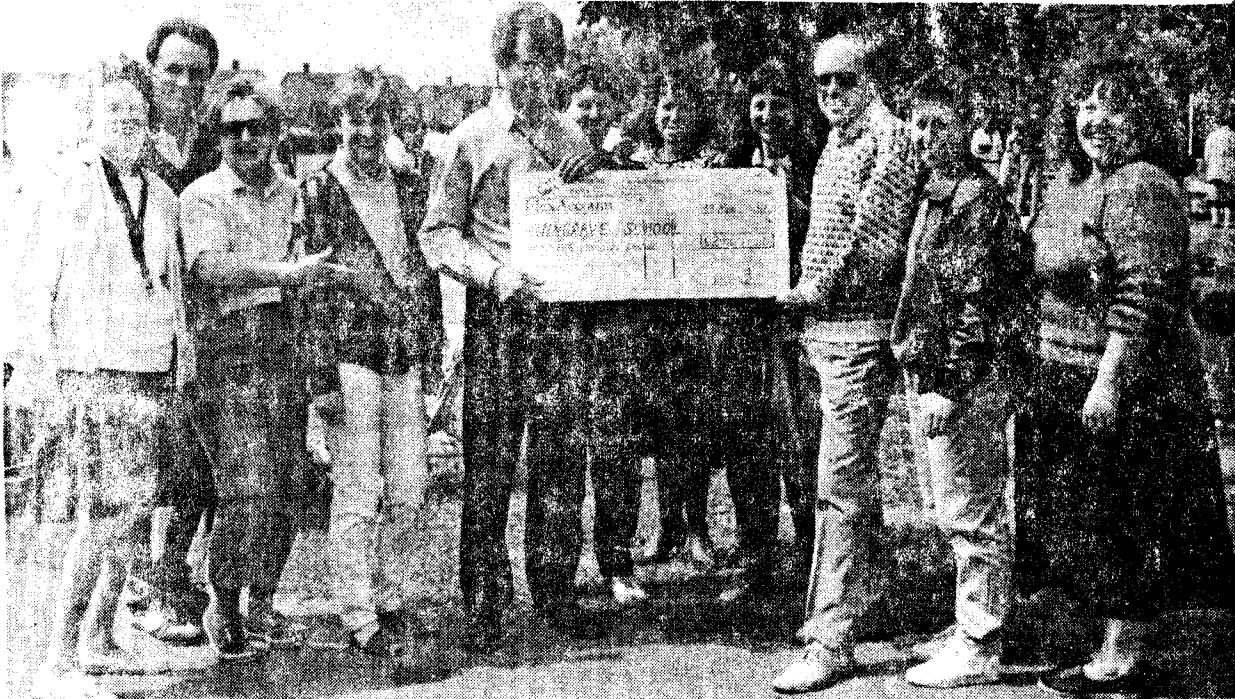
THE HELP LINE

We carry a regular notice on p.8 entitled 'Helpline'. In case you don't know what this is for, it is a list of people willing to be called on in an emergency or difficulty - such as collecting a prescription, making an urgent telephone call and so on. Let us know if you would like your name adding to the list.

ASTON ABBOTTS TODDLERS

Our fundraising afternoon made us nearly £50, so a big thank-you to everyone who helped, especially those who came and spent their money!

We are now collecting aluminium cans (these are mostly drinks ones, don't stick to a magnet) to take to CROP for recycling and a small amount of cash. If you can help, bring washed & squashed ones to Caroline at 2 Church Row.



SCHOOL funds at Wingrave are between £400 and £500 better off thanks to a May Fayre organised by the School Association.

The entertainment ranged from a live band, Ragged Edge, to the Lions miniature train, and an expert gymnastics display by youngsters to country dancing.

There were various stalls, games and competitions to keep the crowds of villagers amused.

The School Association also took the opportunity to present a £2,000 cheque to the school for the purchase of books for the library. This money was raised at an auction of talents held earlier in the year.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

Continuing traffic growth is again the major factor influencing the Council's work and planning on the roads.

The growth is the most pronounced in the north of the County where it substantially exceeds the national average. Milton Keynes' success has brought problems in providing for good road links to it and in accommodating many hundreds of parked cars. This latter problem is neatly illustrated by the unexpected heavy use of Milton Keynes station which led British Rail to build a new multi-storey car park adjacent to it, and the County to consider widespread parking restrictions on nearby roads.

The rest of the County traffic flows are very heavy and pose great challenges to keep traffic moving safely on roads full to capacity. The buoyancy of traffic growth nationally led the Government to announce an expanded roads prog-

ramme and many of the projects in this will have an important impact on this County.

The decision by the Department of Transport to construct at an exceptional pace the outstanding section of the M40 linking Waterstock and Wendlebury was welcomed by the Council.

Upgrading busy east-west route

The proposals for greater capacity for the M1, M25 and M40 were also welcomed since they will ensure, despite their frequent congestion, that the motorways continue to serve as an alternative to less suitable County roads. Welcome also is the decision to construct a high standard road from Stevenage via Wing in the east to Thame and the A40 in the west. It will cross the centre of the County on the line of the A418.

Last year's report referred to the encouraging initial experience of using narrowed roads and ramps in an attempt to reduce accidents. This initial judgement has been shown to be correct, and it is clear that such features will prove to be valuable in the battle to reduce accidents.

Government has encouraged all authorities to aim for a 30% reduction in road accident casualties by the year 2000, and it seems likely that more widespread use of speed reduction devices will be necessary if this is ever to be attained, given a growing population and the consequent traffic increase.

Computerised ice alert

Despite the mild winter of 1988/89 traffic engineers still had to mount some 45 salting operations due to freeze forecasts.

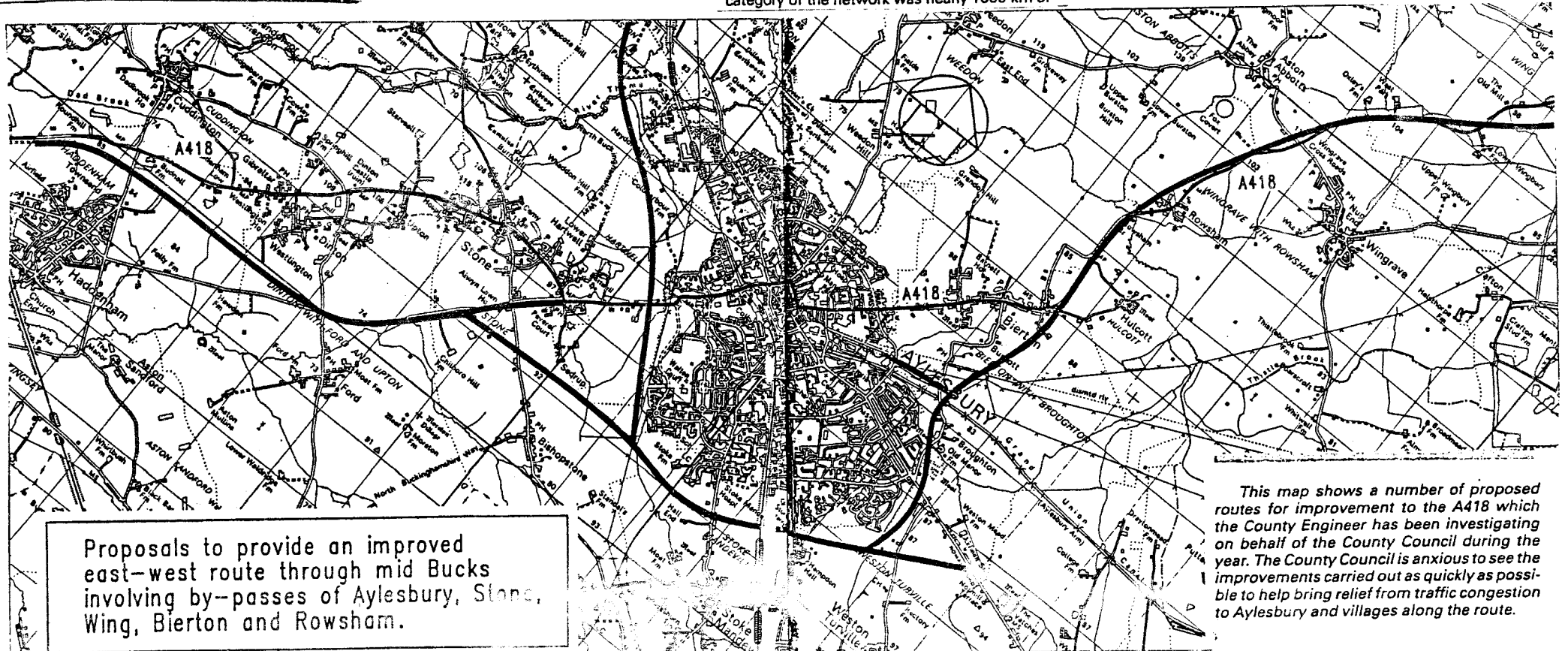
The engineers now have access to an "IceAlert" computer system which has direct contact with the Met Office London Weather Centre and local weather stations at eight locations around the County. The computer is able to compare weather forecasts with what is actually happening on the ground, and one foot below it, and so help to improve the forecasting service.

The County took part in a national survey of road conditions which showed that generally Buckinghamshire's roads were in better than average condition. Given the tremendous traffic growth, this was encouraging news, but the survey also showed that the most unsatisfactory category of the network was nearly 1000 km of

rural classified roads linking the villages. These tend to be narrow and not built to modern road construction thicknesses so they were more easily damaged, particularly at the edges.

The Council agreed to additional funding of £476,000 during the year for road resurfacing and this helped overall road conditions.

Thanks to Graham Parker for this extract from the County Council's Report & Accounts 1988/9. The road improvements await consultation and MONEY.



Proposals to provide an improved east-west route through mid Bucks involving by-passes of Aylesbury, Stone, Wing, Birtley and Rowsham.

This map shows a number of proposed routes for improvement to the A418 which the County Engineer has been investigating on behalf of the County Council during the year. The County Council is anxious to see the improvements carried out as quickly as possible to help bring relief from traffic congestion to Aylesbury and villages along the route.

WANT TO BE A JOURNALIST?

We have had a letter from the Editor of the Bucks Herald, Richard Wells. He tells us that he is 'reviewing our news coverage of the villages in our circulation area with a view to strengthening some of our grass roots links in rural communities...

'I am seeking Bucks Herald correspondents in villages to keep us informed of forthcoming events and events that have happened, on a weekly basis. The task requires good contact with community organisations, an ability to write clearly and concisely and an interest in the local community...I can furnish fuller details, if required.'

If you think you can help, please contact Mr Wells at the Bucks Herald, 2/4 Exchange Street, Aylesbury (telephone 24444).

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AYLESBURY Town got their Grant Thornton Cherwell League programme off to a winning start on Saturday with a six-wicket beating of Thame Town.

Thame, playing their first game in the league, were dismissed for 195 with Alan Jewell leading the way with 56. Aylesbury got home thanks to the batting of Mike Beaumont (72), Andy Parker (55) and Nigel Farrow (55).

The second team game ended in a draw with Thame setting up a useful total of 211-6.

Darren Cross (53) and Keith Hopkinson (51) put on 84 for the first wicket and then Roger Batty chipped in with 33 as the hosts totalled 211-6.

Aylesbury's reply slumped to 14-3 and after that they were always struggling. Chris Wright hit 49 but Town were content to

play for a draw and finished on 124-7. On Sunday Aylesbury took on a Buckinghamshire under 25 side and lost by 21 runs in a 45-over match. Shaun Sawyer (64), Simon Shearman (46) and John Witney (40) were the major contributors towards a total of 208-8, and Aylesbury fell short at 187-9 in reply, Andy Parker again batting well for 47 and John Purcell making 38.



On Monday Aylesbury made 233-9 against Berkhamsted, Mark Knock (51) and Graham Parker (42) leading a late recovery and Andrew Turner also making 35. Eugene Brislan taking 5-46 for the visitors.

In reply Dave Ligertwood smashed an unbeaten 132 as Berkhamsted reached their target with five wickets in hand.



On Sunday, Aylesbury Town's first team had the better of a draw against Old Millthorpes.

Mike Beaumont hit a rapid 53 as he and Andy Parker opened with a stand of 66, but only Graham

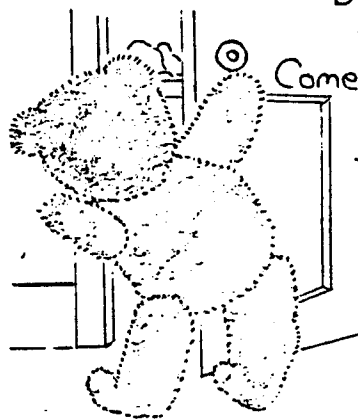
Parker (24) of the remaining batsmen reached the twenties as Aylesbury eventually totalled 182, Alderton picking up 4-31.

Cowan (62) batted well in reply, and when the last 20 overs started the old boys required exactly 100 to win with nine wickets in hand. However, they lost their way against fine bowling from Keith Severin (5-45) and the economy of Beaumont (0-36 in 17 overs), and ended up 27 runs short at 156-6.

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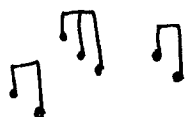
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Is it a fact that mice are attracted by music?

It is a fact that mice, in common with almost every other species of animals, are attracted by music. A well known schoolmaster relates how he has seen several mice regularly come out of their holes and run about a schoolroom whenever boys were singing psalms. An officer, confined in the Bastille at Paris, begged to be allowed to play on his lute, to soften his confinement by its harmonies.

Shortly afterwards, when playing on his instrument, he was much astonished to see a number of mice frisking out of their holes, and many spiders descending from their webs, and congregating round him, while he continued the music. Whenever he ceased they dispersed; whenever he played again they reappeared. He soon had a far more numerous audience, amounting in all to about a hundred mice and spiders.

'WISE OLD MOUSE'

LOOKING BACK

Membership of the Aston Abbotts Youth Club for the 1954/5 season was as follows:

Senior members, paying their 37½p subscription:

Rev. Faulkner	V. Scott	R. Chapman	S. Bathurst
C. Spike	J. Ford	S. Bennion	Margaret
R. Kent	N. Brock	R. Sheppard	Faith
P. Kent	D. Williams	P. Murphy	

Junior members, paying their 12½p per annum subscription:

M. Brandon	Janet	Susan	Muriel
M. Rickard	Thelma	Prudence	
D. Humphreys	Stella	Pat	

The 1955/6 season saw the addition of:

G. Fox	Christine
Ivy	Avril

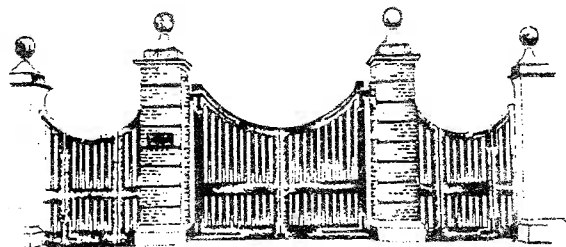
I bet that has jogged a few memories???

(What did you do in the Youth Club in those years? Tell us, if it's printable)

① Take the bridleway beside the thatched cottage, to the top of the hill, go over a stile on the left and follow the Ridgeway across a nature reserve managed by Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalists' Trust (BBONT). The reserve has not been ploughed for many years and consequently many flowers grow here that are typical of ancient calcareous grassland, such as rock roses and wild thyme. BBONT manage the reserve with winter grazing to allow the plants to flower and set seed during the summer.

② Take the main path across the reserve and cross the stile at the far corner. Then either walk diagonally left across the field for the short cut to Ellesborough Church (see Section 13) or continue straight on across the field for the main walk.

③ Turn right after the next stile and in the distance Chequers can be seen. The building was given to the nation by Lord Lee of Fareham in 1917 as a country house for the prime minister of the day. It is a 16th century brick mansion on the site of a much older building. There is no public access to the house and you are requested to keep to the path.

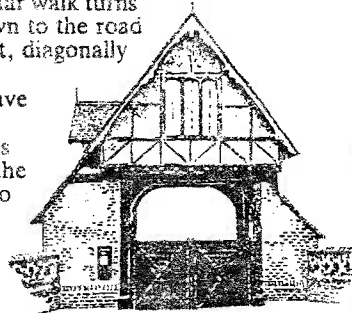


Victory Drive Chequers

④ Walk along the edge of the wood and then turn left across the fields towards the lodge gates. Cross the private drive, which is lined with beech trees planted by Winston Churchill in the 1960s and named Victory Drive. Go over the next field, cross the road and head slightly left up the bridleway through the wood. At the top of the hill, turn left down a sunken trackway for a short distance and then turn right and follow the Ridgeway signs through the beech trees. Because beech casts a dense shade, few flowers and shrubs manage to grow underneath. Follow the Ridgeway until the long distance path turns right and the circular walk goes straight ahead. The path then goes between the edge of the woodland and a sunken track.

⑤ Turn left when you reach the lane and then right onto the bridleway at the main road. Keep right where the track forks and continue until the bridlegate entering Coombe Hill, owned by the National Trust. Here the energetic can climb up the slope on the right, turning left at the top to reach The Monument, which is dedicated to the Buckinghamshire men who died in the Boer War. The view from the hilltop extends as far as the Berkshire Downs and the Cotswolds on a clear day. Retrace your steps to rejoin the circular walk.

⑥ For the not so energetic, the circular walk turns left before the bridlegate and down to the road where you turn right and then left, diagonally across a large field. Many of the flatter parts of the Chilterns have been ploughed and improved whereas the steep slopes remain as woodland or scrub. As you cross the field good views can be seen back to Coombe Hill Monument. At the bridleway turn right to Ellesborough Church.



⑦ Ellesborough Church is a flint faced building dating from the fifteenth century. It is situated on an imposing mound with good views of Aylesbury Vale below. Go through the churchyard keeping to the left hand side and go straight out across the fields after the metal kissing gate.

⑧ When you reach the woodland turn left and follow the path along the edge of the wood and stream. All along the Chilterns springs and streams are found below the steep slopes where water that has percolated through the chalk reaches the impervious clay found below. This stream was used by Ellesborough Corn Mill which was shown on a 1788 map but was gutted by fire in 1933 and subsequently demolished. The mill ponds can still be seen and are attractive to a great variety of wildlife.

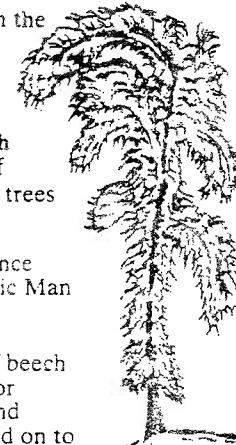
⑨ After a while the path and the stream diverge and the path heads out left over the fields and across a farm track and back to the main Aylesbury - Princes Risborough road. Cross the road turn left and then either turn right, after the 'The Crown' on the Longwick road or carry straight on for a short cut back to the start (see Section 15). Taking great care, go under the railway bridge, keep left and after one field take the footpath on the right before Grove Farm. Keep close to the hedge towards stiles straight ahead.

⑩ When you reach the lane turn left and after ¼ mile join the North Bucks Way by turning right up a bridleway between two houses. At the end of this 'green lane', cross the road by the thatched cottage and head straight across the large field to the waymarker in the distance. Cross the Aylesbury - Princes Risborough railway line and follow the path over the next few fields.

⑪ The Old Grange Farmhouse was built in the fifteenth century and was originally owned by Missenden Abbey. The moat once surrounded the buildings but only two sides still exist. The barn was built in 1793 and consists of a timber frame with weather-boards.

⑫ In the field before the main road the undulations show the remains of a medieval settlement when Great Kimble was larger. Platforms can still be seen which mark the site of the former houses. Go through the kissing gate in the corner of the field and over the road back to the layby.

⑬ (From Section 2) Go over the stile in the far corner of the field, cross the tarmacadamned drive and follow the track through the beechwood. Cross an open field and go down through the next wood. Ellesborough Warren which is thought to be one of only three areas in Britain where box trees grow naturally.



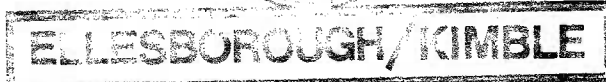
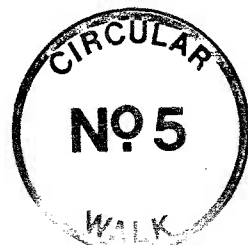
⑭ Beacon Hill, on the right, has evidence of a round barrow made by Neolithic Man and was used as a beacon site for communicating events such as the Napoleonic Invasion. The clump of beech trees on the top of the hill is visible for much of the walk. Leave the wood and follow the contours round the hill and on to Ellesborough Church. On the left is Cynbeline's Castle, a good example of a Norman Motte and Bailey Castle. Cynbeline (or Cunobelin) maybe the origin of the name Kimble. There is unfortunately no public access to this site but good views can be had from the footpath above (continued at Section 7).

⑮ (From Section 9) Go past the railway station and follow the public footpath on the right immediately afterwards. The path goes beside the railway then crosses over it on a road bridge and follows the other side. At the iron kissing gate cross over the line a second time and follow the path around the Old Grange Farmhouse (see Section 11).

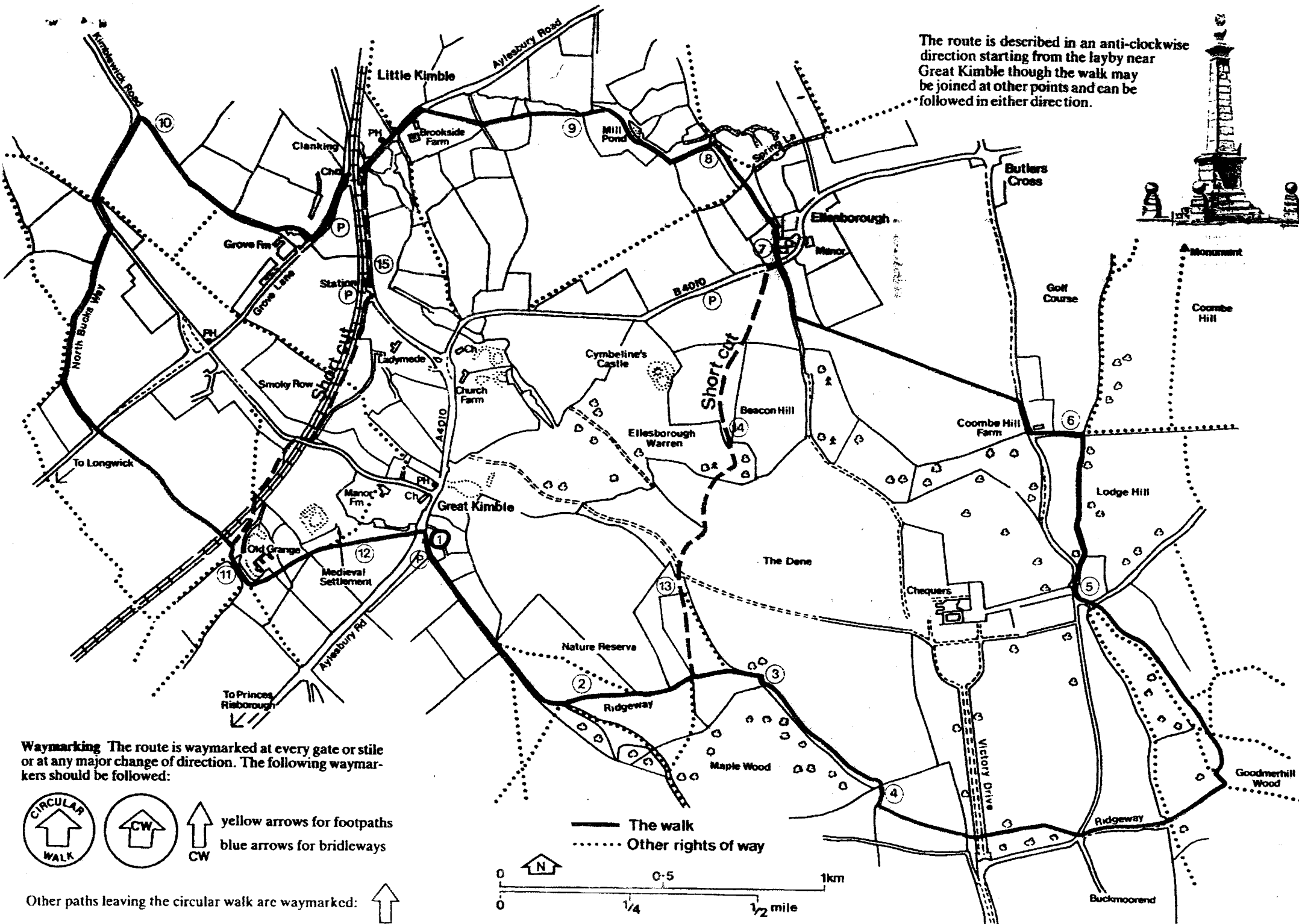
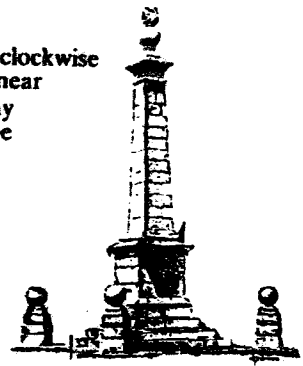
Ⓟ Car Parking Four possible parking places are shown on the map. The best choice is in the layby on the A4010 south of Great Kimble.

Buses The Bee Line Bus Company buses stop at Little Kimble, Great Kimble and Butlers Cross from Aylesbury, Princes Risborough or High Wycombe. To check times telephone High Wycombe 20941

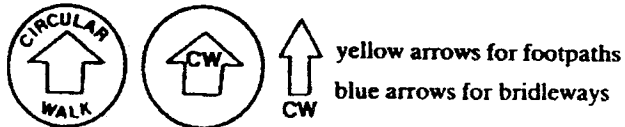
Trains Aylesbury to Princes Risborough trains stop at Little Kimble station from Aylesbury and Princes Risborough (no Sunday Service). To check times telephone British Rail, High Wycombe 41561.



The route is described in an anti-clockwise direction starting from the layby near Great Kimble though the walk may be joined at other points and can be followed in either direction.



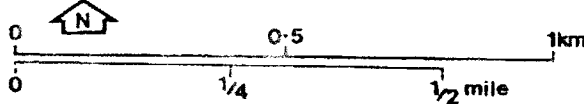
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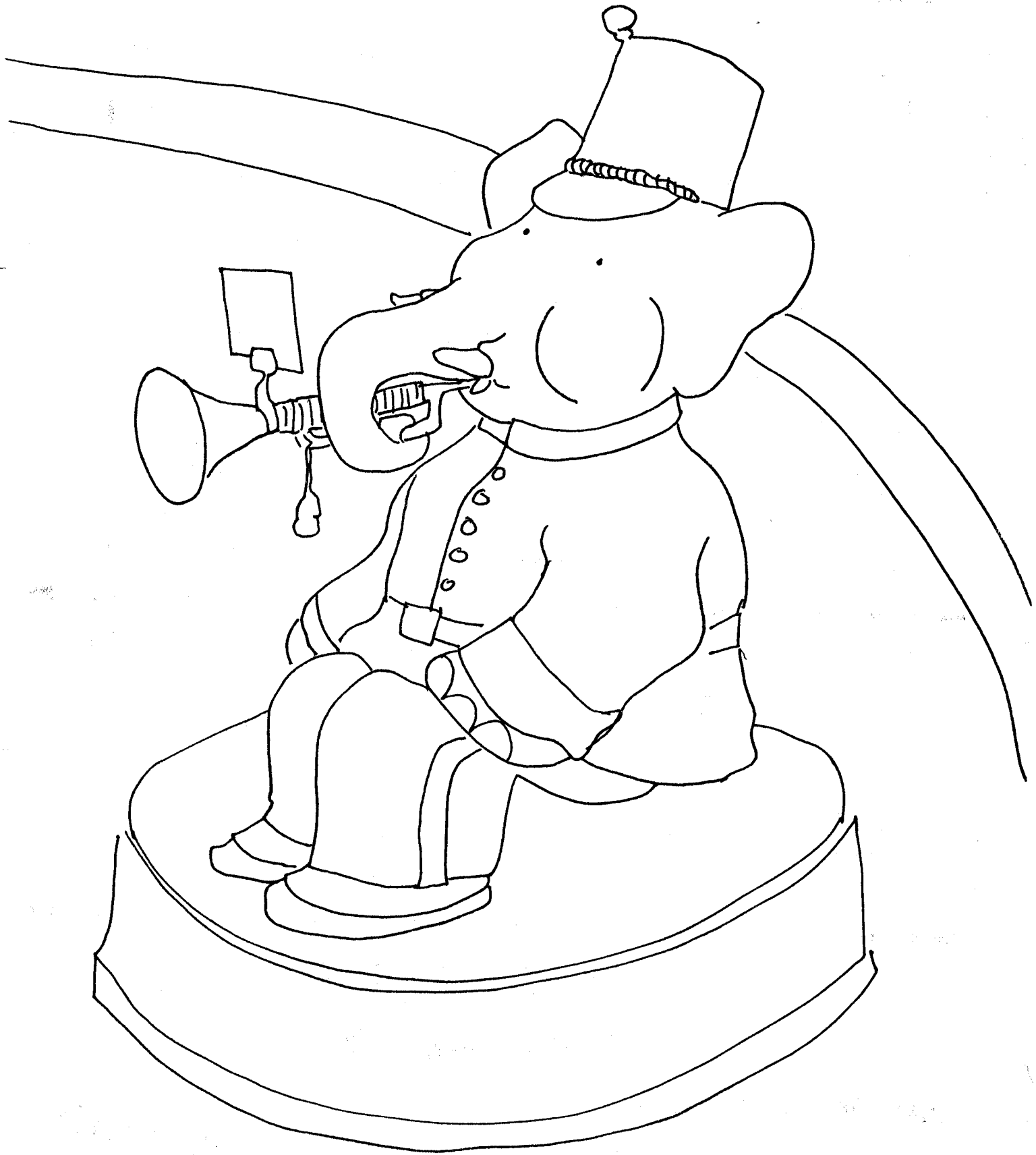


Other paths leaving the circular walk are waymarked:



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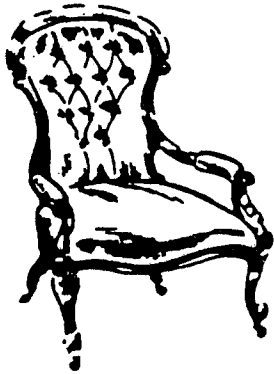
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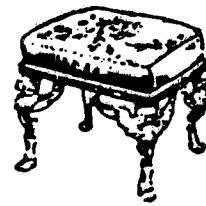
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