

R. Franklin

The Chronicle



Editorial

No apologies for taking up a page this month reprinting the recent newsletter delivered to us by the Bierton and villages environment group. The proposal to create a waste tip the size of 50 football pitches at the bottom of Lines Hill is alive and well, so let us do all we can to stop it. Latest information can be found on p. 5 of the Chronicle, or contact someone from the group.

Our community police officer, P.C. Ken Nicol, has asked us to print a warning against bogus officials calling at our houses. It contains some very useful information so please read it and don't feel embarrassed at asking people for identification - genuine officials are only too pleased to show off their little plastic cards.

While we're handing out Good Advice - take care with the fireworks on Bonfire Night!

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Deadline for the December issue is Friday 23rd November. Please bring or send articles, letters and anything else for inclusion to us at 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, or telephone 681373.

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INFO

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

- Thursday 1st: Ladies' Club AGM
and White Elephant Stall
2.45pm, Church Room
- Sunday 4th: Rambling Club meets
2pm Bridgewater Monument
- Monday 5th: Bonfire, Recreation
Ground, 6.30pm (details
opposite)
- Wednesday 7th: Mobile Library
Times opposite
- Thursday 8th: Bingo
7.30 pm, Church Room
- Monday 12th: Toddlers +
Usborne Books + Bring & Buy
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Thursdays 1st, 15th, 29th:
Whist Drive, 7.30pm,
Church Room
- Thursday 15th: Ladies' Club
Mrs B. Ginn, 'Spin & Sing'
2.45pm, Church Room
- Wednesday 21st: Mobile Library
- Saturday 24th: British Legion
Bingo, 8pm, Church Room
- Sunday 25th: Village footpath
walk, The Green, 2pm
Please try and join us
- Monday 26th: Toddlers
Church Room, 2.30-4pm
- Tuesday 27th: Bucks Road Safety
Meeting. Walton Street,
Aylesbury, 7.30pm
- Thursday 29th: Ladies' Club
Mrs A. Amos, 'The Work of the
NSPCC', 2.45pm, Church Room
- Sunday 2nd December: Finmere
Market, bus leaves the Green
at revised time of 9.20am
Book with Colin, 681343

REGULARS

- Alternate Wednesdays, library:
The Green, 2-2.30pm
Longmoor, 2.35-50pm (7th, 21st)
- Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish
shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm
- Wednesdays: Bin Day

COMING UP

- Aston Abbotts Christmas Show
Friday 7th and Saturday 8th
December
Details, see page 15
- Parish Council meeting scheduled
for Friday 7th December is now
on Monday 10th December,
7.30pm, Church Room

BONFIRE NIGHT

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5th at 6.30pm

It is time to start building the Bonfire again, which means an opportunity to clear out any suitable materials and take them to the usual site in the playing field.

Contributions of fireworks (a large one is preferable to a box of 'smalls') are essential to creating a memorable evening, so please support the event with donations to John Ford (681865) or Tony Hewitt (681390).

Offers of help with preparation and serving of soup and baked potatoes would also be most welcome.

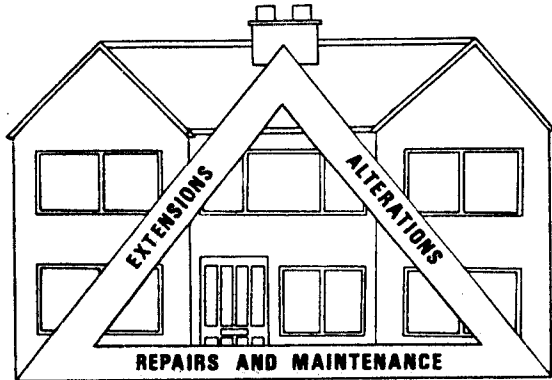
If it is very wet on the 5th, the event will be held on the following evening, Tuesday 6th November.

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11.25 ex Aston Abbotts
On to Aylesbury

5pm Aylesbury - Cublington) BOTH
5.34 Aston - Aylesbury) WITHDRAWN

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Additional journeys: Mon-Fri:

6.25pm ex Milton Keynes
7.05pm ex Leighton Buzzard

Saturdays:

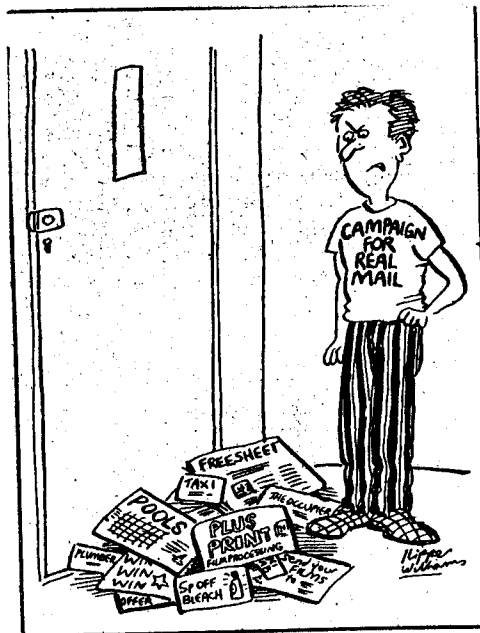
10.45pm ex Milton Keynes
11.10pm ex Leighton Buzzard

Revised Sunday times:

12.08 5.08 7.08 ex Aylesbury
1.45 5.00 8.15 ex M. Keynes
(2.15 5.30 8.45 ex Leighton)

HALES WASTE

Gordon rang up the County Council to ask the latest on the Bierton waste tip proposal. Hales Waste have still not provided their environmental impact statement, and have said they wish to submit more information on road access. Therefore it will not be possible for Bucks CC to consider the application before 17th December. Indeed, a further deferment may be requested by Hales Waste. If this happens, the Chair of the Planning Committee has power to decide whether to grant further delay or to go ahead with a decision in the interests of the local residents who have been waiting quite long enough already.



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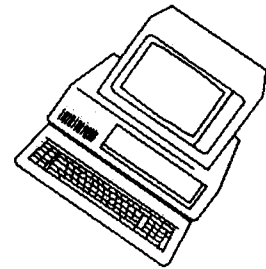
To get your name off direct mailing lists that are bought and sold, you can write to the Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 22, London W1E 7E2. That's the good news. The bad is that the MPS's effectiveness at having your name screened out depends on how frequently companies revise their lists. Some only do it every six months. Some do it even less often than that...

PARKING NEAR THE CHURCH ROOM

A resident has asked us to remind people attending whist drives that they are not supposed to park on the grass outside the Church Room - on one occasion recently a car actually blocked the footpath. People from outside the village may not be aware that this is a problem, so please pass the word.

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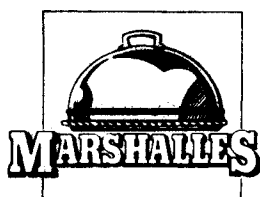


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Church news

CHURCH NOTES

I expect some of you who read this, like me, enjoy a good detective novel. Certainly the popularity of the Miss Marple and Inspector Morse stories on T.V. suggest many people do. I recently read such a story by Margery Allingham in which she wrote 'lest I should fall into that most self-punishing sin of all and hate her till I burned myself to ash'. In fact this turned out to be the theme of the story but how right she is! If we dislike, let alone hate, anyone watch out; for it can burn you up, turn you rotten. Jesus taught us, that most incredible thing, to love our enemies. I agree he did not say 'like your enemies' which is obvious nonsense but we who call ourselves Christians would do well to remember that divine truth and when we are tempted to say 'I can't stand so and so' or 'I dislike so and so' pause and remember so and so is loved by God in exactly the same way as you are, no more and no less. That is why everyone you meet in the village or outside it is your brother or sister in Christ whether you like it or not and indeed whether they like it or not. We are all equal in the sight of God. This truth is one of the reasons why the Church is for everyone. It may be that just a few of us use it regularly and, of course, we would like more to do so, but nevertheless it is there for everyone and whether you use it just for 'hatch, match and dispatch' or just highdays and holidays you are welcome when you do, and it's yours just as much as anyone else's just as God's love is.

PETER DINES

Church services in November

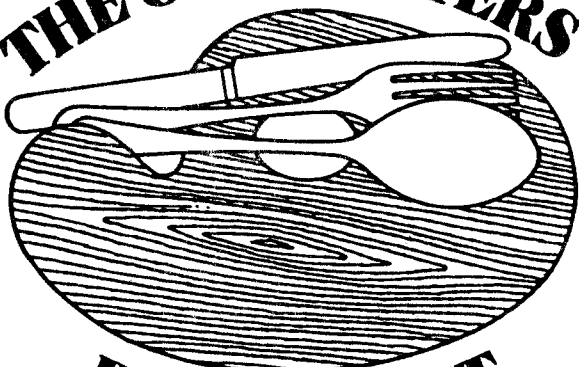
Sidesman

<u>4th November</u>	8am	HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Methodist Church
8 before Christmas		1 John 3.9-18; Mark 7.14-23	(p.404)
<u>11th November</u>		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	No service at Aston
		(Wingrave 10am; Cublington 8.45am; this year's Royal British Legion Service at Long Marston)	Rom 4.13-end; John 8.51-end (p.409)
<u>18th November</u>	11.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION	John Ford
6 before Christmas		Heb. 3.1-6; John 6.25-35	(p.414)
<u>25th November</u>	11.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hasler
5 before Christmas		Rom. 11.13-24; Matt 24.37-44	(p.419)

Methodist Church Services

4th November	11.15 am	UNITED FAMILY SERVICE	Preacher Mr Simcox
11th November	6.00 pm	Preacher Mr Edgson	
18th November	3.00 pm	Weedon	
25th November	6.00 pm	Rev. Lemmon	

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John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)

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

RECTOR'S REPORT

November can be a very depressing month.

We watch the leaves of summer falling to the ground.

We remember those who died in two World Wars.

We do not look forward to the prospects of Winter - whether it be because it will be cold, or because we do not wish to stay indoors, or for whatever reason.

So I decided to scrap the report I wrote on the 'downward spiral', which made rather depressing reading, and try to focus my thoughts on All Saints Day, 1st November.

We don't celebrate All Saints Day much now - rather there is a tendency (regrettable in my view) to celebrate Halloween, Oct. 31st. Halloween marks the end of the Celtic year, its night 'being the time when all the witches and warlocks were abroad and held their wicked revels'. It derived its name from the time when the country was 'Christianised', and Nox 1st became All Hallows, or All Saints Day. Perhaps Halloween and All Saints Day present two sides of the same coin:- Light and Darkness, Good and Evil, Right and Wrong, Truth and Falsehood. I have always thought that it was more appropriate to celebrate the good, the right and the true rather than their opposites.

On All Saints Day we remember those heroes of the past who have been recognised by the Church as beacons of light in the darkness. There are far too many of them to list, and it is good to have an occasion when we can remember all of them. People whose lives were visibly good, who walked the life of faith and who helped others on their journey of life. All Saints Day is a Christian Holy Day, so it is hardly surprising that the heroes of other faiths are not included.

In the Church Calendar, November 2nd is kept as the Commemoration of All Souls. This allows people to remember all those who have died, if they so wish, and particularly those who did not qualify as 'saints'.

The message is that 'Good' overcomes 'Evil'. We need to pray against the influence of witches and satanists and for those who proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Bob Willmott

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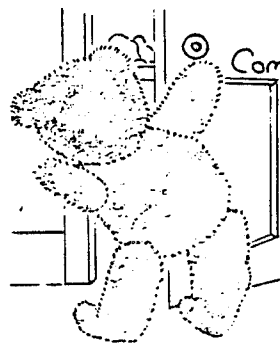
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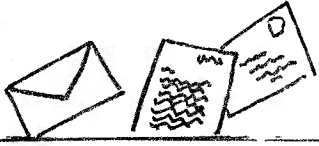
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Letters

Dear Caroline and Gordon,

When a cry for help went out six years ago from the Vicar of that time for representatives of various groups in the village to form a Church Room Committee, the village responded magnificently.

The Church could not afford to maintain the room, so the task for the newly formed Committee was to raise money. They did this with gusto and the villagers gave generously, so much that the Church Room is now in funds.

Six years on we have a new Vicar who for some reason or other wishes to believe the Church Room Committee does not exist, and who has decided to make decisions off his own back, without informing the Committee. This surely is a stab in the back by the Church, to the dedicated village people who for the last six years have given up their valuable time and family commitments to comfort a cry for help.

The Committee is to be commended for the splendid job they have done, but it seems they have two choices. Firstly, to resign from the Committee as a whole, and vow never to be involved in any project that the Church asks for help with again, or secondly, make a stand and fight for all you have achieved in the past years, mainly village unity.

From a villager

Dear Editors,

I read with interest Gordon's comments in last month's Chronicle about the village hall.

I, amongst others, was invited onto the Committee to help in the running of the hall in 1984 when it was a sinking ship (and when others got off for the same reason) and could not look after its own finances. It was in the red.

With the help of a £200 loan from a generous parishoner, we got the hall decorated by the MSC, with whom I liaised and generally supervised the project. This obviously went against the grain with one or two people, as I later heard it referred to as Brandon Hall. I was actually very flattered as it seemed to have a certain ring to it.

Various fundraising events later, with the loan paid back, we saw the installation of an electric slot meter (so you paid for what you used), new tables, and an updated heating system, to name but a few improvements. Over the years the funds to finance the hall have steadily increased, and as Gordon mentioned, probably stood at about £1400.

Recently everything changed. Certain factions of the Committee do not want outsiders (non Church) to be part of the running of the hall, but want to 'go it alone', partly no doubt to the fact that there is now plenty of money in the kitty. This faction know who they are, so I will not name names.

The effect the consequences of this could have, as I see it is HERE WE GO AGAIN. The village split down the middle, again. Them and Us. All the good that certain people in the village did to unite the place (again no names, but to them a pat on the back) could be about to go down the pan. What a shame.

Unfortunately, at some time or other, we all have to use the hall, as it's the only one we have (at the moment) otherwise I for one would love to tell them where to put it.

I would say to the Rector and his minders, think very carefully before you come to a decision.

To those I know are trying very hard to bring this very small minority to their senses, good luck.

May common sense prevail.

Chris Brandon

Dear Sir,

The article by Gordon Smith about the Church Room in the October issue infers that I have not wished to comment on the current Church Room situation.

I have received two requests for information about the Church Room. The first arrived during the week in which my Father-in-law died. The second arrived whilst I was away on holiday and, whilst I had already arranged to come back early in order to meet the deadline for my regular contribution, I was not prepared to either lose more of my holiday or to write a very hurried piece.

For several months I have been trying to write an appropriate article. I have lost count of the number that have been discarded. In the main this has been because they were overly long, although some have had to be revised in the light of more recent information.

I hope that the enclosed article may give you something of the 'flavour' of the problem.

Rev R. Willmott

(See page 13 for the article)

Hall of cards

MR Colin Higgs was master of ceremonies for the Thursday evening whist drive in the church room Aston Abbots when prizes were won by Mrs Kempster, Mrs E. Naples, Mrs Fenables, Mr M. Shackshaft, Mr P. Pollard, Mrs Barton, Mrs Evans and Mr W. Hogg. Raffle winners were Mrs Janes, Mrs Hayward, Mr Higgs, Mrs D. Smith and Mrs Scutchings.

LBO, 16th October

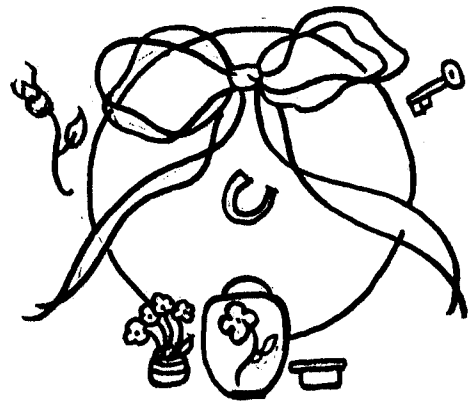
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ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM TRUST

In November 1898 a Trust was set up as the legal basis for Aston Abbotts' Church Room. This original impressive document is now in my possession, and a copy has been sent to the Diocesan Offices.

The land for the Church Room was given jointly by Lady Wantage and the Vicar, Revd. Thomas Waddon Martyn, who was incumbent from 1887 to 1918. It is important to realise that part of the land belonged to the 'Vicar' and not to the 'Church' as such.

There are indications that Thomas Martyn wanted the Church Room to be held by himself and the two Churchwardens as Trustees. But a solicitor's letter from this period states that this is not possible, because 'Vicar and Churchwardens' is held in law to be a corporation incapable of holding land - under the Mortmain Acts of 1888. The Trust was accordingly re-worded so that the property should be held by the Vicar with two named Trustees, who must be members of the Church of England, to be appointed by the Vicar. Not surprisingly, the two Trustees named in the original document were - the Churchwardens.

Some fifteen years later, in sending his returns to the Diocese, Thomas Martyn states that the Churchwardens are Trustees of the Church Room. It has so far not been discovered how or when the Trust Deed was first broken by Churchwardens being admitted to office without also being named as Trustees.

To further complicate matters, there was a change of incumbent. The new Vicar, Alfred Haigh, about whom I do not yet know much, seems not to have lasted twelve months. He was replaced in 1919 by John Pugh. Also there were significant changes in Church legislation taking place. In simple terms, property that had been held by 'Vicar and Churchwardens' (They could apparently hold land that had been 'Church' land), now became the responsibility of the newly established Parochial Church Councils.

Aston Abbotts Parochial Church Council has taken legal responsibility for the Church Room since then, although there have been a series of Management Committees at various stages over the last forty years. At one stage it proved necessary for the Vicar to ask the Parochial Church Council who the people on the Church Room Committee were - but that is another story, and so is the Vicar's request that the Church Room be kept free of other lettings on Monday evenings so that it could be used for Church purposes.

Bob Willmott

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

The skull of a modern human has space, on average, for a brain of 1400 cc.

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In 1918 about 22,000,000 people worldwide died from influenza.

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Along the Equator on Earth, the dawn arrives at a speed of about 1,000 mph, faster than a jet plane. But along the Moon's equator, it comes at only 10 mph, slowly enough for a person on a bicycle to keep up with it.

'WISE OLD GOAT'



Crafts and plants at the WI show



STEWKLEY talents were on display at the WI's annual produce and craft show in the Village Hall, last Saturday.

Many villagers entered their work in more than one section, with needlework, plants, produce, flowers, crafts, art and

cooking to choose from.

There was also a large number of children's entries in the junior section.

Mrs Janet Weston, of High Street, Stewkley, won several sections and was the overall winner at the show.

The many visitors had a chance to sample the cooking for themselves by enjoy-

ing cream teas served in the afternoon.

The show was opened by Mrs Ruth Bellingham of Aston Abbots, and organised by a committee headed by Mrs Pat Hawkins of Stewkley.

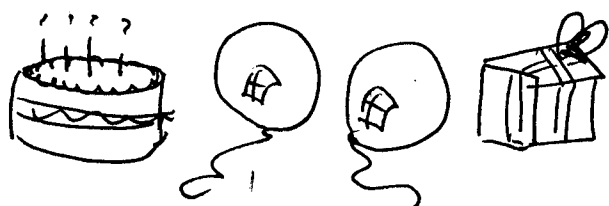
Pictured are WI members Mrs Weston, Mrs Chappell, Mrs Bellingham, Mrs Hansen, Mrs Hawker and Mrs Hawkins.

People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

John Brancker 7th Nov
Bridget Brandon 8th Nov
Steve Kent 9th Nov
Ray Wilkinson 10th Nov
John Whyte 23rd Nov
Esther Cheshier 26th Nov



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* BE THERE on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th December at 8pm in the Church Room.

TICKETS £2.50 (£1.50 children & OAPs) from John Whyte on 681685. Friday will be more of a children's night, although all ages are welcome on both nights.

ASTON ABBOTTS TODDLERS

Usborne Books Party (good children's Christmas presents) and Bring & Buy on Monday 12th November - all welcome with or without children - 2.30-4pm in the Church Room.

WELCOME

to Dave Frood, Yvonne Ash and her daughter Siobhan, the new managers at the BULL & BUTCHER. Yvonne is from Grendon; Dave is originally from Hatfield, and has been in the trade for many years. This is their first pub, so very good luck to them. They tell me that Greyfriars Inns hope to buy the pub in about three months' time. It will become a free house. In the meantime the inside is to be painted (preserving the pub's character) and plans are under way to fix the roof tiles. The Bull will remain open throughout this work.

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SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. **Don't** be drawn out of your home by strangers. Whilst you are outside, distracted, someone could enter your property and steal money or valuables.

There are many excuses used for drawing you out of your home. Here are a few examples:

Children will ask you to come out and help them look for their ball or a stray pet.

Someone will call and tell you they admire your garden and draw you away from your house to the far end of the garden to discuss your plants, whilst someone slips into your home.

Someone will call and tell you there is a tile or slate loose on your roof and offer to show you where it is, again, drawing you out of your home.

2. **Don't** keep large amounts of cash in your home. Believe it or not, thieves know all the hiding places and they will usually find it, so you will not fool them.

You should deposit large sums of money in a Bank, Building Society or Post Office, in a savings account.

If you need further advice, your local Police Beat Officer is more than willing to come and visit you.
 Telephone: 0296 396000. (PC NICOL)

If you are a victim of a crime, don't forget that Aylesbury & District Victim Support Scheme is there to help and advise you. Telephone: 0296 21036.

This has been produced with the co-operation of the following organisations: Age Concern, Aylesbury & District Victim Support Scheme, Aylesbury Crime Prevention Panel, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Aylesbury Vale Health Authority, British Gas, British Red Cross, British Telecom, Buckinghamshire County Council, Eastern Electricity, Thames Valley Police, Thames Water Utilities and Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

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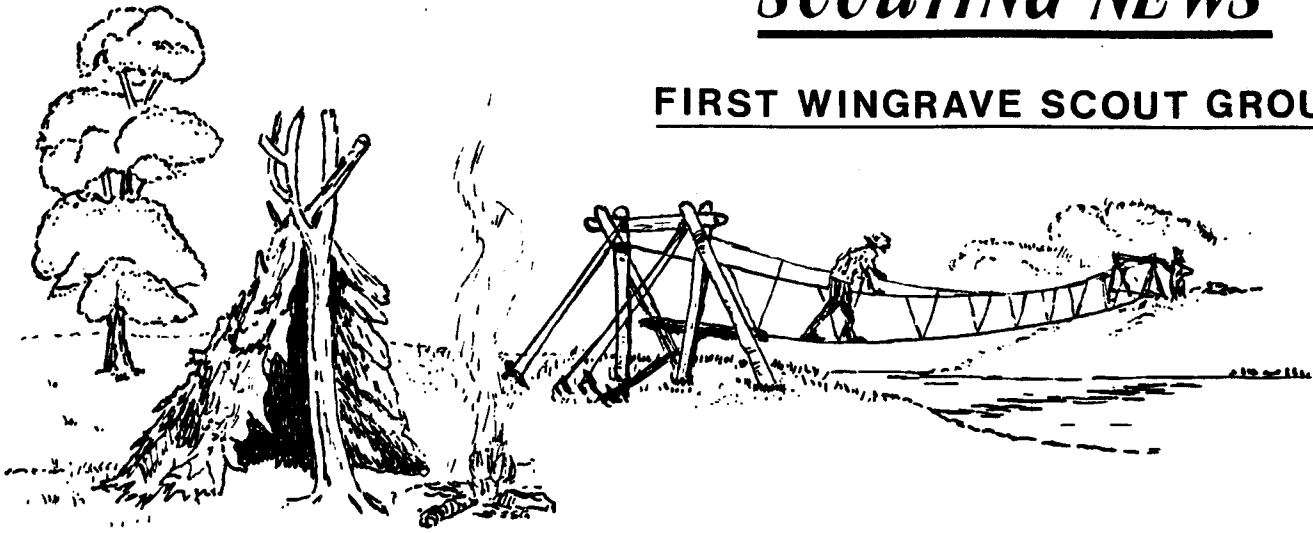
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BEAVER COLONY

Boys age 6 to 8 years

We are hoping to restart the Beavers soon, but still need additional help to run the Colony. If you would be prepared to help for an hour a week, either regularly or occasionally, please contact me.

CUB PACK

Boys age 8 to 10½ years

Tuesdays 6.30-8.00 pm.

The Cubs have had a busy summer. Following the Pack camp in June, 17 boys attended the County Cub Camp, joining a total of over 1600 Cubs, at Chalont Heights, for a weekend full of fun activities. Sixteen boys have gained their Campers Badge at these two camps and eight their Explorers Badge.

Jonathon Clifford, Ben Blood, Ben Humphries, William Powel, Paul Djuric and Luke White represented the Pack in the District Cub Competition coming third in the event. Well done boys.

The last meeting of the term was a Cook-out when the boys lit fires and cooked sausages on sticks. Our thanks to Richard Clay for hosting this event. At this meeting Ben Blood and Paul Hewit were presented with their Gold Arrows - the top Cub Scout award.

SCOUT TROUP

Boys age 10½ to 15½ years

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00 pm.

Following the Summer Camp (reported opposite) boys had the opportunity of another activity weekend at Longridge at the end of August. Eleven boys attended this, including some of the older Cubs completing Link Badge activities with the Scouts.

The new term is off to a good start with increased numbers, including transfers from the Cub Pack and some new faces from the villages.

VENTURE UNIT

Boys and Girls age 15½ to 20 years

Fridays 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

P.T.O.

The Scout Group serves the villages of Wingrave, Aston Abbotts, Cublington and Rowsham. If you want more information on any Section of the movement please contact me - Telephone 681418.

Tony Horne - Group Scout Leader.

SCOUTS SUMMER CAMP - LONGRIDGE

Report by John Horton

The Troop's Annual Summer Camp, held at Longridge Scout Boating Centre, near Marlow, proved to be a great success.

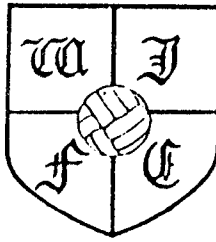
Having no sooner arrived, we all set off as a troop aboard a "gig" (rowing boat) and three canoes, to make our way some nine miles upstream to an island near Henly on Thames, where we slept in bivouacs. During the early hours of the morning (4am) we had uninvited visitors, 5 very noisy youngsters aboard a rowing boat. Once we had confiscated the boat and the "gang" was sent away, we expected a quiet morning. However, they decided to set fire to the Henley Regatta stageing. In true Scouting tradition, the fire was put out and the day saved.

The following day we rowed back down stream; and, to save our weary arms, we erected a "jury" rig on the gig using a groundsheet and various spars.

The rest of the week continued with daily swims in the river, sailing, canoeing, climbing, gig races (we came second) and abseiling off Marlow bypass bridge into a gig waiting some 100 ft below. We were all assessed for the British Canoe Union 1 Star test and passed with flying colours, even showing one of the Sea Scout Troops how to do it with style.

Another one for the record book was "Baldrick's" custard, which after half an hour's festering, ended up as a mixture of coloured milk and a layer of a burnt undecidable gunge in the pan! (He won't be allowed to forget that for a while.)

The aims of the camp were to learn various seamanship skills and to work as a team to pull together. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are looking forward to making numerous return trips to Longridge.



A NEW SEASON BEGINS

Just as the summer's long hot days start to offer the chance of the odd spare hour for fixing the car, gardening, improving ones bowls technique or whatever, thoughts for many turn to the start of the next junior football season.

For some the thrill of seeing their offspring score a much needed goal or [at the other end] make the perfect save, can be hard to describe.

For the trainers and coaches there is the excitement and satisfaction of a good result that reflected all the training and strategy worked out in prematch practice.

For the boys just to play a game of football would satisfy, but of course much more is encapsulated in this seemingly simple pursuit.

To keep three teams of lads [probably 50 or more] in training and playing matches at weekends brings exercise, team spirit, a sense of achievement and self control. They also enjoy putting Wingrave on the map, trying to be the best at their age, feeling good amongst their mates at school.

We think a lot of our fabulous village but it is inevitably an adult orientated society. So for our children to try to be the best in the area is important for them and great for us.

Last year our U14s were League Champions and cup runners up, a first for the club and a performance of which we should all be proud.

This season we are running 3 teams, U10s, U12s and U14s.

The U10s will play friendly matches with other clubs in our area.

The older boys will again play in The Leighton Linlade and District Junior Football League.

Details of the team members and officials will follow in later reports, along with results and fixtures etc.

Some good news is that both Greg Sorace and Nick Jones [from last years U14 squad] are playing for Aylesbury United's U15 team and that Darren Springett is still scoring goals, unfortunately though not for Wingrave but for Aylesbury's U14s! The club wishes them the best of luck for the future

OCTOBER RESULTS

Under 12s:-Wingrave v Brooklands - draw 4-4 Stuart Lucas 2,
Ben Loades 2
Wingrave v Aston Clinton - lost 9-1 Stuart Lucas
Wingrave v Arrows - win 4-2 Stuart Lucas 2,
Andy Bandy,
Adrian Kennedy

Under 14s:-

Wingrave v Aston Clinton 'B' - lost 4-1 Lee Bracey-Wright [pen]
Wingrave v Aston Clinton 'A' - draw 3-3 Kevin Pretty, Nick Morley, Dan James
Wingrave v Arrows - lost 3-1 Kevin Pretty



Quiz Night

The best night of the year, The J.F.C. QUIZ NIGHT. At the Community Centre, on Saturday the 1st DECEMBER 1990, 7.30pm. Tickets price £ 4 [including supper] available from Fred Meagram, Carl Sorace, Richard Bishop, Tony White and other committee members.

OUT WITH YOUR POSTERS AND BANNERS!

Get ready with your posters and banners - but not just yet!

We thought October 1st was to be decision day for the planning application for the giant waste tip at Bierton. Now we understand that it will not be until November 12th or even December 17th before Buckinghamshire County Council's Planning Sub-Committee considers the outrageous proposal from Hales Waste to despoil with rubbish an area the size of 50 football pitches in one of the loveliest parts of the Vale of Aylesbury.

We must show the County Council - and Hales Waste the great strength of our opposition by turning up in force at County Hall by at least 10 am on the decision day.

Your Action Group will, of course, let you know in good time whether it will be November 12th or December 17th..

Whatever the day, the meeting is at 10.30 am in the Ireland Room at the base of the Tower Block. The entrance to it is via the central reception point in Walton Street, Aylesbury

BRING ALONG YOUR POSTERS AND BANNERS. THERE IS ROOM FOR A LOT OF US AT EITHER SIDE OF THE COUNTY HALL ENTRANCE DOORS THROUGH WHICH EVERYONE PASSES TO GET TO THE MEETING. THEN WE MUST GO THROUGH TO THE COMMITTEE ROOM SO THAT WE PACK THE PUBLIC GALLERY WHEN THE APPLICATION IS DISCUSSED.

PUBLICITY IN ALL THE VILLAGES PLEASE!

In the build up to the crucial decision day we want to put on a blaze of publicity in Bierton and the villages. Freshen up your old poster. Wherever possible put them on your own property. We want to stop vandals ripping down those on the roadside. **SO PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR BANNERS AND POSTERS IN YOUR HOMES AND GARDENS FROM NOVEMBER 1ST ONWARDS.**

Audrey Allock, 114 Aylesbury Road, Bierton (Tel 25262) has a stock of posters and will issue them on request.

MAKE SURE YOU OBJECT

If you have not already written to the County Planning Officer objecting to the proposal then please do so now. Address your letter to Mr Edwin Schoon, County Planning Officer, County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA. Overleaf is a summary of our main objections and you are welcome to quote from any or all of those.

DONATIONS PLEASE

Donations to help the work of the Action Group will be most welcome. We have now incurred considerable costs on publicity boards, posters and printing and the publication of our document mentioned overleaf.

If we are successful in our opposition in November or December that will not be the end of the battle. We must brace ourselves for an appeal by Hales Waste to the Secretary of State for the Environment - and so our campaign would continue unabated.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHEQUES TO:

John Mullins
Action Group Treasurer
3 St James Way
Bierton
Aylesbury HP22 5ED

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

Bierton and Villages Environment Group.

**HELP US TO HELP YOU
THANK YOU**

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OUR WELL DOCUMENTED CASE AGAINST THE TIP

The Action Group completed its well documented case against the tip ahead of the tight deadline it had set, and two copies of the report were with the County Planning Officer by August 17th. At that time we were working to an October 1st decision. Now we understand consideration of the application has been put back because Hales Waste have taken longer than expected to submit an environmental assessment.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way towards the compilation and publication of the document. It contains 76 A4 Pages and has a delightful full colour front cover - a photograph of The Thistle Brook taken by professional photographer Ian Pleath, of Hulcott.

It contains carefully prepared technical papers dealing

with:

- * water pollution, land drainage and soil
- * environmental health
- * flora and fauna
- * agriculture and air pollution
- * traffic and roads

The Group was most fortunate in finding people from diverse professional callings who volunteered their services and devoted many hours to research, discussion and finally the writing of their reports.

TELLING POINTS

Action Group Chairman Keith Miller in his letter to the County Planning Officer - it forms part of the report - makes some telling points:

1. There is no need for additional waste disposal capacity. Existing facilities are so spacious that they are taking large quantities of waste from other parts of Britain.
2. The site was probably chosen because it appeared to be capable of providing satisfactory conditions for land-raised waste disposal. Our studies showed this is not to be the case. Indeed the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and Waste Management seriously questions the effectiveness of clay and man-made liners for lasting containment of leachate.

3. Since there is no need, other than commercial gain for Hales Waste, there can be no possible justification for violating a beautiful part of the Vale.

4. It would jeopardise and disrupt so many vital aspects of the environment enjoyed by the residents of Berton, the neighbouring villages and Aylesbury.

5. It would risk pollution of the Thistle Brook which supports a wide variety of flora and fauna, including scarce species of birds.

6. It would generate unacceptable movements of heavy goods vehicles.

7. It would prejudice the traffic relief expected in Berton when the new by-pass is constructed with a possibility that all tip traffic would have to pass through Berton Village and the residential section of Rowsham Road.

8. It would mean going ahead with a major scheme, the long term consequences of which are substantially unknown, but which look increasingly unacceptable as technical knowledge and practical experience expand.

9. It would establish a test case in famous fragile and vulnerable countryside, where there is no hole to fill, no eyesore to remove and no resource to extract.

10. Hales appear to be deliberately seeking for commercial reasons to get ahead of the very substantial body of new legislation coming from Brussels and Westminster which recognises the need to greatly strengthen controls over all aspects of pollution and waste disposal.

Headteacher

Mr. B.D. McClellan BEd MA

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I thought that it might be helpful if I clarified the procedure by which permission to use the school grounds after school hours and during holidays periods may be obtained.

An initial approach has to be made to me by 'a responsible adult', who should explain why the grounds are required and what arrangements have been made with regard to matters of insurance, safety and control in relation to the proposed usage.

If I am satisfied with these arrangements, a form is completed and forwarded to the lettings section at County Offices. If the Lettings Officer is also satisfied, the responsible adult concerned will have the form returned, which indicates that the authorisation has been granted.

ADMISSION TO WINGRAVE C. E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

Baird D. McClellan
Headteacher



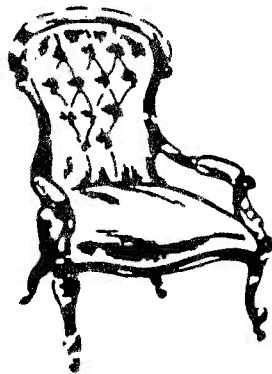
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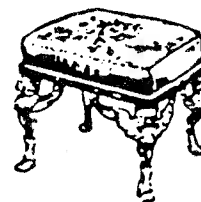
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