



The Chronicle

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Editorial

We're sure we can speak for all in bidding a sad farewell to Dave, Yvonne and Siobhan at the Bull. In the short time they've been here they have brought a lot of enthusiasm and fun to the pub, and the customers of the Bell at Waddesdon may count themselves lucky! And Siobhan had made a very promising debut singing at the Christmas Show too...

At the time of writing we have no definite information - just some rumour - about the fate of the Bull, but you probably know it all by now anyway.

Do make a note to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 1st March. This is the best chance in the year to raise matters of interest to the village, and especially to discuss the village fête - ideas, organisation, and who gets the proceeds. It will be followed by the Parish Council meeting, which is open to observers.

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Deadline for the March issue is Friday 22nd February. Please bring or send articles etc to us at 2 Church Row or telephone 681373.

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Cover by Andy Bystra (recycled). By coincidence, Gwenda Morgan, whose woodcut we used last month, has just died. Don't be alarmed Andy.



Monday 4th: Demonstration against rubbish tip in Bierton
9.45-10.30am, County Hall,
Walton Street, Aylesbury

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

Thursday 7th: Ladies Club
Dr C. Mitchell, "On being an
Anthropologist".
2.45pm, Church Room

Thursday 7th: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room

Sunday 10th: Rambling Club meet
Calverton 2pm

Tuesday 12th: Rambling Club AGM
17 Woodside, Linslade 8pm

Wednesday 13th: mobile library
times opposite

Thursday 14th: first Keep Fit
Wingrave, 2-3pm 681183

Thursday 14th: Bingo
Church Room, 7.30 pm

Monday 18th: Toddlers
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 21st: Ladies Club
Mr G. Lamb, "A Cottage in the
Country". Church Room, 2.45pm

Thursday 21st: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room

Friday 22nd: Methodist Church
fundraising, 7.30pm - see
opposite

Friday 22nd-Monday 25th: SKIP,
Wingrave Road

Sunday 24th: Coach outing to
Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust
£6 depart Bull & Butcher 9.45am
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Wednesday 27th: mobile library

FUNDRAISING EVENING for the
METHODIST CHURCH

Friday 22nd February, 7.30pm
Methodist Church Free entry

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* BRING AND BUY

* REFRESHMENTS

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday 1st March, 7.30pm, Church
Room. Followed by Parish Council

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers
Community Centre, 2-4pm

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile
fish shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Wednesdays: Bin Day

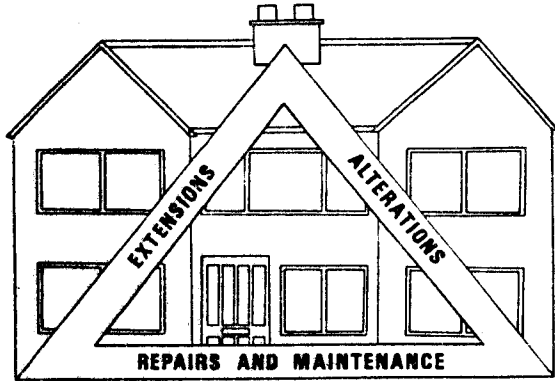
Wednesdays: Mobile library
The Green, 2-2.30pm
Longmoor, 2.35-50pm

Wednesdays: Free bus to Tesco
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Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

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

Would you like your birthday, or a member of your family's birthday, recorded in the Chronicle? If so, phone me on 681425. If we don't know, we can't print it.

SPOTTED DICK?

No, I'm not asking if you've seen him, that's the pudding at the Cabaret Night on 16th March. Good food, good drink and good company are also on the menu, so if you want to come along, phone John on 681685 and book your place. Remember, there are only 50 places so you will need to book soon. If you would like to 'do a turn', then phone triple K, the Kit Kar Kid, Chesh, on 681201. We guarantee a good night.

NEWSFLASH re THE BULL & BUTCHER

David, Yvonne and Siobhan are extremely sorry to announce that our pub has been sold. The new owners will be taking over as from 21st February.

We shall be very sorry to be leaving you all as we regard you all as our friends. We will be giving a leaving party (date to be announced). We would like to thank you all for the support you have given us since our arrival last October and we hope you will continue to give us your support up to Wednesday 20th February.

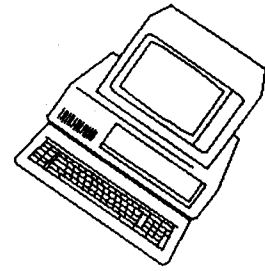
Needless to say we shall be very upset at leaving you all and hope that you will pay us a visit at our new pub - the Bell at Waddesdon.

Yvonne, David and Siobhan



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Latest information from the **Ramblers'** Association lets walkers know what to do if:

- there are no stiles or gates

These must be provided and maintained by the landowner. If not, find a convenient way round.

- my path is ploughed

A farmer may plough a path (except one round the edge of a field) but must make good the surface within two weeks. You may walk a path that has been ploughed.

- my path is blocked

This is illegal. Where it has been planted you may walk its line; or at a gate or stile you may lawfully remove enough of the obstruction to pass.

- I meet a bull

It is illegal to pasture a bull in a field crossed by a right of way unless it is a beef bull with cows or heifers. All bulls are dangerous and if need be you should find a convenient way round.

Finding a way round If there is no convenient right of way you may have to trespass. This is not a criminal offence but you will be liable for damages so be careful and leave gates as you find them.

Report trouble spots to the Ramblers and to the local authority.

The Ramblers: 1/5 Wandsworth Rd
London SW8 2XX Tel 081 582 6878

CHURCH ROOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes (edited highlights!) of meeting on 14th November

Present: Rev Willmott, Chris Brandon, Margaret Chesher, Colin Higgs, John Ford, Doris Scutchings, John Whyte, David Watts

It was confirmed that:

- the Room is the property of the Church
- it is available for village use
- its funds are distinct from Church funds
- its Committee is a sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council.

The Committee's terms of reference:

- ensure views of groups using the Room are represented
- monitor hire charges and ensure the Room is adequately funded
- make recommendations to PCC on how the Room can be improved
- supervise day to day running, encourage use, and receive complaints

It was agreed to publish some 'conditions of hire' in addition to a check list.

Funds currently £1042. Accounts to be audited and put on Church Room notice board (see this Chronicle for summary of accounts).

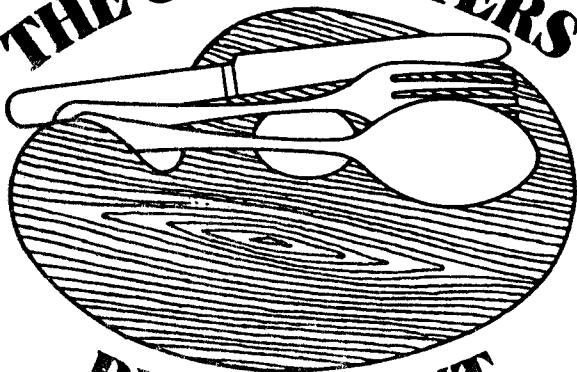
Concern noted that hard standing being built next door may damage damp proof course.

Storage space: concern about space taken by Toddler Group toys. Get a shed? And CB to get estimates for new base and wall units (we have subsequently heard this may ease problem - editor)

Next meeting 8pm 23rd January.

Note: Ruth Bellingham (Ladies Club) and Barbara Bellingham (Toddlers) are now also on the Committee.

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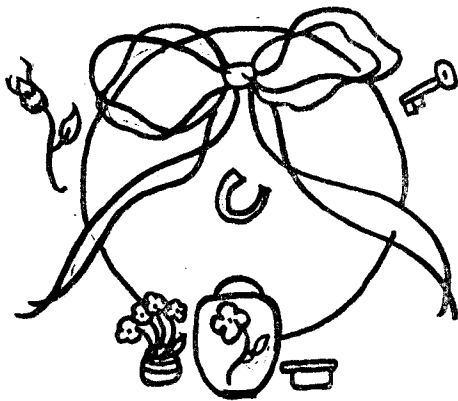
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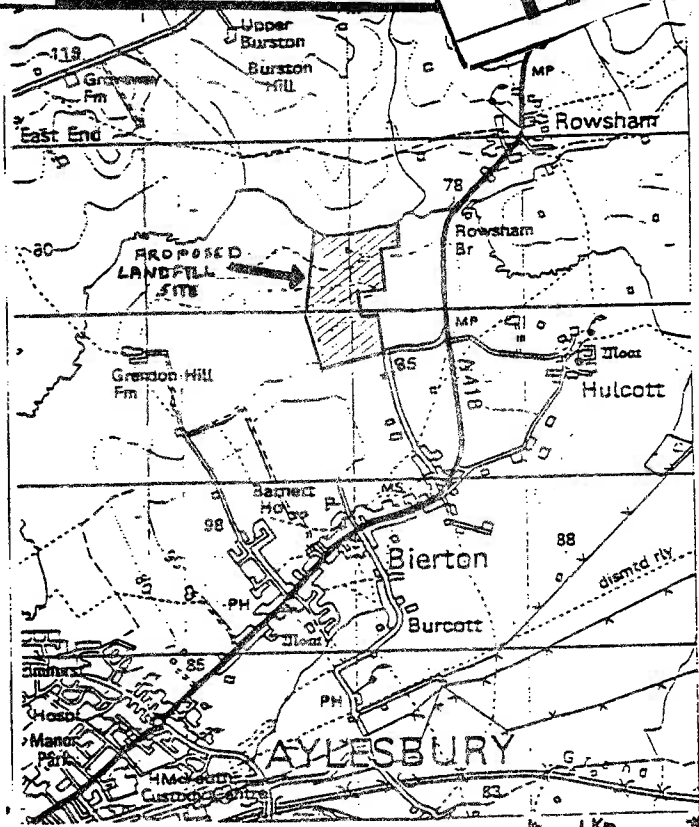
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WEEKEND IN BOULOGNE

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Cost £45 Passport required
Book with Colin 681343 (£10 deposit)

As most of you will know from the recent leaflet delivered to our doors, the application by Hales Waste to make an area the size of 50 football pitches into a huge rubbish dump between us and Bierton is finally being considered by the County Council on Monday 4th February. The Bierton & Villages Environment Group is asking for support outside County Hall, Walton St, Aylesbury, between 9.45 am and 10.30 am. Please help if you can. Further info from:
Keith Miller 28205
Audrey Alcock 25262
David White 25763

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Slides and sunshine

RAMBLING Club members from Aston Abbots followed up their annual New Year party at The Boot, with a slide evening at the Church Room, given by local naturalist Victor Scott, who featured the Orkney Isles and the wildlife of Bucks.

The monthly footpath walk was held last Sunday with glorious sunshine, but biting winds, for the few who attended. The route started from the Green and went via Oxley Farm, Westpark, to Windmill and back the same way.

FAKE NOTES FOUND

COUNTERFEIT bank notes have been passed in Leighton and police are advising people to check all notes to make sure that they have a watermark.

Forged £50 and £20 notes have been found and last weekend three £10 notes were passed in the town.

Forged notes do not have the watermark, which is always to be found in the blank space on a real note.

WARA cash distributed

WARA, the Wing Airport Resistance Association, has been formally wound up and its funds distributed to charity.

Formed in the 1970s, WARA was opposed to the siting of the third London Airport at Hoggston.

Under the leadership of QC Sir Desmond Fennell the group mounted a high profile and model campaign which successfully beat all attempts to site the airport in the area.

The final meeting of WARA was held last year and the Executive Committee authorised to distribute the remaining £14,188.27 funds. Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes has received £5,000, Stoke Mandeville Plastic Surgery Unit Appeal has been given £5,000 and £4,188.27 has gone to the Florence Nightingale Hospice Day Care Centre in Aylesbury.

WINGRAVE ROAD PARKING

There has been a complaint to the Parish Council about parking on the grass verges. Would residents please be considerate and park on the opposite side of the road to the houses.

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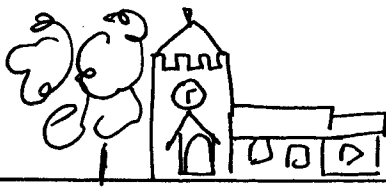
Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel: 681368)
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John Whyte, 14 Bricstock 681685
David Watts, 'White Wheels' 681376
Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row 681319

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John Ford 2 Ross Rd 681865

Bryan Round 11 Nup End Lane,
Wingrave 681621
Roy Malin 3 Ross Rd 681358
Clerk: Margaret Cheshier
20 The Green 681201



Church News

Last month, as Shirley said, we were away. In fact we had a superb trip to New Zealand and Hong Kong. Astonishing isn't it how small the world has become in my lifetime. New Zealand has been, ever since I can remember, somewhere I wished to visit, or even to emigrate to when I was younger. So it was a wish fulfilled and how splendidly. It really is a lovely country and so interlinked with our history but also the history of the Maori people. Of course we only had a glimpse but the thread of groups of devout Christians sailing all that way in the last century to set up model communities runs right through. So Christchurch in the South Island with its magnificent cathedral and Dunedin, the granite city, further south. But an abiding memory will be the famous chapel in the Maori church in Rotorua with the glass engraving of Christ in Maori cloak walking on the water of Lake Rotorua. A true evocation of the all pervading Spirit. One couldn't have a greater contrast with Hong Kong the bustling epitome of entrepreneurial energy but here too, dwarfed under gigantic futuristic skyscrapers, is the Anglican cathedral. A steadfast reminder of Christianity.

Back home, we are as you know on the move and so must resign as Churchwarden and PCC Secretary. Len too gave notice last year that he feels he should give up his Churchwardenship. So on the lay side there will be big changes at the Annual General Meeting in the Church Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 5th February. All are welcome.

Peter Dines

Church services in February

		<u>Sidesman</u>
3rd February	11.15 am FAMILY SERVICE	Len Scutchings
Sexagesima	James 5.13-16; Mark 2.1-12 (p.491)	
10th February	11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION	Alison Ford
Quinquagesima	Philemon 1-16; Mark 2.13-17 (p.496)	
13th February	8pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	Wingrave Church
17th February	11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
Lent 1	Heb. 2.14-end; Matt. 4.1-11 (p.505)	
24th February	11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hasler
Lent 2	1 John 4.1-6; Luke 19.41-end (p.509)	

Methodist Church services in February

3rd February	11.15 am	Parish Church
10th February	6.00 pm	Mr Edgson
17th February	6.00 pm	Rev Gilyead
24th February	11.15 am	Weedon



RECTOR'S REPORT

'Stay healthy and eat a good, balanced diet!'

Ever since I have had a radio in the car I have been a Radio 4 man - much to the frustration of the family who prefer what my mother always called 'Jangle'.

At first it was on Medium Wave - then it transferred to Long Wave, but in ageing second-hand cars it was usually a strong enough signal to listen to - even if the aerial was only a deformed coathanger! There seemed to me to be always a good variety of programmes - a good mix of serious and not-so-serious that suited me fairly well. After all, I often only heard snippets. There was a time when the programme of which I heard more than any other was Woman's Hour.

Mind you, I would not like to become quite as devoted (although that is probably not the right word) as an elderly lady I know who has her set playing Radio 4 constantly - including the World Service programmes during the night.

But now I am missing my regular 'shot' of Radio 4 because my car radio now has FM instead of LW, and all I hear is more and more rambling about the dreadful War in the Gulf. It is not that I am not interested, but I do not really want to spend every journey hearing what little news there is being 'considered' by spokesmen in various parts of the world - nor do I want to spend every journey searching for another station to listen to.

Maybe my present difficulty is well-timed. After all Lent is a time for self-denial, a time when we are sometimes encouraged to give things up. It is a time to consider our diet and our lifestyle. To think about the things we do and the way we do them, the diet of ideas as well as the diet of food.

In a sense, we are what we eat. But we need to remember that we are body, mind and spirit, and that when one of these areas of life becomes unbalanced, the whole of life becomes unbalanced (eccentric perhaps). The future of our planet depends on that balance being maintained. So we need to pray for those who are denied that wholeness of life, and particularly this year for the speedy removal of the evil tyrant in Baghdad and the restoration of peace and harmony throughout the world.

Bob Willmott.

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

In all innocence, children have for centuries sung a nursery rhyme with the most sinister undertones:

Ring a ring o' roses,
A pocket full of posies,
Atishoo, Atishoo,
We all fall down.

The song arose in the London streets in 1665 during an epidemic of plague. Ring o' Roses refers to small, red rash-like areas on people infected with plague, or the Black Death. Pocket full of posies was a reference to the fact that from ancient times people believed that evil smells were the poisonous breath of demons who afflicted them with disease. Sweet-smelling herbs and flowers were thought to ward them off.

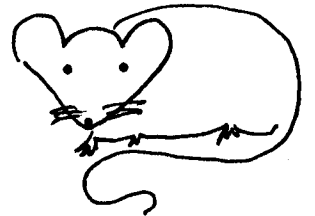
To this day, judges in England carry nosegays on many ceremonial occasions—a memory of the distant days when their predecessors carried flowers as a protection against gaol fever (typhus).

Atishoo, Atishoo, During the plague, sneezing was a symptom of plague victims.

We all fall down. As, indeed, thousands of people did—dead.

An estimated 25 million people died during the infamous epidemic of the Black Death, which swept into and across Europe from distant Asia in the middle of the 14th century. Not a lot of people know that.

"WISE OLD BLACK RAT"



BEEN ON THE BUS LATELY?

We have been told that surveys on usage are being carried out. This sounds ominous. Our buses are important, so please use them as much as you can -

USE IT OR LOSE IT

THE first Good Samaritan Bingo session of the New Year was held at the Church Room, Aston Abbots when prizewinners were: Miss D. Hayward, Mrs D. Hinds, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Allan, Mrs Coleman, Miss M. Fletcher, Mrs Scutchings, Mr D. Waite, Mr S. Hayward, Mrs G. Brandon, Mrs Kempster, Mrs Waite and Mr W. Evans.

Special prizes went to Miss Hayward, Mr L. Scutchings and Mrs Hayward, and the raffle winners were: Mrs Allan, Mrs Scutchings, Mrs R. Higgs, Mrs Turney and Mrs D. Hinds. The snowball was unmelted.

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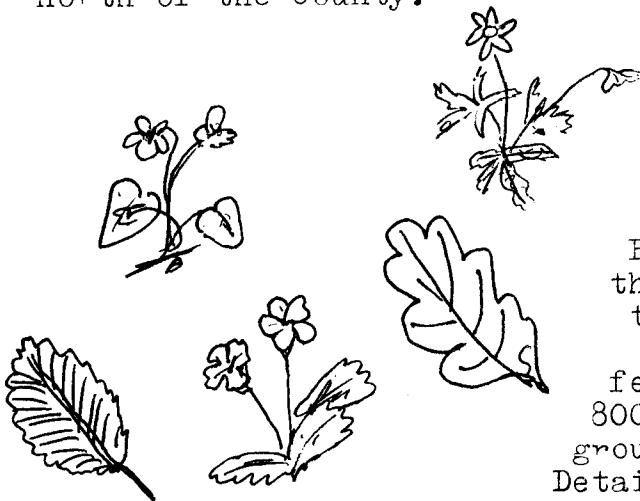
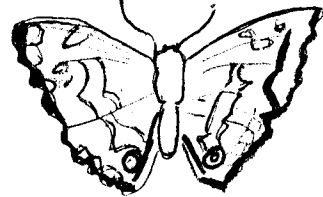
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ANCIENT WOODLANDS AND THEIR WILDLIFE - ADOPT ONE

Since 1930, nearly half of Buckinghamshire's ancient woodlands have been lost. The remaining 2% of the county covered in undamaged ancient woods may date back to the original "wildwood" that covered most of the British Isles after the last Ice Age.

These woodlands have often been managed over the centuries by techniques such as coppicing, in which trees such as hazel and hornbeam were cut down then regrew, to be harvested again every 10-12 years. Standard oak and ash, grown wide apart, provided light cover and were cut when large pieces of timber were needed. Coppicing allowed light to penetrate to the woodland floor, encouraging wild flowers such as bluebells, primroses, wood anemones and violets, and provided nesting places for nightingales and dormice. High up in the oak trees the purple emperor butterfly, now a threatened species in Buckinghamshire, could be seen. Our ancient woodlands provided timber for fuel, transport, tools and furniture, and for the construction of many of our parish churches. We would like to hear from parishes that have records of the origin of timber found in their churches - please contact the Bucks office at Haydon Mill, Rabans Lane, Aylesbury.

BBONT is working to save our remaining ancient woodland. Some is already within nature reserves, but to conserve the unique animal and plant life, traditional management practices need to be maintained. It costs £8 a month per acre. The Trust has come up with an "Adopt a Wood" scheme and is seeking sponsors to fund an acre chosen from 10 superb woodlands: Whitecross Green Wood and Rushbeds Wood near the Oxfordshire border, Millfield Wood north of High Wycombe, and Finemere and Little Linford in the north of the County.



Sponsors will receive an information pack and yearly update on their wood and its wildlife as well as free membership of BBONT, including a nature reserves handbook and regular magazine. They will be invited to find out more at special Open Days. By visiting their woodland regularly, they will discover its secrets and get to know and love it.

The Trust's target over the next few years is to find sponsors for over 800 acres of woodland. Individuals, groups and schools are welcome to apply. Details can be obtained from Philippa Lyons, Marketing and Fundraising Manager, at the address on this letterhead.

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RECEIPTS.	£	EXPENDITURE.	£
Opening Bank balance	1583.87		
Parish Council Rent	25.00	Cash & Carry Kettle	16.50
Toddlers Club	59.25	Cleaning & Mats	12.55
Hire of Chairs	15.00	Water Rates	39.55
Electricity Meter	120.50	Electricity	115.05
Good Samaritan Bingo	42.00	Ecclesiastical Ins.	163.53
Ladies Club	58.50	Curtain purchase	110.47
Whist Club	66.00	Curtain making	37.57
Party Hire	92.50	Church Room decoration	525.00
Dancing Classes	58.50		
Festival Grant	94.00		
	-----	Closing Bank Balance	1194.90
TOTAL(S)	2215.12		-----
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In accordance with a request, I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the above income and expenditure account for the 12 months ending 31 December 1990 from the books, papers and information supplied to me. I certify to the best of my knowledge the figures are correct.

D. Scutchings

Mrs. D. Scutchings. Treasurer.

D.V. Brown

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Ladies	Sheepskin		Nat			3-8	£13.90
Ladies	Leather	Soled	Black	White	Brown	3-8	£7.50
Gents	P.N.Wool		Nat	Grey	Brown	3-15	£7.90 to £10.00
Gents	P.N.Wool	Soled	Nat	Grey	Brown	3-11	£8.90
Gents	Sheepskin		Nat			3-11	£15.90
Gents	Leather	Soled	Black	Tan		6-11	£8.90 & £9.90

SLIPPERS

Ladies	P.N.Wool		Beige	Pink		3-8	£9.90
Ladies	P.N.Wool	Soled	Beige	Pink		3-8	£10.90
Ladies	P.N.Wool	Mules	Beige	Pink		3-8	£8.90
Ladies	P.N.Wool	Mules	Soled	Beige		3-8	£9.50
Gents	P.N.Wool		Brown			7-11	£9.50

CHILDRENS FOOTWEAR

Moccasins	Acrylic	Various	4-9	10-2	£3.50 & £3.90
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Ladies	Leather, silk lined (Dents)	£13.90
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Gents	Leather, cotton lined	£13.90
Gents	Sheepskin	£11.90
Gents	Lambskin	£19.90

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Deluxe Duster	Sheepskin, 48in hanging handle		£2.00
Chamois block			£1.00
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Sundry leather items - wallets, purses etc.			from £1.20

A Visit to Aston (1846)

Taken from a personal diary written by Thomas Coulman, father of Anne Ross. Thanks to Shirley Ford for giving us the information

Journal of an excursion to visit Capt and Anne Ross at Aston House, near Aylesbury...

Wednesday, May 20th 1846.

J and I left home taking the rails at Swinton, first to Derby where we lunched, then to Rugby, where I had some difficulty in getting the Station Master to allow the train to stop at Leighton, the station to get to Aston House, where Capt. Ross and Anne have now lived for about 12 months. A carriage was waiting for us there, and we reached Aston by 7 O'Clock, just a quarter of an hour after they have got down to dinner. Captain Bird an old Shipmate of Ross's ... was visiting them.

Sat. May 23rd. In the afternoon we took a drive through Wing to Stewkley the Church at the latter place is very ancient with Saxon arches and a large solid square tower, but disfigured greatly, by what appears to be universal in the villages in this part of the country, by white or yellow washed. From there we drove to Dunton, Hogstow and Cublington. Small villages where there is nothing worth seeing. The country was pretty... Neither yesterday nor today have we passed a single Country Gentlemans seat, nor are any to be seen in any of the numerous fine views we have had both yesterday and today, good society therefore must be chiefly confined to the clergy.

Sunday May 24th We were all at Aston Abbot's Church this morning which like the others, we have seen, is very small, having no side aisles, and is also spoiled by plaster and colour washing at the outside. The Service consisted only of Prayer in the morning with full duty in the afternoon and was very nicely done by the Vicar, the Revd. Mr. Strong. It was quite delightful to see every pew occupied in the afternoon.



ABBEY LAKE, ASTON ABBOTTS.

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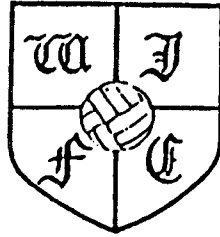
May 25 After lunch we took a drive by Hardwick to Whitchurch, Ovin, Pitchcote and Quainton, and home by Cublington. The drive was not only as beautiful as either of the other two we have taken, but had this novelty, that we passed Hudilly [The Lillies, Weedon] the seat of Lord Nugent, a cousin of the Duke of Buckingham and at Ovin the seat of Sir Thomas Aubrey, where Captain Ross made a call.

... [to dinner came] the Rev. Mr. Erle, Rector of the neighbouring parish of Hardwick and Fellow of New College Oxford, apparently a most extraordinary character and who made a rather uncommon admission for a clergyman viz. that before he was appointed to Hardwick he had never read prayers or preached... He now takes no part in the duty, but keeps a very efficient Curate.

May 27. Ross, Bird and I walked over to Wingrave this morning a village about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Aston. The Church there is one of the largest and in the best state of repair of any I have seen; it has two side aisles and a large Chancel, with the battlements and pinacles newly restored, still although built of stone, it is covered with plaster, which shows either want of taste, or is rendered necessary to prevent damp striking through. Like the other Churches in this Neighbourhood, it has texts of scripture painted on boards in different places.

May 28. Ross being engaged in correcting some proof sheets of his long delayed works of his Antarctic Voyages, Capt. Bird and I took a walk both morning and afternoon in the fields, in order to avoid the heat and dust of the roads and looked into two large ..stables, one of which was a sad folorn looking place, built of wood and thatched, as most of them appear to be, the other being built of brick and slated and the best looking I have seen. Three men were milking 35 cows and we were told they have some times as many as 70, all for butter which is sent to the London market, where the Aylesbury butter commands a better price than any other. This is quite a dairy country, apparently scarcely growing corn sufficient to supply them with straw for bedding and thatching. The fields are very large and the herbage excellent 20-30-40 and 50 cows are frequently in the possession of a farmer here - they have a mixed breed - short horns - Herefords and others. The Hay harvest is just beginning.





KLARGESTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FEBRUARY FIXTURES

- February 2nd - U10s - away Nalgo Aylesbury v Bucks C.C. (11am KO)

February 3rd - U12s - home Wingrave School v Wing [League]

 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Aston Clinton 'A' [Cup]

February 10th - U12s - away Pages Park v Woodside [League]

 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Arrows [League]

February 17th - U12s - home Wingrave school v Pitstone [League]

 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Aston Clinton 'B' [League]

February 24th - U12s - Cup Semi-Finals day

 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Brooklands [League]



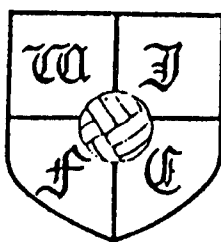
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JANUARY RESULTS

Under 10s:-

Wingrave v Bucks C.C. - Won 1-0 Ben Clay.

Under 12s:-

Wingrave v Arrows [L] - Won 3-1 David Bundock, Stuart Lucas, Ben Loades.
 v Pitstone [C] - Lost 7-2 Andrew Morley, Adrian Kennedy.
 v Wing [C] - Lost 6-0
 v A.Clinton[C] - Won 3-2 Stuart Lucas 2, Andrew Morley.

Under 14s:-

Wingrave v Arrows [L] - Lost 9-1 Lee Bracey-Wright.
 v A.Clinton'B'[C] - Won 2-1 Kevin Pretty, Danny James.
 v Wing [C] - Won 3-0 Danny James 2, Lee Bracey-Wright.
 v Arrows [C] - Lost 5-0

CUP TABLES [up to Jan 20th]

UNDER 12s Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Pitstone	2	2	0	0	13	4	+9	4
Wing	1	1	0	0	6	0	+6	2
A.Clinton	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0
Wingrave	2	0	0	2	2	13	-11	0

[first 2 in group play in Semi-finals]

UNDER 14s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Pitstone	2	2	0	0	6	2	+4	4
Wingrave	2	2	0	0	5	1	+4	4
Arrows	1	1	0	0	15	0	+15	2
A.Clinton'B'	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Wing	2	0	0	2	2	8	-6	0
Brooklands	2	0	0	2	0	16	-16	0
A.Clinton'A'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

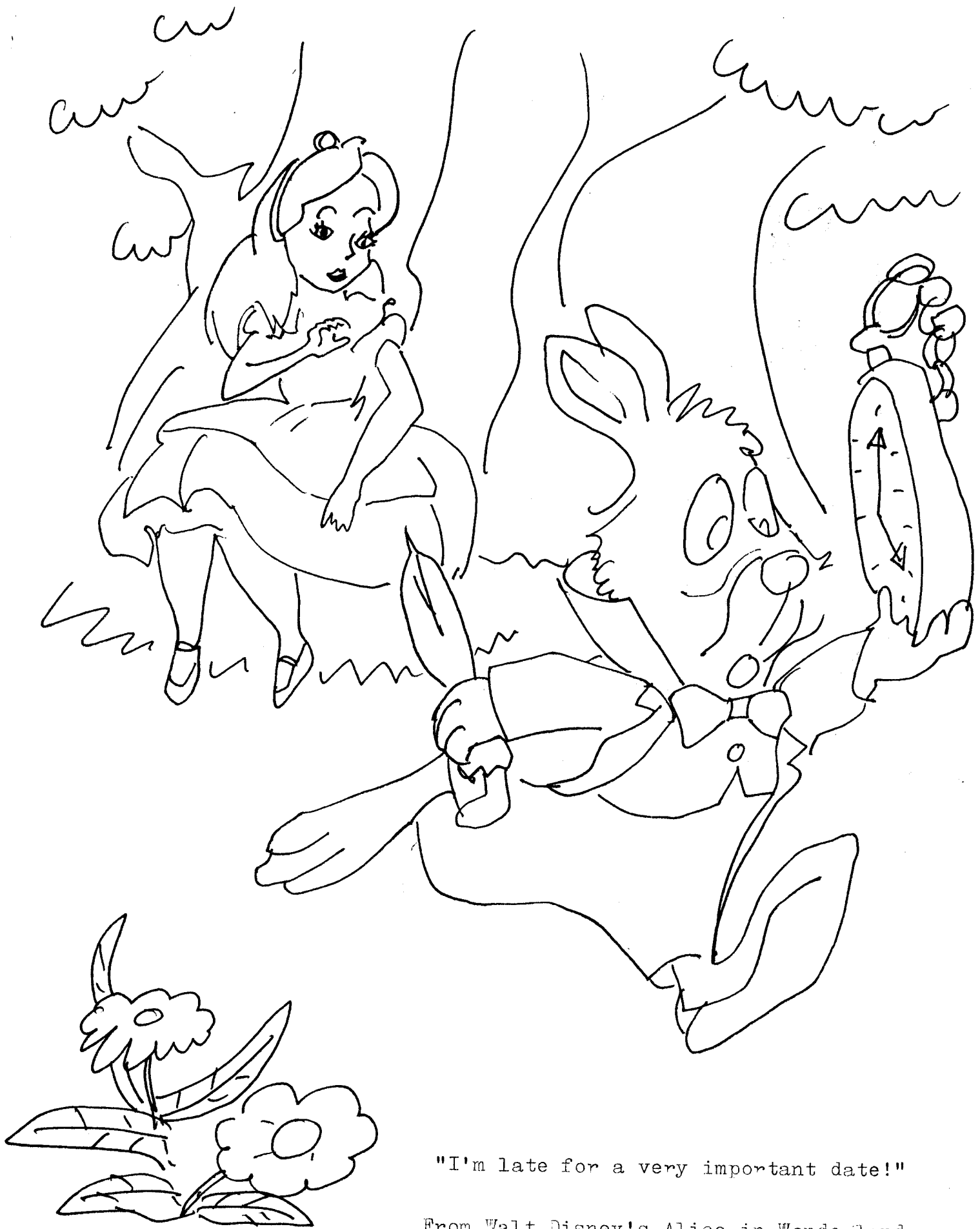
[winner plays 3rd, 2nd plays 4th in semi-finals, goal diff. and number of goals scored, count. WINGRAVE U14s play:- Arrows, Wing, A/C'A' and A/C'B']

LEAGUE TABLES [up to Jan 20th]

<u>UNDER 12s</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woodside	11	11	0	0	107	10	22
Pitstone	10	8	1	1	79	14	17
Wing	11	6	2	3	42	21	14
Wingrave	11	5	2	4	25	30	12
Brooklands	10	5	1	4	38	23	11
Aston Clinton	11	3	2	6	34	37	8
Corinthians	11	1	0	10	7	121	2
Arrows	11	0	0	11	8	84	0

<u>UNDER 14s</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arrows	9	9	0	0	79	10	18
Aston Clinton'A'	10	7	1	2	49	16	15
Aston Clinton'13'	9	7	0	2	38	15	14
Wingrave	9	3	1	5	23	24	7
Pitstone	9	2	0	7	13	51	4
Brooklands	8	1	0	7	6	44	2
Wing	8	1	0	7	12	60	2

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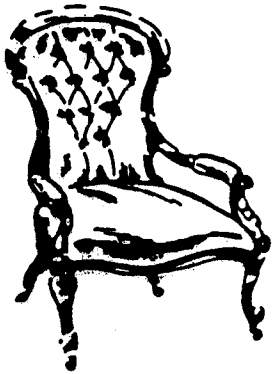
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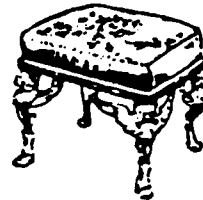
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