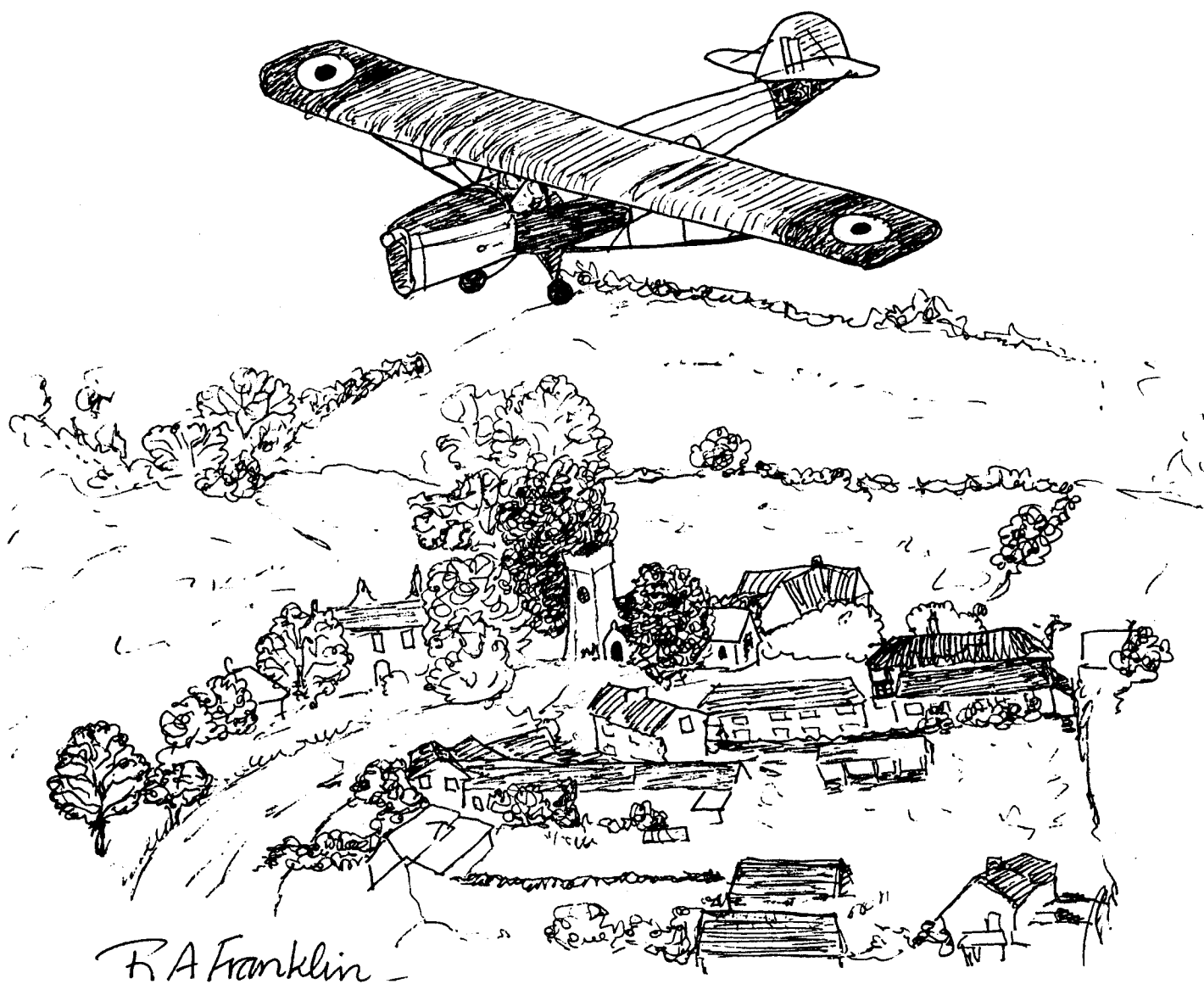


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# Editorial

Most people will by now have read in the local press that Bucks County Council Highways Committee have recommended that the southern route for the Wing bypass goes ahead. (We don't know which southern route.) The next stage, we understand, is applying for planning permission and preparing for compulsory purchase orders. In the light of recent government statements declaring support for railways and a desire to move freight and passengers off the roads and onto rails, we hope more people will question the wisdom of making the A418 a major trunk road. If we are serious about controlling the pollution of cars, this is the kind of plan on our doorsteps we should be worried about. If you are worried, we suggest you write to our MP (George Walden) and Malcolm Rifkind, the Transport Minister, now.

Talking of George Walden, we have received a press release from him drawing attention to a debate in the House of Commons on gravel extraction and waste pits. Mr Walden mentioned the waste tip application at Bierton and gravel extraction at Mursley. The government is undertaking a review(!) and is 'determined that the minerals industry will operate in an environmentally responsible manner'. Full marks to Mr Walden for trying, anyway.

Sorry this issue is a little late. The school has been closed for half term (and we have been frittering away our time in Norfolk).

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

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The July and August issues will as usual be combined, so please let us have items for both months by Friday 21st June. Write, call or telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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Thursday 6th: Bingo  
Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 9th: Sponsored walk  
for Church Clock fund  
2.30pm, The Green

Thursday 13th: Ladies Club  
2.45pm, Church Room  
Mrs Scott: Hand painted  
china

Thursday 13th: Whist  
Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 16th: Rambling Club  
meet. Cublington, 2pm

Saturday 15th: Cublington  
Fete

Monday 17th: Toddlers  
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Sunday 23rd: Kings Lynn  
Flower Festival  
A few tickets left;  
book with Colin 681343

Thursday 27th: Ladies Club  
2.45pm, Church Room  
Mrs G. Ayling:  
Enamelling demonstration

Thursday 27th: Whist  
7.30pm, Church Room

Monday 1st July: Toddlers  
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

CHRISTIAN AID

The village Christian Aid  
collection has raised £125.68  
My thanks to everyone who  
gave and to Alison and John  
who helped with the coll-  
ection. Last year's raised  
£112.

Shirley Ford

Friday 21st: Parish Council  
Church Room, 8pm

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers  
Community Centre, 2-4pm

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

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The Green 2.00-2.30pm  
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm  
June dates: 5th, 19th

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco  
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Wednesdays: fish & chip van  
outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm

VILLAGE FETE - 20th July

During the next few weeks  
members of the Fete committee  
will be delivering raffle tickets  
round the village for people to  
sell to their friends to raise  
money for the Fete.

Any individual or group who  
would like to have a stall at the  
Fete at a cost of £5 or 10% of the  
takings, whichever is the greater,  
should contact Mrs Shirley Ford  
on 681865.

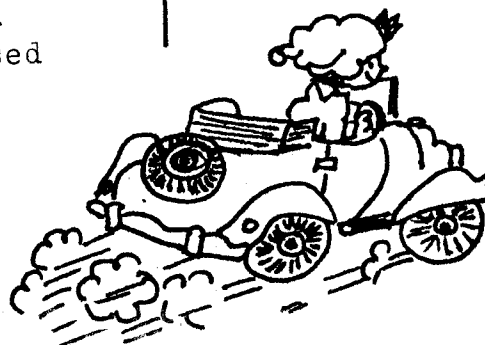
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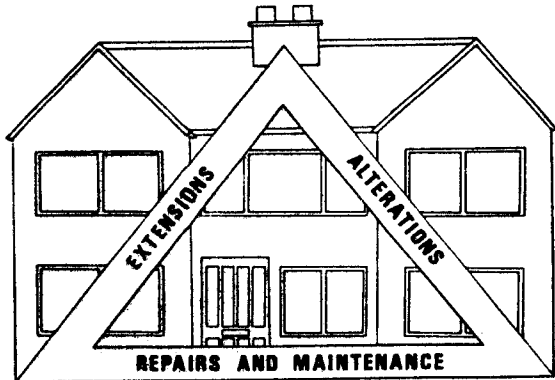
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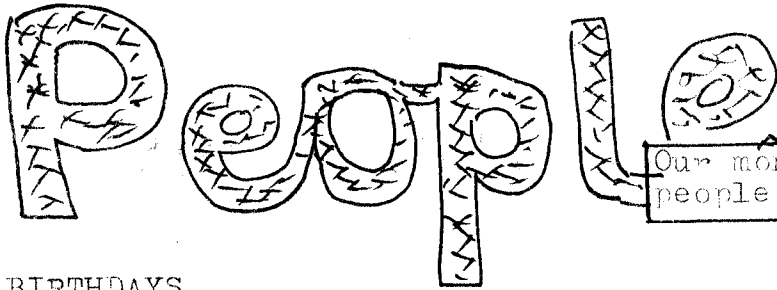
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Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

- Fred Cross. . . . . 6th June
- Julian Bailey . . . . . 9th June
- Dave Wheaton. . . . . 21st June
- Paul Drysdale . . . . . 21st June
- Sarah Lovell . . . . . 25th June
- Kim Picking . . . . . 27th June
- David Hewitt . . . . . 28th June

CONGRATULATIONS

to Amanda and Julian Bailey on the birth of their daughter Christina on 20th May.

WANTED

Good condition trikes urgently needed by Hardwick Playgroup. Contact Chris Chapman on 641452

**Farmer kicked**

A FARMER was kicked as he struggled with an intruder at Aston Abbots on Saturday evening.

Mr. John Page's dog raised the alarm at Oxley Farm and a man was found trying to get in the kitchen from an outhouse.

Mr. Page was kicked when he tried to hold the intruder who escaped and ran off.

Police are looking for a white man aged 20, 5ft. 2ins. tall, slightly built with light coloured spikey hair.

He was wearing a dark coloured track suit or boiler suit and trainers.

*Herald*

*LBO. 14th May →*

**Successful drive**

ST James' Church at Aston Abbots benefited from a whist drive in Cheddington Village Hall.

There were 13 tables in play and Eric Keable was MC.

Winners were: Mrs E Keable, Mrs M Binning, Mrs K Adams, Mrs P Rance, Mr H Smith; most sevens Mrs G Kempster; first half score Mrs Kibble; second half Mrs I Andrews, lucky ticket Miss V Saunders; raffle, Mrs G Kempster, Mr Keable, Mrs J Jackson, Mr C Higgs, Mr L Scutchings, Miss B Duck-manton, Mrs V Good-all, Mrs L Burge, Mr R Goodwin, Mr P Roff and Mrs Gomm.

**Ramble in nice country**

ASTON Abbots Rambling Club members met at Botolph Claydon for a Sunday afternoon walk led by Colin Higgs.

They followed a route to Runts Wood, passed Finemere House and on to Knowl Hill Farm, ending up at Weir Cottage, which was built in 1700.

● The Rev Bob Willmott chaired a Church Room Committee meeting, when it was confirmed that the parochial church council had given permission for fitted cupboards in the kitchen to create more storage space.

● Colin Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive in the Church Room. Prizewinners were Mr and Mrs Scutchings, Mr M Shackshaft, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fenables, Mrs Kempster.

**Sweep Matthew leads the way on village walk**



A BITING wind and rain didn't stop the children of Wingrave adding to their May Day tradition.

A Lucky Sweep brushed the path for the May Queen, her attendants and the crown bearer. The whole school walked around the village, stopping to hand over their posies of flowers to the older residents.

The May Queen was Aimee Nash, seven, who lives in Leighton but whose mother is a Wingrave girl and who wants her daughter to be educated in the village.

The attendants were Grace Gillan, seven, and Julia Underwood, six. The Lucky Sweep was Matthew Underwood who is 11.

The Crown Bearer and his assistant were twins Ben and Nicola Wyatt, aged five.

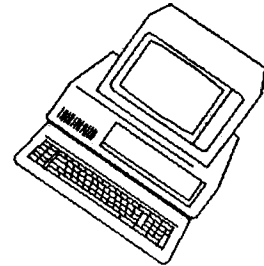
At various points around the village the children stopped to sing the May Garland song. In Abbots Way, where many elderly people live, the youngsters handed over their home-made posies to residents.

Miss Doreen Honor was one of the ladies to receive the floral gifts. "I have lived in Wingrave all my life and can remember taking part in May Day celebrations at the old school," she said. "But we didn't have a lovely procession like this."

*LBO*

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# Parish Council

## Cllr Roy takes over parish reins

THERE is a new chairman of Aston Abbots Parish Council following the resignation of Colin Higgs who has served the community as a district and parish councillor for 21 years.

The new chairman is Cllr Roy Malin with Cllr John Ford elected vice chairman when the authority held its first meeting after the local elections.

Both men and parish clerk, Mrs Margaret Chesher, will serve on the Aylesbury Vale Association.

Cllr Ford and Cllr Victor Scott were elected to serve on the Recreation Ground Committee. Street lighting officer will be Cllr Ford, A418 Action Committee representative will be Cllr Malin and press secretary Cllr Caroline Lane.

Mr Higgs will still represent the village at Bucks County Council Highways and Rural Transport Committees.

Three people have been ap-

proached to fill the final vacancy on the parish council.

There will be summer holiday entertainment for the village children during August.

The Rural Area Local Plan has been circulated and councillors have until June 7 to make comments.

Cllr John Ford reported damage to a telegraph pole at the junction to The Green and Chapmans Alley.

Concern was expressed about the increase in lorry traffic through the village. Some lorries were travelling to the Oxley Platt infill site, but others were en route to Warduck Farm and Dunton.

Catherine Hinton, Field Officer for Bucks County Council Voluntary Services, will attend the June meeting to talk about local housing needs.

Roy Malin is the new chairman of the parish council, and John Ford is vice chairman.

Roger Biddle has agreed to join the council, so we are now up to the full number of five councillors. Names and addresses on page 10.

The next parish council meeting is on Friday 21st June, 8pm in the Church Room. We hope to be carrying out a Housing Needs Survey and a village appraisal this year, and Catherine Hinton from Bucks County Council Voluntary Service will be coming to the June meeting to tell us more. This is a chance to make sure everyone has a say in future development of housing and services in the village, so please come along and hear about it from the beginning.

LBO, 12th May



In the bin: Catharine Lane, Caroline Lane and Sarah (3) at Aston Abbots. In the back-pack is Daniel Smith

Eight dedicated villagers in Aston Abbots spent Saturday collecting rubbish. Led by parish council chairman Roy Malin they started at the village green and worked along main roads.

Mr. Malin said: "Villagers are very good and most of the rubbish comes from Friday and Saturday nights when people throw cans and burger containers from their cars."

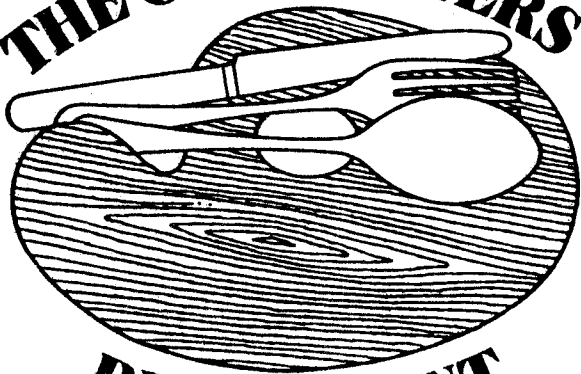
## LITTER BLITZ

The turnout was disappointing, when you consider that the eight villagers included my mum (who was unwise enough to be visiting that weekend) and young Daniel, who was amused to be bobbing up and down in the backpack but, to be frank, was a non-starter at picking up litter. However, there wasn't a lot to be found. Theories include (a) we're a lot cleaner (b) the verges are longer (c) it's the wrong end of the summer. Myself I put it down to the moral message in the Christmas Show.

P.S. There will be a SKIP at Bricstock the weekend of 21st June.

Herald, 23rd May

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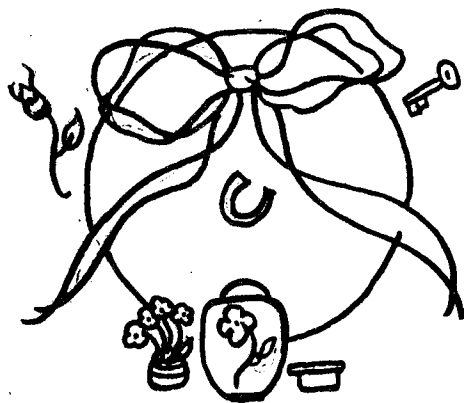
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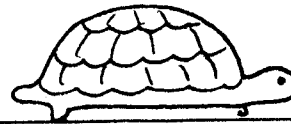
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. . . . .

**EDIBLE FLOWERS**

Western gardeners and cooks regularly ignore one of the tastiest parts of marrow and courgette plants: the flowers. Male flowers, those without the basal swelling that grows into the vegetable, can be cooked with a little butter or coated in batter and lightly fried.

The leaves also make a useful herb for cooking and the seeds, which yield an edible oil, can be roasted, salted and eaten.

HELMETS FOR CHILD CYCLISTS

A lot of children are hurt whilst riding bikes - mostly bumps and grazes, but a significant number of head injuries can be avoided if your child wears a helmet. A child's head hitting a hard road - or car - can be very serious. Bucks County Council have told us that the Red Cross is selling helmets at a discount. You can get a Tuff Top (which is British Standards approved) for £13.50, a saving of nearly £1.50 on the usual price. It is a single size fitting head sizes 6 to 7½ (approximately 7-14 age range). You can get one from:

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Aylesbury 612778 (ring  
for an appointment)

Red Cross Shop  
7 Well Street  
Buckingham  
10am - 4pm

In Car Safety  
Unit 5, 37 Erica Rd  
Stacey Bushes  
Milton Keynes 9-5pm

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THE CHURCH ROW PUMP

As you may know, the Parish Council has been looking into the possibility of boxing in the pump to restore it to its original appearance. Following requests from Church Row residents, we are now investigating restoring it to working order. This will take some time, though, as estimates have to be obtained and a grant applied for - and the grant committee may not meet again until next year.

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(Chairman)  
Victor Scott, 11 The Green  
681488  
Clerk: Margaret Cheshier  
20 The Green 681201

District Councillor: Bryan Round  
11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave 681621

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>WINGRAVE</u>	2nd June	10.0	Parish Communion	
	9th	10.0	Parish Communion	
	16th	10.0	Parish Communion	
	23rd	10.0	Parish Communion	
	30th	10.0	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	
			6.0	Evensong (Wingrave Singers)
	7th July	10.0	Parish Communion	
<u>ASTON ABBOTTS</u>	2nd June	11.15	Family Service	<u>Sidesman</u>
	9th	11.15	Parish Communion	Alison Ford
	16th	11.15	Parish Communion (BCP)	Colin Higgs
	23rd	11.15	Parish Communion	Michael Hasker
	30th	11.15	Parish Communion	Gillian Ford
	7th July	11.15	Family Service (Methodist)	
<u>CUBLINGTON</u>	2nd June	10.0	Family Service	
	9th	8.45	Parish Communion	
	16th	8.45	Parish Communion	
		6.0	FESTIVAL Songs of Praise	
	23rd	8.45	Parish Communion	
	30th	8.45	Parish Communion	
	7th July	10.0	Family Service	

SUNDAY READINGS

2nd June	Pentecost 2	1 Pet 2.1-10; John 15.1-15 (p.644)
9th	Pentecost 3	Romans 6.3-11; John 15.5-11 (p.649)
16th	Pentecost 4	Gal.3.23-4.7; John 15.12-17 (p.654)
23rd	Pentecost 5	Eph 5.1-10; Matthew 19.16-26 (p.659)
30th	Peter & Paul	2 Tim 4.6-8,16-18; Matt 16.13-20 (p.784)
	Pentecost 6	Col 3.12-17; Luke 15.11-end (p. 664)
7th Jul	Pentecost 7	1 Cor 12.27- 13 end; Matt 18.21-end (p.669)

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

June 2nd	Parish Church	11.15am
June 9th	Rev M. Gilyead	6.00pm
June 23rd	Mr Ffoulkes	6.00pm
June 30th	Weedon	6.00pm

(June 16th No service)

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## RECTOR'S REPORT

Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.

Once upon a time there was a clergyman who had a very old typewriter. Of course there is nothing wrong with having a very old typewriter - it still worked very well. But, when he wrote his article for the monthly Newsletter, sometimes the print did not come out too clearly. After all it had fairly small type, and the ribbon had not been renewed for a year or two. He knew that before very long he really must get round to finding a replacement.

Some town parishes, he knew, already provided a typewriter for the use of the clergy. But he didn't live in a town, and the chance of getting the scheme off the ground in each of his villages was not high on the list of priorities.

In theory, he knew that because he was technically 'self-employed', a typewriter was one of those things which were allowable against Tax. How he wished that his studies, which had included the "Peregrinations of Etheria" had also included details of working the Tax system and a rough idea of the rate at which a typewriter could be considered to deteriorate and hence be written off.

Once, feeling that something really ought to be done, he went to a Day organised by the Church Computer Users Group to see if the time had come to go Hi-Tech. All he found was a group of people who were sorry that they had only been able to buy a system costing about £6,000 - Not really big enough to do the job properly! But, even so, they did store old Sermons, and you could update the congregation's details whilst you had breakfast on Monday morning. Unfortunately, neither of these seemed to be very high priorities, so the old typewriter went on laboriously for several more years.

Technology moved on too. Before long the list of options included not only electronic typewriters, but word processors and personal computers. But, the clergyman thought, how much technology do you actually need to write a monthly article and those letters that are necessary for clergymen to write? Maybe the time will come when someone will feel the need to 'Fax' me, maybe the time will come when I shall need a system that is compatible with the Diocesan Computer.

In the meantime I am most grateful for the loan of another manual typewriter with slightly larger type.



## BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

The word "Conservation" usually conjures up pictures of the elephant, but it should also be applied to another species that is not as well publicised - the **Parrot**. Are you aware of the horrific conditions of importing Parrots - did you see the television documentary showing the awful way the birds are packed together in boxes at least 80% of a consignment suffocate. As a result, many of the larger parrots are now endangered in their own habitat. Some species have been banned from import by their own country - but if there is a buyer, a "Black Market" will always flourish. The elephant ivory trade bears witness to this.

Parrots and other birds make delightful pets, and most will talk, mimic or whistle. You will now be thinking, have I contradicted myself? No. We are not against birds as pets, only the import of parrots. You, the public, can help stop this practice by only buying British bred birds. If you want a parrot, ask is it British bred - make sure your receipt says so. Even disregarding the import conditions, if the parrot survives this, there is a high risk of it dying from a disease of the lungs brought on by stress. All this suffering for the sake of money.

This whole problem has been highlighted to a certain degree on Television - but one aspect has been largely ignored by the media. **The Pet Shop** We have just had firsthand experience of this. A work colleague of my husband (Barry) bought a Cockatiel a month ago from a pet shop. He was ignorant of how to look after the bird but was very willing, and relied on the pet shop owner's integrity and advice. Despite Barry's best efforts the bird is now dead. What was the problem? Quite simple to cure if we had known 3 weeks ago. The bird starved to death. Why? Because it was too young to leave its parents - the bird could not yet feed itself. It was so young it could not even perch on a branch properly - consequently it would keep falling off and eventually had a bad fall and broke its bottom beak badly. There is now no bird - but the shop has its money - PROFIT. We do not presume to suggest all pet shops put profit before welfare of its animals - but there are some that do.

Keeping birds is a rewarding experience and we have just had a very personal triumph. 4½ years ago we bought a pair of small grass parakeets called Turquoisines. We housed them in an outside flight and left them to settle in and hopefully breed. Not long afterwards we noticed the little hen bird could not hold her head up, and when she tried to fly she flipped over on to her back. Barry examined her, could find nothing obviously wrong, but popped her in the hospital cage to keep a close eye on her. After several days, although our little bird was eating well and seemed quite content, I took her to the Vet as something was definitely wrong. The diagnosis was brain damage. "Was she in pain?" I asked. "No" replied the Vet. So, we put her in a cage, and ensured she could get to food and water easily. The months and years passed by with no real improvement - then, a year ago, we noticed "our little Turk", as she came to be known, could hold her head up. From thereon, she made

steady progress. Now, she shares an indoor flight with a pair of cockatiels and rules the roost! Infact she has shown such interest in their nestbox, we have bought her a boyfriend to play with! Our little Turk may never be capable of actually having chicks and almost certainly never be able to fly again, but she's happy. Just a little bit of loving care has wrought a miracle in our eyes.

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If you are interested in either of our schemes and would like to know more, or you would just like to know more about how you can help the conservation of parrots, please give us a ring, we are always happy to chat.

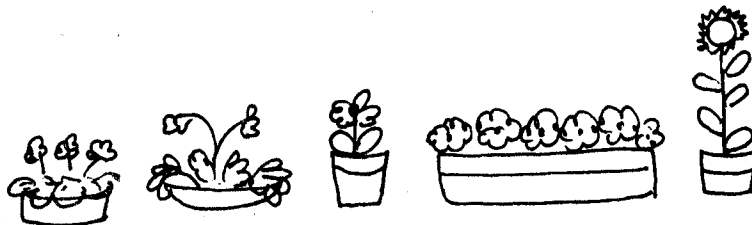
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Editor's note

The RSPB is running a special campaign this year to ban the trade in wild birds. They are pressing the European Commission to legislate, and the RSPB themselves investigate and prosecute offenders. You can contact them at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL, tel. 0767 680551.

## Buckinghamshire Village Talents Sought

Has your village done a parish map, a local history book, a village play or panto with colourful costumes, or have you collected village archives or celebrated local customs - like beating the parish boundary - and taken photographs? If so, then now is your chance to show off the exciting talents in your village at a County Exhibition of local arts activities. The Buckinghamshire Council for Voluntary Service (BCVS) and the County and District Councils in Buckinghamshire are jointly organising an event called 'More Fun for the Village Day' at the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Sunday 15 September 1991. Apart from an exhibition of many of the projects already happening in villages throughout the county, there will also be plenty going on with professional artists and local craftspeople running displays and workshops, music, circus skills, Punch and Judy for the children and lots of other things to watch or even try out! So why not tell other villages what you have been doing and show off local talent? For more details, contact Catherine Hinton at BCVS, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP20 7QQ, telephone Aylesbury 21036.



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# 12th London

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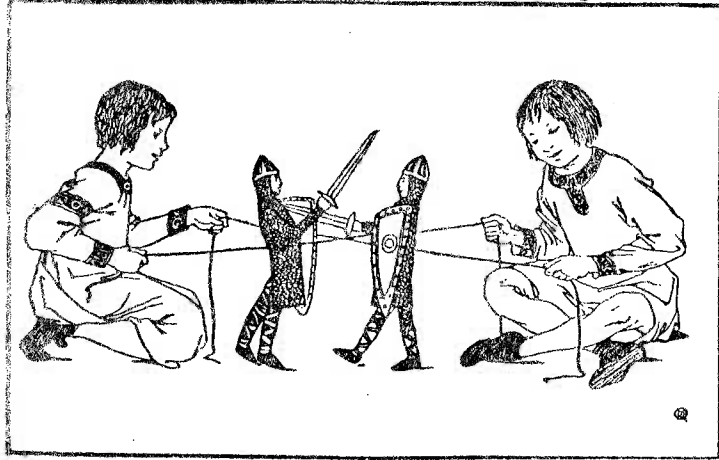
So far as the towns were concerned, there is a rather amusing and graphic picture of London and its work and play written by Fitzstephen, who "lived in the reign of King Stephen, wrote in the Reign of Henry the Second, and deceased in 1191, in the Reign of Richard the First." We give a few extracts.

## A Description of the most honourable City of London

*The Situation thereof.*—Amongst the noble Cities of the World, honoured by Fame, the City of London is the one principal Seat of the Kingdom of England, whose Renown is spread abroad very far; but she transporteth her Wares and Commodities much farther, and advanceth her Head so much the higher. Happy she is in the Wholesomeness of the Air, in the Christian Religion, her Munition also and Strength, the Nature of her Situation, the Honour of her Citizens, the Chastity of her Matrons; very plentiful also in her Sports and Pastimes, and replenished with honourable Personages: All which I think meet severally to consider.

*The Temperateness of the Air.*—In this Place, the Calmness of the Air doth mollify Men's Minds, not corrupting them with Lusts, but preserving them from savage and rude Behaviour, and seasoning their Inclinations with a more kind and free Temper.

*On the Strength and Scite of the City.*—It hath on the east Part a Tower Palatine, very large and very strong; whose Court and Walls rise up from a deep Foundation: The Mortar is tempered with the Blood of Beasts. On the West are two Castles well fenced. The Wall of the City is high and great, continued with seven Gates, which are made double, and on the North distinguished with



Turrets by Spaces. Likewise on the South London hath been inclosed with Walls and Towers, but the large River of Thames, well stored with Fish, and in which the Tide ebbs and flows, by Continuance of Time, hath washed, worn away, and cast down those Walls. Farther, above in the west Part, the King's Palace is eminently seated upon the River; an incomparable Building, having a Wall before it, and some Bulwarks: It is two Miles from the City, continued with a Suburb full of People.

*Of the Gardens planted.*—Everywhere without the Houses of the Suburbs, the Citizens have Gardens and Orchards planted with Trees, large, beautiful, and one joining to another.

*Of their Pastures.*—On the north Side are Fields for Pasture, and open Meadows, very pleasant; among which the River Waters do flow, and the Wheels of the Mills are turned about with a delightful Noise. Very near lieth a large Forest, in which are woody Groves of wild Beasts; in the Coverts whereof do lurk Bucks and Does, wild Boars and Bulls.

*Of the Fields.*—The arable Lands are no hungry Pieces of Gravel Ground; but like the rich Fields of Asia, which bring plentiful Corn, and fill the Barns of those that till them with a dainty Crop of the Fruits of Ceres.

*Of their Wells.*—There are also about London, on the North of the Suburbs, choice Fountains of Water, sweet, wholesome, and clear, streaming forth among the glistening Pebble-stones: In this Number, Holy well, Clerken-well, and Saint Clements'-well, are of most Note, and frequented above the rest, when Scholars and the Youth of the City take the Air abroad in the Summer Evenings.

A good City, when it hath a good Lord.

*How the Affairs of the City are disposed.*— . . . there is in London upon the River's Bank a public Place of Cookery, among the Wines to be sold in the Ships, and in the Wine Cellars. There every Day you may call for any Dish of Meat, roast, fried, or boiled; Fish both small and great; ordinary Flesh for the poorer Sort, and more dainty for the Rich, as Venison and Fowl . . .

*Of Smithfield.*—Without one of the Gates is a certain Field, plain [or smooth] both in Name and Situation. Every Friday, except some greater Festival come in the Way, there is a brave Sight of gallant Horses to be sold: Many come out of the City to buy or look on, to wit, Earls, Barons, Knights, Citizens, all resorting thither. It is a pleasant Sight there to behold the Nags, well fleshed, sleek and shining, delightfully walking . . .

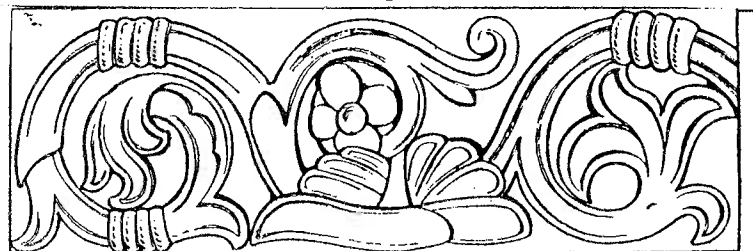
*The Pests of LONDON.*—The only Plagues of London are immoderate Drinking of idle Fellows, and often Fires.

*Sea Fights.*—In Easter Holidays they counterfeit a Sea Fight: A Pole is set up in the Middle of the River, with a Target well fastened thereon, and a young Man stands in a Boat which is rowed with Oars, and driven on with the Tide, who with his Spear hits the Target in his Passage; with which Blow, if he break the Spear and stand upright, so that he hold Footing, he hath his Desire; but, if his Spear continue unbroken by the Blow, he is tumbled into the Water, and his Boat passeth clear away . . .

*Summer Sports.*—Upon the Holidays all Summer, the Youth is exercised in Leaping, Shooting, Wrestling, casting of Stones, and throwing of Javelins fitted with Loops for the Purpose, which they strive to fling beyond the Mark; they also use Bucklers, like fighting Men. As for the Maidens, they have their Exercise of Dancing and Tripping until Moon-light.

*Sport upon the Ice.*—When that great Moor, which washeth Moorfields, at the north Wall of the City, is frozen over, great Companies of young Men go to sport upon the Ice; then fetching a Run, and setting their Feet at a Distance, and placing their Bodies sidewise, they slide a great Way. Others take Heaps of Ice, as if it were great Mill-stones . . .

. . . Some are practised to the Ice, and bind to their Shoes Bones, as the Legs of some Beasts, and hold Stakes in their Hands, headed with Sharp Iron, which sometimes they strike against the Ice; and these Men go on with Speed, as doth a Bird in the Air, or Darts shot from some warlike Engine . . .



# DON'T DELAY — ENTER TODAY!

## Buckinghamshire Village Ventures Competition 1991

This is the sixth time that Buckinghamshire Council for Voluntary Service (The Rural Community Council) has organised a Village Ventures Competition to encourage voluntary groups in rural Buckinghamshire to initiate new projects which will benefit the local community.

Buckinghamshire prides itself on having a good number of entries of a very high standard every year.

The competition is open to any voluntary groups working on a project for the benefit of their village. Since the purpose of the competition is to encourage voluntary action in rural areas, entries will not be accepted from communities with a population over 6,000. Each village can enter more than once and a scheme involving several villages would also be eligible.

**THE PROJECT MUST BE A NEW ONE. I.E. STARTED SINCE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE LAST COMPETITION (31st AUGUST 1989) BUT NEED NOT BE COMPLETED.**

### What kind of venture

Some of the projects entered in previous competitions have included:

- ★ Starting a youth club
- ★ Establishing a voluntary transport scheme
- ★ Initiating a village newsletter
- ★ Building an adventure playground
- ★ Creating a nature reserve
- ★ Setting-up a Social Club for the elderly

The projects can be small or large and involve any number of people.

Winners over the past few years include:—

Ivinghoe Watermill  
Drayton Parslow Playground  
Haddenham Nature Reserve  
Lacey Green Village Appraisal

These are only a few ideas. You can enter any sort of voluntary work which gives lasting benefit to the community.

### Village Halls

Projects based on the maintenance, general running or improvement of village halls **will not** be accepted. The Best Run Village Halls competition, which now runs alternate years to the Village Ventures competition, is specifically for such projects.

**N.B.** Other projects organised by village hall groups/committees for their village will still qualify for village ventures.

CASH PRIZES totalling £2,000 can be won by the most enterprising projects.

THE CLOSING DATE IS 30 AUGUST 1991

A more detailed report about your project will be required by 9th September 1991. Guidelines for preparing this will be sent to entrants. Judges will also arrange to visit all projects during September/October 1991. They will be looking for

- Imaginative use of resources
- Quality of work
- Community involvement and voluntary effort
- Lasting benefit

There are separate sections for large and small villages, with cash prizes in each.

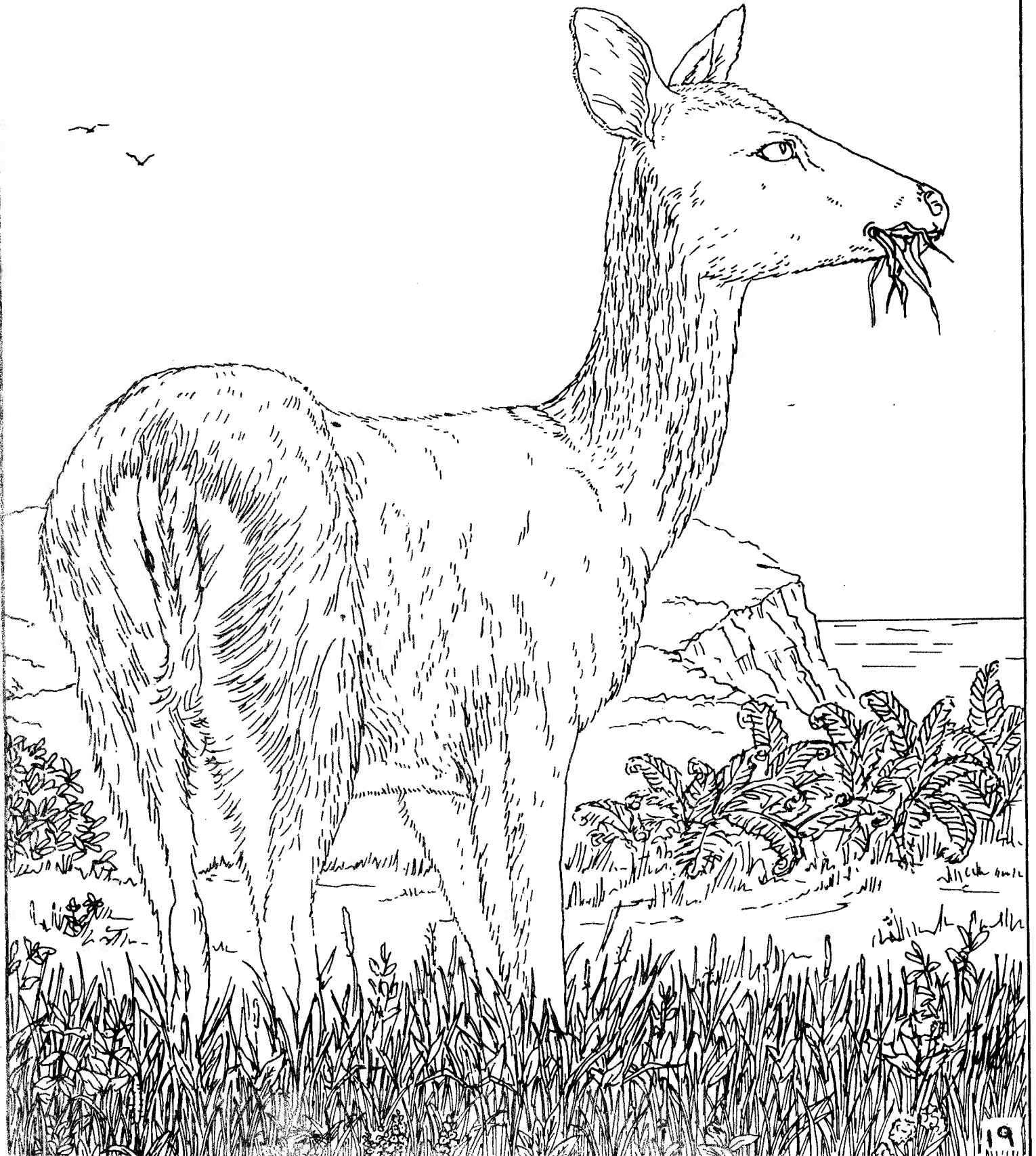
So don't delay — enter the 1991 competition and win a cash prize for your local community. Simply fill in the enclosed form and return it to:—

Village Ventures 1991  
Buckinghamshire Council for Voluntary Service,  
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For further information ring Catherine Hinton on Aylesbury 21036.

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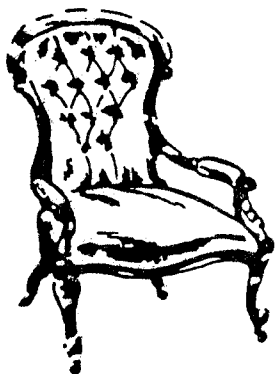


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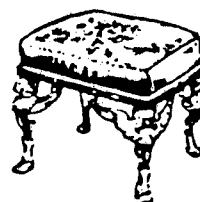
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