

# The Chronicle



Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

September 1991

No 93



# Editorial

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A great deal seems to have happened since the last Chronicle came out.

The Festival at the end of July was well attended and a credit to its organizers - there was lots to do, the atmosphere was good and the takings at their usual high level. Thank you to all who helped.

Afternoon tea three days running at the Church Room was just one of the attractions of the Flower Festival weekend. The floral displays in the church were quite lovely, and we had a hard job to drag the children away from the car boot sale (nobody told us there would be quite that many toys!). We were out for the day on Monday, but arrived home just in time to fail to win anything in the raffle draw.

We hope you have all had a good summer.

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

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Please let us have items for the October issue by Friday 20th September. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, 681373.

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*What's On*

Thursday 5th: Whist  
Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 8th: Coach trip to  
Folkestone, depart 7.30am  
Fare £7; book with Colin  
681343

Monday 16th: Toddlers  
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 19th: Whist  
Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd: Rambling Club  
meet Old Stratford

Saturday 28th: Harvest supper  
Church Room, 7.30pm

Monday 30th: Toddlers  
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Friday 20th: Parish Council  
Church Room, 8pm

Friday 27th: village appraisal/  
housing needs survey meeting  
BOOK THIS DATE Church Room 8pm

Thursday 31st October:  
Hallowe'en Ghost Walk  
Meet The Green 9.30pm  
Bring a lantern/torch  
and a nip

**LADIES CLUB**

starts again on 3rd Oct with a talk about Japan given by Mrs Miller, followed by one on the RSPCA on 17th and the AGM on 31st Oct. We have a good variety of speakers for the coming year on travel, china, healing, wholefood cookery, antique dolls, Oxford and flower arranging. We meet in the Church Room at 2.45; all are welcome.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**H A R V E S T S U P P E R**

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 1991**

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Regulars

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers  
Community Centre, 2-4pm

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

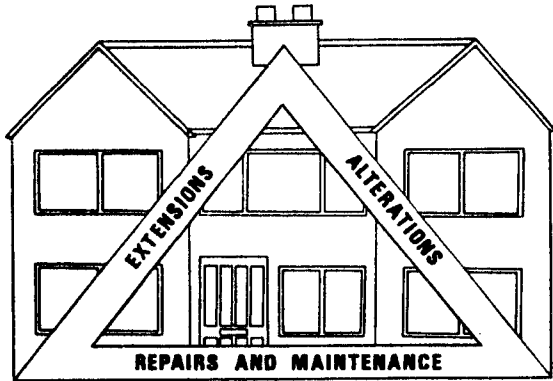
Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library  
The Green 2.00-2.30pm  
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm  
September dates: 11th, 25th

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco  
10.31 Bull & Butcher  
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## NEW BUS TIMETABLE

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The new timetables started at the end of July. The changes are:

### Mondays to Saturdays

8.17 ex Aylesbury (8.35 Aston Abbotts) no longer runs,  
except on Saturdays to Leighton Buzzard

12.38 ex Aylesbury retimed to 12.53 (1.15 Aston Abbotts)  
and extended to Milton Keynes

1.35 ex Leighton retimed to 1.05 (1.30 Aston Abbotts)

4.50 ex Milton Keynes change at Leighton onto 5.40 WHICH DOES  
OPERATE VIA ASTON ABBOTTS although not in timetable - stops at  
Cublington (6.01) and Aston (6.05)

### SATURDAYS

8.17 ex Aylesbury retimed to 8.14 (8.36 Aston Abbotts)

12.38 ex Aylesbury retimed to 12.53 (1.15 Aston)

3.55 ex Milton Keynes change at Leighton onto 5.05 via Aston

5.40 ex Leighton Buzzard retimed to 5.05

Other times and Routemaster buses unchanged

++ USE THE BUSES ! Some services are poorly used, but Colin  
has argued successfully for their retention. We have a  
good bus service - let's keep it.

++ A new busline news telephone service has been launched by  
Bucks County Council to keep passengers aware of latest changes.  
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## RUBBISH

People are still dumping rubbish in the Recreation Ground.  
Will those who are responsible please stop, as Committee  
members have better things to do than go around clearing up  
other people's rubbish.

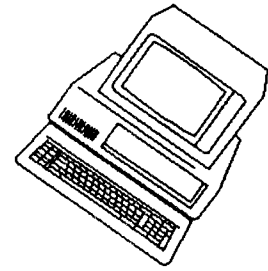
There is a tip in Rabans Lane which is FREE. There is a tip  
in Leighton Buzzard which is FREE. There is a tip at Tring  
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Please try and help us keep the Rec. looking tidy.

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

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# People

## OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE. EDITED BY BRIDGET BRANDON

### BIRTHDAYS

Piers Parker . . . . . 4th Sept  
 Christopher Fox . . . . . 6th Sept  
 Fiona Whyte . . . . . 6th Sept  
 Sarah Smith . . . . . 8th Sept  
 James Dixon . . . . . 10th Sept  
 Halisi Drysdale . . . . . 22nd Sept  
 Anna Picking . . . . . 24th Sept  
 Adrian Dixon . . . . . 30th Sept

GET WELL SOON Ian Judd, who has fractured his arm just before his holiday...

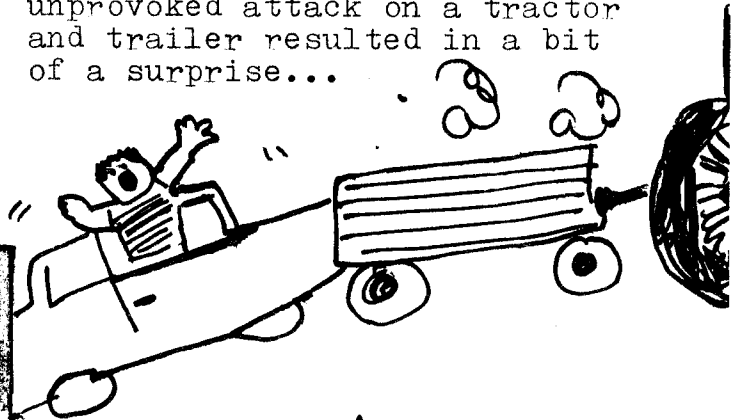
### ASTON ABBOTTS TODDLERS

had a brilliant day for their outing to Woodside Farm, Luton, on 29th August. Goats, sheep, pigs, deer, geese and ducks (and parents) ran for cover. The stationary tractors (you know, the old sort with metal seats and no radio cassette) were popular, as were the bouncy castle, play areas, and traction engine rides. Thanks to fête/village fund money for making this possible.

### RUNNING CLUB

The AA Running Club has had several triumphs lately, highlights being the Leighton Buzzard half marathon on 16th June, which John Whyte and Chris Brandon completed in 1hr 52min 8sec, and the Luton full marathon on 21st July, which Chris ran in 4hr 5min. Well done lads. Anyone is welcome to join them for a less demanding run (round the block to the pub, perhaps) on Sunday mornings at 10am at Bricstock.

We are sorry to suggest that a certain member of the Running Club should perhaps stick to his own two feet for transport... after a spot of Bumper Cars in Aylesbury, a malicious and unprovoked attack on a tractor and trailer resulted in a bit of a surprise...



CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Louise McManus at the Bull & Butcher on their recent wedding.

**'Mrs Herriott starts the sunshine fun**

*As usual the jee attracted the crowds who bashed in sunshine watching the Aylesbury Gym Club members go through their spectacular routines. Other arena attractions included a display by German Shepherd dogs.*

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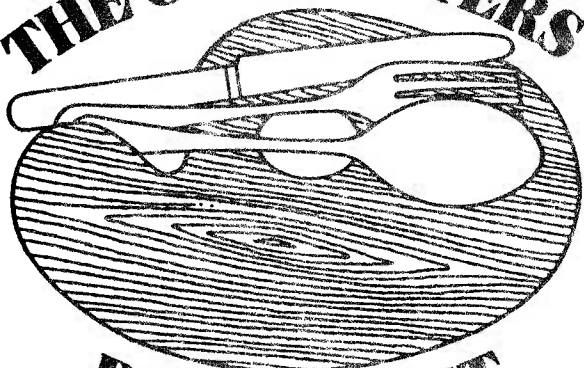
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L30, 6th August

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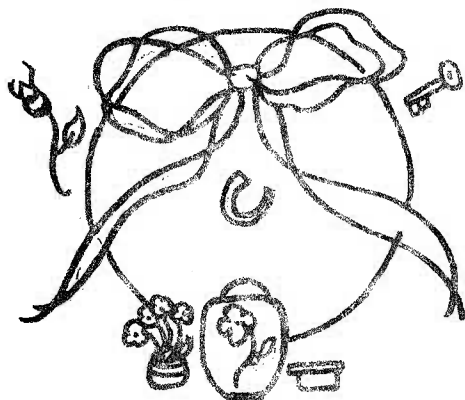
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PARKING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ROOM The Parish Council want to make it clear that there is no objection to parking for a few minutes to deliver things or to drop off or collect people who find it difficult to walk. However, parking on any of the grass verges in the village is a bad idea, and the Church Room should be no exception.

## Worries over village parkers

Concern over cars parking around the village green at Aston Abbots was expressed at the parish council meeting in the Church Room. Councillor Roy Main took the lead. Members were also worried about parking in East Road and the Church Room where a sign is enforced no parking.

A number of the public had spoken when road sweeping,

storm drain clearance and speed attention, along kerbsides, would receive some attention; a question which will be taken up with the appropriate authority.

On 21st July Mr Higgs took 14 walkers to the meeting point at the Green and they went on to enjoy the panoramic views across the vale from Woodin Hill and Windmill Farm.

Mr Higgs was also MC for Thursday evening's whist drive in the church room. Prize winners were: Mr E Naylor, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Kampster, Mrs L. Scatchings, Mrs P Jackson, Mrs Sale, Mrs H Wesley, Mrs L. Brackley and raffle winners were: Mr E Naylor, Mr R Scatchings, Mrs W Wesley, Mrs Sale and Mrs P Jackson. The snowball remained frozen.

LBO, 20th August

### ST JAMES'S CHURCH CLOCK FUND



The Clock fund has had two good boosts: the sponsored walk organized by Colin Higgs raised the grand total of £300. Fourteen walkers and five dogs did the walk in very wet weather, still everyone enjoyed it.

The Flower Festival over the bank holiday weekend (to be reported in next month's Chronicle) raised £810.37.

The Fund is still several hundred pounds short of the target.

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

- 1st September Family Service (United)  
Preacher A. Pape, 11.15am
- 8th September No service
- 15th September Rev. Peter Lemmon 11.15am
- 22nd September HARVEST FESTIVAL 6pm  
Preacher Mr Rixon
- 29th September No service

### Old friend is coming 'home'

AN old friend will be welcomed back to the Leighton group of parishes later this year as a curate.

The Rev John Heffer was an assistant curate at All Saints' Church in the town before taking up an appointment as Vicar of Wingrave. From there he moved on to be Vicar of Wilden with Colmworth and Raveenden.

Mr Heffer returns to Leighton in November as a curate to replace the Rev David Burton, who has moved to Somerset.

# ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

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## The Chronicle

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Please send copy and cheque (made payable to 'The Chronicle') to John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, Aston Abbots, Aylesbury, Bucks. Telephone 0296 681685

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Margaret Cheshier, 20 The Green, 681201  
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Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock 681685

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Roger Biddle, 1 Firs Cottage, Wingrave Road 681102  
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Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row 681373  
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358 (Chairman)  
Victor Scott, 11 The Green 681488  
Clerk: Margaret Cheshier 20 The Green 681201

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

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

VILLAGE FETE 20 JULY 1991

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		
Draw	489.95	351.60
Refreshments	101.00	86.35
Stalls	614.39	535.63
Sideshowes	114.80	53.40
Pony rides	30.30	52.60
Donations and miscellaneous	98.10	250.00
	<u>1448.54</u>	<u>1329.58</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>(394.46)</u>	<u>(389.17)</u>
<b>NET PROCEEDS</b>	<u>£ 1054.08</u>	<u>£ 940.41</u>

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 1991, the net proceeds are allocated as follows:-

St. James' Church	30%	316.20
Methodist Church	30%	316.20
Recreation ground	20%	210.80
Church clock fund	10%	105.40
Church room	10%	105.40
		<u>£ 1054.00</u>

The Aston Abbotts Village Fête Committee wish to thank all who gave or helped in any way to achieve such a good result.



# Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL 2nd August

Some unofficial notes from the last council meeting.

1. Although bank charges seem excessive, there seems to be little alternative.

2. Village appraisal/housing needs survey There is to be a public meeting on Friday 27th September at 8pm in the Church Room. Caroline Lane and John Ford will be there from the parish council.

3. Parking The Rector had given permission for a No Parking sign to be put on the railings outside the Church Room. Chronicle editors <sup>were</sup> asked to put a note in the next issue about this - see p. 9.

A car had been seen parked on the pavement in Ross Road. Please - this is illegal and a nuisance.

#### 4. Planning

(a) Land adjoining 5 Ross Road: AVDC has approved plans for a house

(b) Bungalow in Wingrave Road: AVDC approved plans

(c) The Abbey: AVDC approved change of windows from casement to sash and rendering of walls

(d) Stable block at 2 Norduck Cottages approved by AVDC subject to first providing a turning area so horseboxes are not reversing out into the road, and to not burning straw or dung on the site

(e) The parish council had no comments on the plans to convert the old telephone exchange buildings into a house; this will now go to AVDC

5. Accounts Various bills from Eastern Electricity and for the Recreation Ground approved

6. Recreation Ground Ownership and upkeep clarified - see separate item on p. 13.

7. Street Lighting The parish council had had a letter from Helen Dowling expressing concern about the new lights (see last Chronicle). The old lights are unreliable and

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expensive to maintain, which is why it was decided gradually to replace them. Five more lights remain to be done. The new ones are orange because they are photocell lights - they turn themselves on and off automatically, responding to the amount of daylight. They are much more reliable and cheaper to run as they do not need someone to adjust them. Unfortunately photocell lights are always orange. It was generally thought that although some residents are unhappy with the colour, the alternative - replacing them and incurring higher running charges - was not possible.

A second concern was that the new lights shine upwards too much, wasting energy and stopping us from seeing the stars. A member of the public volunteered to find out whether it is possible to fit shades.

8. The parish council has been sent a copy of AVDC's Residential Building Extensions. If you are considering building an extension do borrow this from the Clerk (Margaret Cheshier, 20 The Green).

9. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. The meetings are all open, and ten minutes are set aside at the end for members of the public to speak.

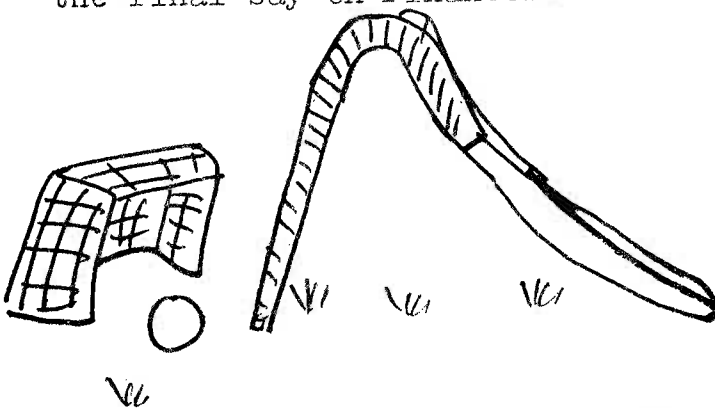
**Next meeting: Friday 20th September, 8pm, Church Room**

### THE REC

There has been some confusion recently about who owns the Rec and who pays to maintain it. Well, the parish council owns it. It was bought with money raised by the village, and with the aid of a loan from a resident, paid back within a year. (The 'village' has no legal status and cannot own land.) The Rec is maintained by a committee which is a sub-committee of the parish council; it is an advisory committee, with the parish council having the final say on finances.

It has its own bank account (see parish council accounts in this issue). Money has been raised regularly by the village (the Cabaret, for example) and donations are still very welcome. Overall responsibility for making sure enough money is available for maintenance rests with the parish council.

The Recreation Ground Committee members are: John Ford, Chris Brandon, Vic Scott, Margaret Kent, John Whyte, Caroline Lane, Laurence Hinds, and David Watts. It has recently been decided not to buy gang mowers for the Rec, but to continue paying to have it mown. The fencing around the children's play area is to be finished and the wooden seat replaced. If you have any suggestions or comments just contact a member of the committee.



ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1991

1.4.90

Balances Brought Forward

Current Account	846.99	
Recreation Current Account	913.99	
Recreation Deposit Account	<u>112.29</u>	1873.27

Receipts

A.V.D.C. Precept	2009.33	
Festival Grant	188.00	
Bank Interest Deposit A/C	103.25	
Bank Interest Rec. Deposit A/C	10.25	
V.A.T. Reclaim	<u>249.86</u>	<u>2560.69</u>
		4433.96

Payments

Street Lighting	478.94	
Admin. & Audit Commision	388.28	
Insurance	128.20	
Petrol & Mower Repairs	589.92	
Fencing & Posts	180.86	
Street Lighting Repairs	322.63	
Wingrave Road Footpath	250.00	
New Street Lighting	805.00	
Sundries	<u>143.72</u>	<u>3287.55</u>
		1146.41

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Balances Carried Forward

Current Account	35.45	
Deposit Account	522.33	
Recreation Current Account	187.98	
Recreation Deposit Account	<u>400.65</u>	<u>1146.41</u>

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>WINGRAVE</u>	1st Sept	10.0	Parish Communion
	8th	10.0	Parish Communion
		2.30	Picnic at Tree Cathedral (Wingrave Churches Together)
		6.0	United Songs of Praise
	15th	10.0	Parish Communion
	22nd	8.0	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.0	HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE
		6.0	Evensong (Wingrave Singers)
	29th	10.0	Parish Communion
	6th Oct	10.0	Parish Communion

<u>ASTON ABBOTTS</u>	1st Sept	11.15	Family Service (Methodist)
Gillian Ford	8th	11.15	Parish Communion
Alison Ford	15th	11.15	Parish Communion (BCP)
Colin Higgs	22nd	11.15	Parish Communion
		6.0	Methodist Harvest Festival
Michael Hasler	29th	11.15	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Gillian Ford	6th Oct	11.15	Parish Communion

Sidesmen

<u>CUBLINGTON</u>	1st Sept	10.0	Family Service
	8th	8.45	Parish Communion
	15th	8.45	Parish Communion
	22nd	8.45	Parish Communion
	29th	8.45	Mattins
	6th Oct	10.0	HARVEST FESTIVAL
		6.0	Evensong

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Pentecost	15	Rom. 13.1-7; Matt 22.15-22	(p.708)
8th B. Wirgin Mary		Rev 21.1-7; Luke 2.1-19	(p.796)
15th Pentecost	17	James 1.16-end; Lk 17.11-19	(p. 717)
22nd Pentecost	18	2 Cor 8.1-9; Matt. 5.17-26	(p. 722)
29th S. Michael		Rev 12.7-12; Matt 18.1-6,10	(p. 802)
6th Pentecost	20	Rom 8.18-25; Lk. 9.51-end	(p. 733)

Methodist Church Services on p. 9

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## RECTOR'S REPORT

Time for the holiday snaps again!

Thankfully those get-togethers in darkened rooms with the dreaded colour-slides are now a thing of the past. We can pass the colour snaps round to the next person without necessarily having to examine each one in detail.

I think that that is a good thing - because the pictures usually convey much less to others than to the person who took them. There is that set of five shots that tried to illustrate a fantastic view - but, put the pictures side by side, and the magic has gone - they are just very ordinary pictures of scenery.

As the children grow up we can move away from the routine of 'sandcastles and icecream' shots - and that is where things seem to get interesting. Because holiday pictures seem to fall into two categories - and are taken by two types of people. There are those who bring home an album full of views - pictures of places they have visited and the sights they have seen. The other group of people produce a picture gallery filled with people - either the people they went on holiday with, the people they met whilst they were away, or people that interested them for one reason or another. You might almost say we are either 'landscape' or 'portrait' people.

Of course it is not black and white ( if you'll pardon the pun), because we all sometimes take pictures typical of the other group. A 'landscaper' who only took pictures of the Church and forgot the Bride would not be very popular!

Our pictures help us to remember - where we have been - what we have done - who shared the memory. Usually they bring back happy memories of good things, good times, good places. The danger comes in trying to repeat those experiences. We can remember places and people - but life moves on. In the fraction of a second whilst the camera clicks the scene is frozen - and it will never be the same again.

Bob Willmott



## THE INNER RELIEF ROAD

Work on the Aylesbury Inner Relief Road has now been started by Buckinghamshire County Council.

Phase One will cost 1.3 million pounds and creates a link between Exchange Street and Park Street. It should open by next April. The County Council hopes to start Phase Two shortly afterwards.

The Aylesbury Inner Relief Road will provide, with existing roads, a complete ring around the centre of the town, and will relieve congestion on other roads.



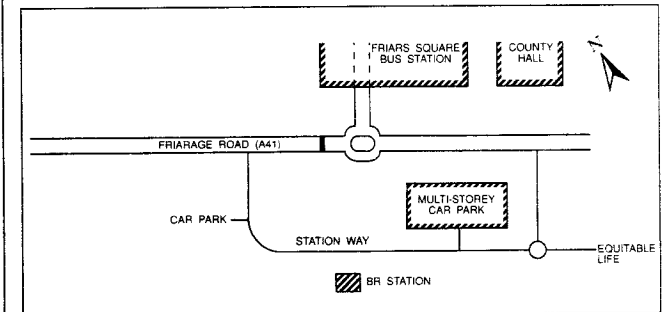
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## AYLESBURY'S PARKING MADE EASIER .....

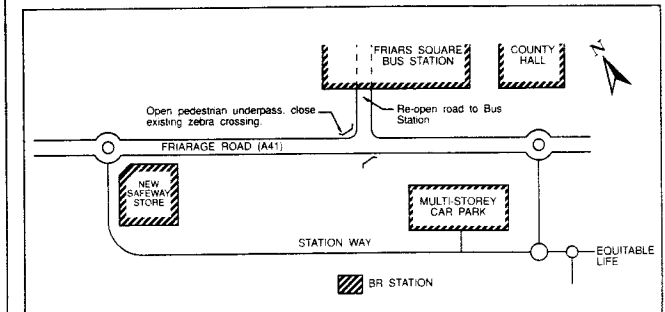
- ☆ **Saturday shoppers** - watch out for the reserved business spaces that are released on Saturdays, in the **Walton Street** and **Station Way** car parks.
- ☆ You pay only **£1.00 for a half day** and **£1.50 for a full day** if you park in a long stay car park. This may work out as more economical than a short stay car park if you have a lot to do.
- ☆ Approximately **200 spaces** still exist on the **Friarscroft site**. These are managed by National Car Parks at similar rates to the Council long stay car parks.
- ☆ **Station Way** car park is still unaffected by works to Friars Square and Friarscroft and is fully available.
- ☆ **600 spaces** will be available from Spring 1992 in the new Friarscroft multi storey.
- ☆ **The Gas Works and Old Station Road** car parks at the bottom of the High Street are now permanently closed to allow Phase 1 of the Inner Relief Ring Road works to proceed.
- ☆ **Cattle Market** parking changes from long stay parking during the week, to short stay on Saturdays to improve shopping convenience.
- ☆ Apart from Hampden House and the Upper Hundreds car parks, Aylesbury Vale District Council car parks are **free to customers** after 6.30 p.m. up to 8.00 a.m., Mondays to Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- ☆ **Hampden House and Upper Hundreds car parks** close every evening at 8.00 p.m. and do not reopen until the following morning. They are also closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- ☆ **Double tickets** are issued in short stay car parks, allowing you a refund on parking from a selection of town shops. Information is available alongside the ticket machines.

## FRIARSCROFT ROADWORKS

- ☆ Changes to the A41 (Friarage Road) will ensure an efficient road network leading to the new Safeway Superstore, new multistorey car park, Multi-Cultural Centre and the railway station.
- ☆ The road works are being phased in order to reduce traffic disruption although some inconvenience to motorists may at times be experienced.
- ☆ At regular traffic times, lanes will be kept open. Any works which can only be carried out through lane closures will be done at off peak traffic times.
- ☆ Great Western Street (where the bus station is located and leading to Market Square) will be closed to traffic entering from Friarage Road for four months starting from July 8th. Alternative route will be via Walton Street.
- ☆ Traffic will not otherwise be diverted during the roadworks.



**EXISTING ROAD LAYOUT**



**FINAL ROAD LAYOUT**

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

The Longest Mustache

Credit for growing the longest mustache in history belongs to a resident of Uttar Pradesh, India, named Masuriya Din. In 1962 Din's mustache measured fully eight feet six inches long. When held up at each end, it looked like a length of rope attached to his head, except that it was considerably thicker close to his face.

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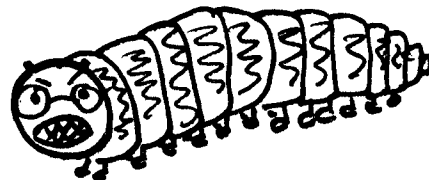
The heaviest man on record, Robert Earl Hughes, weighed 1,069 pounds (over 76 stone). He was buried in a coffin the size of a piano case.

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A fast running domestic tap would take 308 days to fill the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, London

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A caterpillar has more muscles than a man.



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VILLAGE APPRAISAL/HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

There is going to be a public meeting on Friday, 27th Sept at 8pm in the Church Room to take this idea a step further. Please come along if you are interested in helping in any way, large or small. We hope to get a group together to draw up a questionnaire, so come and tell us what sort of things concern you in Aston Abbots. If you can't come but would still like to be involved, please tell me: Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row (681373).



# Stoke Mandeville Appeal for Burns and Plastic Surgery

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Dear Reader

The Plastic Surgery Department at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, together with six prominent local and national Trustees have set up the Stoke Mandeville Burns and Reconstructive Surgery Research Trust.

As you may know the Burns and Plastic Surgery Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital covers the whole of Bucks and Northants and parts of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Herts and offers a service for the treatment of burns, hand injuries and diseases and the various congenital abnormalities and skin cancers that occur in patients within the region.

The Trust was set up some six months ago to fund research within the fields of burns and reconstructive surgery. It is intended that we should raise £500,000 to fund the salary of a Research Registrar and associated facilities. By private subscriptions we have already reached £150,000 and we are intending to "go public" in September or October of this year. We are now looking for some people with organising abilities and/or office skills to help us collect this money. We would obviously prefer volunteers (but expenses would be payable) who could work for an afternoon a week in an office in Aston Abbotts. It is hoped that even in the present economic climate the importance of our work and the reputation of the Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital will enable us to reach our target in the very near future and your commitment would therefore be short lived.

If anyone would like to be involved in this Charity and would like further information please contact Anthony Roberts on Aylesbury 681010.

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT WING

The Adult Learning Centre at Wing will this year be offering the usual wide range of learning opportunities for adults, beginning during the week of 23rd September. As in the past, the emphasis of all courses is on life development and personal growth. Whatever the subject, adult education offers you the chance to grow as a person, to develop learning skills as well as specific subject skills, and to build up your confidence in your own abilities and in your relationships with other people. Lifelong learning is not only a healthy and enjoyable way of spending your time, it is essential for your mental and physical well-being. The benefits of learning now will be felt for the rest of your life. If you stop learning, or you don't know how to learn, then you stop living life to the full and go into decline. This may sound like an exaggeration - but just think about the older people you know. Which of them are happier? Is it those who have decided that they are not interested in learning anything new or that they can no longer learn or develop; or is it those who are active and alert and interested in what is going on around them? Of course not all learning takes place in adult education classes, but they are one of the most effective and stimulating ways of learning.

Our tutors understand how important adult education is to individuals and to society and they are committed to the educational philosophy of the Centre. You will find that their approach to teaching is designed to help you gain the maximum benefit from attending classes. This will make your experience of attending classes here useful, enjoyable and stimulating. Not only will you learn new skills and gain new understanding in the subject, you will also develop the learning skills and confidence that will enable you to go on and face new challenges either in further learning or in the world of work. Not only will you have a good time and make new friends, you will learn about other people and about how groups operate; and you will naturally develop your ability to relate to others and be a member of a group. Not only will you understand more about the world around you, you will increase your knowledge of yourself and your own capabilities.

Some of the courses in the Wing Adult Centre programme are specifically focussed on craft skills such as Upholstery, Lacemaking, Furniture Restoration; some put the emphasis on creativity (Drawing and Painting, Creative Writing, Acting Skills). Other courses concentrate on understanding human psychology (Psychology for Everyday Living, Counselling Skills, Graphology, Managing Stress, Pre-School Child. There are courses which develop communication skills, such as Speechcraft, French, German, Spanish, Greek; and there are others about understanding the relationship between your mind and your body and staying healthy and alert. All the courses are about self-expression, self-development, self-confidence; all of them are about understanding yourself and relating to others. Come along and try it. Come along for what could be a life-changing experience.

The best way to find out more, and/or enrol, for courses anywhere in Aylesbury Vale this year is to telephone the Adult Education Hotline on Aylesbury (0296) 383595 between 22 July and 6 September. They will have further details of all courses supplied directly by the tutors and they will tell you how much you have to pay and how to pay it. You could also come along to the Centre (at Wing School) on either Monday 9th September or Wednesday 11th September 7.30-9.00 p.m. where you can enrol in person for courses that still have vacancies. You will also be able to enrol by calling at the office, or telephoning 0296 688632 between 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. It will still be possible to enrol at the first meeting of the class in some cases, but we would prefer you to enrol in advance since your course may already be full, or may have been cancelled.

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MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Table with columns for Service Number, Days of operation, and various bus routes including Stoke Mandeville Hospital, AYLESBURY, Bierton, Wingrave, Wing, Aston Abbots, Cublington, Wing, Village Hall, Leighton Buzzard, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, and MILTON KEYNES.

SATURDAYS

Table for Saturday services with columns for Service Number, Days of operation, and bus routes.

Table for Sunday services with columns for Service Number, Days of operation, and bus routes.

SUNDAYS See Service 325 on page 10

- NOTES: A = Via Chelsea Green & Cedar Way, B = Commences Royal Bucks Hosp 0632, C = Change from Aylesbury Bus to Road Car, H = Via Soulbury and Stoke Hammond, G = From Grange School Bus Park on schooldays, O = Via Overstone School, Wing, R = Via Leighton Buzzard Rail Station, † = From Reading & High Wycombe: time at Main Gate, ● = Time at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, New Wing (also serves Main Gate); arr Leighton Buzzard 1738, Saturday Service 5 is operated by Routemaster Travel

For further information  
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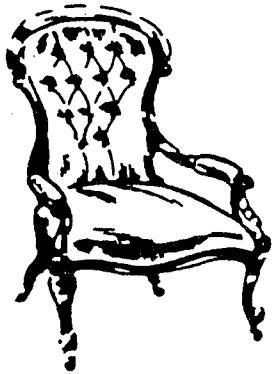
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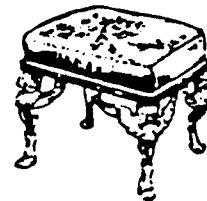
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