



Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

The Chronicle

October 1991

No. 94



Editorial

I (Caroline) have been looking forward to spending even more time in the village, as I gave up my two-day-per-week work in London at the beginning of September. However, any thoughts of sitting around on the village green or even getting to grips with the allotment at leisure have certainly evaporated - as any parent knows, I have discovered that the demands of playgroup, swings, shopping, etc. eat up one's time just as quickly as sitting in an office. It's good to be here though.

We trust everyone is now getting their Chronicle. We had a few reports that they were not arriving. All the houses in the village are on someone's list, so perhaps it was just that the absence of an August issue caused confusion. Anyway, if you know of anyone still missing a copy please let us know.

Caroline Lane

Another early deadline for the Chronicle: Friday 18th October, please, for contributions to the November issue (the school is closed for half term the following week). Please bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots (681373).

Published by Caroline Lane and Gordon Smith
Printed by the SQUIRREL PRESS at Waddesdon School
Distributed free to all households in the parish of
Aston Abbots

Thanks to Rosemary Franklin for the poppies on the front cover



What's On

oops

- Thursday 3rd: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm
- Tuesday 8th: Rambling Club programme planning meeting Bob's, 8pm
- Wednesday 2nd: Leighton/Linslade Transport meeting Any comments on bus service to Colin 681343
- Thursday 10th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm
- Monday 14th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm
- Thursday 17th: Ladies Club RSPCA Talk, Church Room, 2.45pm
- Thursday 17th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm
- Sunday 20th: Rambling Club meet Medmenham llam
- Thursday 24th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm
- Friday 25th: Parish Council Church Room, 8pm
All welcome
- Sunday 27th: British Summer Time ends: clocks back 1hr
- Monday 28th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm
- Thursday 31st: Ladies Club AGM Bring & Buy Church Room, 2.45pm
- Thursday 31st: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm
- Thursday 31st: Hallowe'en Footpath Walk. Meet the Green 9.30pm; bring torch/lantern and a nip

BOOK THIS DATE

Saturday 30th November: shopping trip to Peterborough
Depart the Green 8.45am
£6 Book with Colin 681343

NOTICE

The following buses need more usage:

7.46 and 3.00 to Aylesbury
1.15 to Leighton/Milton Keynes

REGULARS

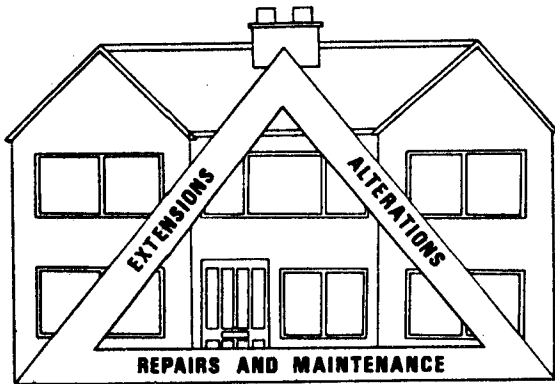
- Tuesdays: Bin Day
- Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers Community Centre, 2-4pm
- Tuesdays: the Trawler mobile fish shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm
- Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library
The Green 2.00-2.30pm
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm
October dates: 9th, 23rd
- Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco 10.31 Bull & Butcher Returns 12.45
- Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher about 8pm

For sale

Habitat sofabed, loose covers (+ pattern for covers). Old but comfortable. Too small for 6' Chronicle editor. £10 - Caroline or Gordon, 2 Church Row, 681373

CHALLENGER BUILDERS

20 YEARS EXPERIENCE



FREE ESTIMATES

AD GIBBS

CJF SAVAGE

**WE CARE FOR
YOUR HOME**

WING
AYLESBURY 688910

MARSWORTH
CHEDDINGTON 661219

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

REPAIRS and SALES

MOST LEADING MAKES SUPPLIED
FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY
RECONDITIONED MOWERS USUALLY AVAILABLE

RGC MACHINERY

AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL ENGINEERS

0296 681286 ASTON ABBOTTS (OFFICE)

0296 681007 WING (WORKSHOP)

0836 244880 MOBILE

FAX Number
(0296)
682151



JUST A SECOND

Clocks around the world were put back by one second in 1983. It happened at midnight (Greenwich Mean Time) on July 1st, the 11th such leap second to be introduced to the calendar since 1972. The purpose of the adjustments is to keep clock time in line with astronomical time.

(Handy hint: put yours back one hour on 27th October)

The longest stretch of straight rail track in the world crosses part of Australia's Nullarbor Plain just north of the Great Australian Bight. The arrow straight section is 478km (297 miles) long.

"WISE OLD GOAT"

BIRTHDAYS

- Harriet (1) 1st October
- Denise Robinson 2nd October
- Juliette Gutierrez . . . 3rd October
- Edward Picking 11th October
- Juan Gutierrez 14th October
- Rita Robinson 26th October
- Haley Wilkinson 31st October

Watermarks
ART

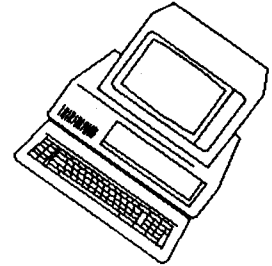
Ben Taylor
Freelance Artist & Designer
41 Albert St, Tring, Herts
Telephone: Tring 6924

OH NO IT'S THE... CHRISTMAS SHOW AGAIN

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the Church Room, people start asking you leading questions about your singing voice and what you're doing on 13th and 14th December. Yes folks those are the nights all good law-abidin' gun-slingin' Perrier drinkin' townsfolk of Aston Abbotts (Oklahoma) will be a-tyin' up their horses (on the grass) and packin' into the Room to have themselves a real good night out. Yes ma'am. If you want to take part or help in any way on stage or off, you are very welcome - just ring any of the following: Chris Brandon (681425), John Whyte (681685), John Brancker (681349), Gordon Smith (681373).

THE SMALL FIRMS COMPUTER ADVISOR

CHURCH FARM COTTAGE
ASTON ABBOTTS
AYLESBURY
BUCKS HP22 4NB
tel: 0296-681092

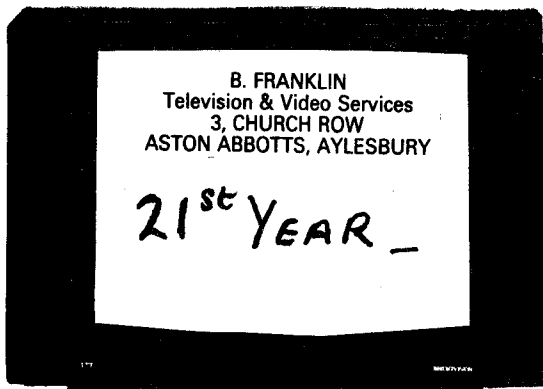


Provides assistance to both new and existing computer users in the following areas:

- i) Choosing hardware and software.*
- ii) Installation, Training and Guidebooks.*
- ii) Friendly after sales service and support.*

B. FRANKLIN
Television & Video Services
3, CHURCH ROW
ASTON ABBOTTS, AYLESBURY
BUCKS HP22 4NA

TEL. AYLESBURY 681319



REPAIRS
NEW SALES
RENTALS
S/H SALES
SAME DAY SERVICE
FREE ADVICE



Parish Council

Unofficial notes from the meeting on 20th September.

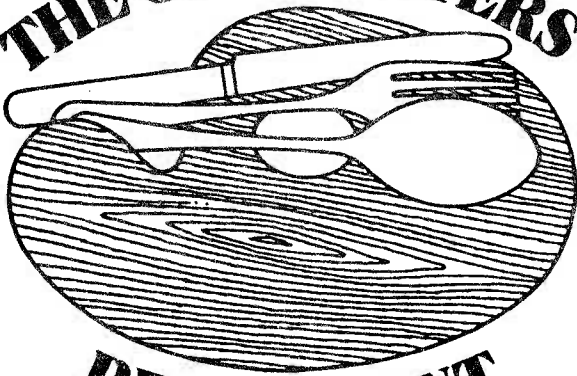
1. Road sweeping and clearing of gullies is in hand but some of the work may take up to six weeks.
2. Planning applications
Conversion of buildings at Windmill Hill Farm approved by AVDC subject to conditions such as tree planting.
Conversion of old telephone exchange granted by AVEC
New application: rendering of kitchen wing and new windows at the Abbey. Parish Council regrets loss of decorative brickwork and asks whether alternative to rendering possible.
New application: extension at 2 The Cottages, Cublington Rd; no comments from Parish Council.
Both these new applications will now be considered by AVDC
3. Accounts The following paid: £77.47 for repairs to the Recreation Ground mower; £96.58 for 2 months' street lighting; £92.83 to the auditors; £24 for two councillors to attend training day.
The Rec has received £210.82, its share of the Fête proceeds.
4. Councillors C. Lane and R. Biddle had attended training day of Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils and found it most useful (finance, the law, planning being main foci)
5. It was decided to renew subscription to the Bucks Playing Fields Association and to pay £10 for doing so.
6. P.C. Trendell, our community police officer, was present and answered queries about parking and speeding. He is leaving the post shortly but hopes to attend the next parish council meeting.
7. Three members of the public expressed concern about the Parish Council's attempts to prevent parking on the grass outside the Church Room. The Chairman gave an account of the reasons for the decision. The Parish Council still feels parking should not be allowed on any of the grassed areas in the village (but, as reported in last month's Chronicle, cars may stop briefly to deliver or drop people off).

CHILDREN AND BICYCLES

To all parents: please make sure your children have lights on their bicycles as the evenings are getting darker. And please discourage them from playing around on their bikes in the main roads through the village. Lots of drivers speed through Aston Abbots, especially in the late afternoon and early evening - don't let your child be the next statistic.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Friday 25th October
8pm Church Room

THE OLD MASTERS



RESTAURANT

English and Continental Cuisine

Cublington Road, Aston Abbots,
Buckinghamshire.

Telephone: Aylesbury (0296) 681432

Lunch: 12.00 noon-2.00 p.m.

Dinner: 7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

Closed all day Sunday and for Monday lunch

AMB Painters

WHY NOT HAVE YOUR HOUSE
PAINTED NOW?

HAVE YOUR WOODWORK
PROTECTED FROM THE

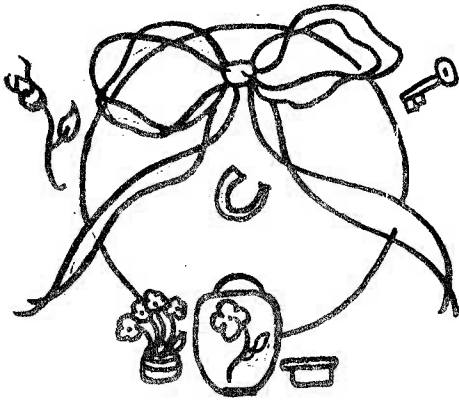
WEATHER THIS WINTER.

TIDY WORK
REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

JUST RING ME (ADRIAN)

CHEDDINGTON (0296) 668610



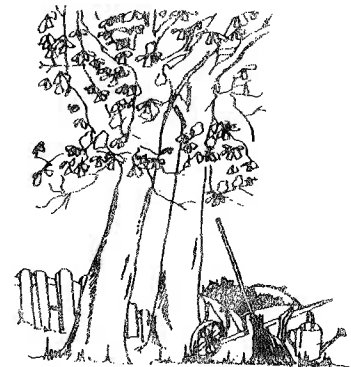
HAND PAINTED CHINA

A PERFECT GIFT FOR THAT SPECIAL OCCASSION!

- * Plates etc. hand painted for Births, Weddings, Anniversaries.
- * Personalised commissions also undertaken.
- * For further details and appointments to view, please call:-

KAREN SCOTT

Tel: (0296) 681875



LAMBOURNE TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

- * Tree surgery
- * Fencing
- * Turfing
- * Pruning
- * Maintenance

Competitive Rates

Fully Insured

Tel: Leighton Buzzard 851036
(24 hr Ansaphone)

WINGRAVE SUMMER PLAYScheme

Although not the first time Wingrave had held a Summer Playscheme this was the first one I'd ever organised. Having spent a couple of half terms helping out at the Jonathan Page Play Centre in Aylesbury and having seen what was on offer to the children in Aylesbury Vale I decided to organise something for our children. I was a little concerned that I might be left to organise everything myself but I needn't have worried, I mentioned it to a handful of Mums and hey presto we had an extremely hard working team. So together with Jane Plested and Bridget Brandon we set to and organised a playscheme. At times not easy but never as bad as some pessimists had given us to believe. We had an enormous amount of financial support from Aston Abbotts Parish Council and Aston Abbotts Christmas Show Committee, without which our scheme wouldn't have been so successful.

The first day finally arrived and at 10.00a.m. so did the children all 115 of them. All pre playscheme nerves went out of the window as they piled into the school hall eager to know what we had in store for them. Were we going to bore the pants off them? Some of the 'mature' 12 year olds hadn't wanted to come "kids stuff" they'd said, but forced by Mums eager to support us they'd been made to turn up, and weren't they glad they did - one 12 year old who was very anti was heard to comment on leaving after the first day "cor that was good can I come tomorrow?", and they all did.

We had some wonderful events over the 3 days, Basket; Badge and Candle Making; Dough Shaping; Hairdressing (where boys and girls alike went home on the 1st. day with coloured highlights and on the 2nd. the girls looked very pretty with their crimped hair!) Pottery; Origami; Enamelling; Cooking; Kite making; Plaster Mould making; Collage; Face Painting; Theatre and Drama Workshops; Country Dancing and outside Bouncing Castles; Earthball; Parachute Games; Cricket; Rounders and Pony Rides to name but a few. Thames Valley Police came along with a patrol car to try out and P.C. Trendell hoping to solve some unsolved crimes took all the childrens fingerprints (they loved it). The Fire Brigade came along and let the children clamber over the engine, but had to leave in a hurry when called out to a real fire - great excitement.

Friday afternoon saw us all outside with the Aylesbury Vale play package which included a circus workshop and to make sure they didn't go home hungry we provided Barbeque; Candy floss; Ice cream; Doughnuts and some bright orange squash donated by McDonald's. So not only did we ensure they had a good time, as a bonus we sent them home hyperactive as well!

It was wonderful, many many thanks to all those Mothers and Fathers who helped and showed the children their own special skills. Thankyou also to those who just turned up and helped, and a special thankyou to Karen, Emily and Ben who gave up their time to do some wonderful things with the Children and to Dee Whyte who came and helped with the creche although Fiona and Laura were too young to attend the scheme. And a big big thankyou to all the children who were all so well behaved.

Lynne deLooze.

ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDING RECEPTIONS: BIRTHDAY
PARTIES: FOLK EVENINGS: DANCES: BINGO ETC...

MAXIMUM 60 PEOPLE.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM DORIS SCUTCHINGS ON
AYLESBURY 681243

COST: £2.50 per hour + metered electricity:
£1.50 per hour + metered electricity
for residents of the parish.

The Chronicle

ADVERTISEMENT RATES FOR 1991

FULL PAGE	: Back	£50 per annum
	: Inside	£25 per annum
HALF PAGE	: Back	£25 per annum
	: Inside	£12 per annum
QUARTER PAGE	: Back	£12 per annum
	: Inside	£ 7 per annum
EIGHTH PAGE	: Back	£ 7 per annum
	: Inside	£ 5 per annum
ALL OTHER ADS	: Inside	£ 5 per annum

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

HELP LINE

Chris Brandon, 12 Bricstock, 681425
Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green, 681201
John Ford, 2 Ross Road 681865
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock 681685

+++ HELP IN EMERGENCIES +++
(Driving you to doctor, picking up prescription, and so on)

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Roger Biddle, 1 Firs Cottage, Wingrave Road 681102
John Ford, 2 Ross Road 681865
Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row 681373
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358 (Chairman)
Victor Scott, 11 The Green 681488
Clerk: Margaret Chesher 20 The Green 681201

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



CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

			<u>Sidesman</u>
6th October	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15am	Gillian Ford
	Pentecost 20	Rom. 8.18-25; Luke 9.51-end (p. 734)	
13th October	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15am	Alison Ford
	Pentecost 21	Acts 26.1-8; Luke 18.1-8 (p. 739)	
20th October	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15am	Colin Higgs
	Last after Pentecost	Phil 3.7-end; John 17.1-10 (p. 746)	
27th October	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15am	Michael Hasler
	9 before Christmas	Gen. 2.4-9, 15-end; John 3.1-8 (p. 400)	
3rd November	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15am	Methodist Church
	8 before Christmas	Gen. 3.1-15; John 3.13-21 (p. 405)	

STARTING OR RUNNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

Free advice on points such as developing a business plan, marketing, finance, and the law is available from the Aylesbury Vale Business Advice Scheme. For more information ring Aylesbury 394555 or write to:
The Coordinator, Aylesbury Vale Business Advice Scheme, 84 Walton St, Aylesbury HP21 7QT. If your business has been running more than 6 months and has more than 2 employees contact Thames Valley Enterprise - ring 0734 568090 or write to:
Business Development Service, Thames Valley Enterprise, 120 Kings Road, Reading, Berks. RG1 3BZ
Financed by AVDC/Thames Valley Enterprise

CAR BOOT SALE

Whitchurch School Association

19th October, 10am-1pm

Whitchurch School,
North Marston Lane

£5 a pitch

Cakes - Tea/Coffee - Garden
Produce

POSTER COMPETITION

For children aged 5-12 years

Design a poster for this year's pantomime 'Puss in Boots' at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury, 1-11 Jan

Prizes: gift vouchers sponsored by Boots the Chemist; family ticket to see the panto

Entries no larger than 8" x 10" with name, age & address on the back to: Colin Vaughan-Roberts, Business Manager ADOS, 8 Westmorland Ave, Aylesbury HP21 7HW by 12th Oct

RECTOR'S REPORT

You may, or may not, have seen the story in the newspaper recently of the Clergyman in Sussex who was taken before a Church Consistory Court charged with Conduct unbecoming a Clerk in Holy Orders, and subsequently deprived of his living.

It is the sort of story that the 'tackier' end of the Media really enjoy - a chance to 'put the boot in' - to destroy the credibility of the Church and to lampoon the clergy.

The case revolved around an affair between the Vicar and a parishioner who had recently suffered the 'cot-death' of her child. Without wanting to preview the first volume of my Memoirs (Which I doubt I shall ever commit to paper), I think I can understand how the relationship came into existence.

One of the privileges of being a clergyman is to be allowed to share in some of the intimate and often highly emotional events in the lives of other people. There are times of joy and times of sorrow that need to be worked through. At times the 'Ministry of Hugs' is the right response, offering a shoulder to cry on, whilst at others a congratulatory pat on the back is what is needed (or anything in between). But, when you think about it, everybody does these kind of things as we try to sort out the ups and (more frequently, it seems) downs of life.

The hard part comes when, having worked to build a relationship of trust, and having shared in intimate experiences, the time comes to professionally disengage. For that is when the 'human' part wants to continue. After all, the clergy are only human, and we too need friendship, support and love.

I would not wish to condone what that priest has done, but I think I can understand, and I also think the woman involved was not entirely innocent in the matter.

It takes two as they say!

Bob Willmott

P.S. No! I am not feeling
Friendless, unsupported or
unloved!

VILLAGE OF	COTTAGE No. 7
TENANT George Kent Junr	RENT PER WEEK 2/-
DATE OF VISIT 27 March	18 88
OCCUPANTS ...	George Kent + wife + children Sydney aged 23 Benjamin 18 (2 children away in service) Ernest 16 Ruth 13 William 11 Ada 8 goes to school
TENANT WORKS FOR	no one, broke his leg & cannot do much. Sydney " " for W. Edmichfield as laborer. William " " jobs about Benjamin " " W. Paine a laborer. Ernest " " " " " " " " " "
ACCOMMODATION	Kitchen & Pantry fair + two bed rooms. Pigshe Barn + closet + Bake House - + good garden
REMARKS ...	tidy people. But house, far too crowded, told W. K. that 2 boys must lodge out. perhaps at her mother's? <u>at once</u> move them when there is a chance

VILLAGE OF	COTTAGE No. 19
TENANT Joseph Simmons	RENT PER WEEK 2/-
DATE OF VISIT 27 March	18 88
OCCUPANTS ...	Joseph Simmons wife + children John aged 14 Alice 12 Walter 11 Bertie 8
TENANT WORKS FOR	W. Paine as housekeeper John " " W. Edmichfield as laborer " " " " " " " " " " " "
ACCOMMODATION	Kitchen + Scullery 2 bed rooms Bake house. Barn. Pigshe -
REMARKS ...	very hard working respectable people. Alice very clean girl. wishes to become a nursemaid. <u>Good</u>.

Thank you to Shirley Ford for these reports from Aston Abbotts in 1888. Does anyone know any more about them? such as who wrote them, or whether the cottages are still standing... and did Alice Simmons, that "very clean girl", ever become a nursemaid?

Wingrave Garage

Terry Bracey Wright & Michael Mitchell

Wingrave
Aylesbury
Bucks. HP22 4PD
Aylesbury 681543

Free Courtesy Cars

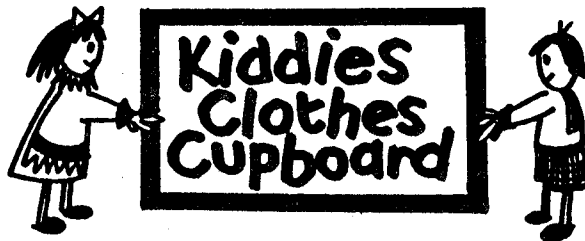


Credit Cards Now Accepted



Unleaded

Any make of car serviced • Sun' tester tuning • Chassis welding • Sill repairs



**Nearly New Clothes for Babies
and Children bought & sold
Every Thursday 10am - 3pm
or by appointment**

why not book a fund raising party (10% commission given)

Christine Chapman • Weedon Lodge Farm
East End • Weedon • Aylesbury 641452

Mary has



a motor car.

Caroline has



a cake.

A page to colour

F.A.J. Megram
Traditional & Modern Upholstery

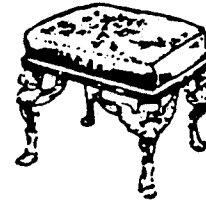
*Thatched Cottage
Nup End Lane
Wingrave
Nr Aylesbury
Bucks*

Aylesbury 681464



Repairs, Reupholstery & Recovering

*Sample Books of Upholstery
and Curtain Materials.*



Free Estimates.



English and Continental Cuisine
Cublington Road, Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire HP22 4NB
Monday to Saturday 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Reservations now being taken on
AYLESBURY 681432

Aylesbury 681242

Aylesbury 681425

BIGNELL & BRANDON

CARPENTRY, GLAZING & GENERAL BUILDING

109 WINSLOW ROAD
WINGRAVE
AYLESBURY

12 BRICSTOCK
ASTON ABBOTTS
AYLESBURY

FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

TELEVISION, VIDEO AND

SATELLITE SERVICING

In the home, most makes

DAVID LEWIS
Church Farm
Aston Abbots

Tel. Aylesbury 682126