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Editorial

After a somewhat thin October issue, the November Chronicle probably thudded rather than fluttered through your letterbox. We have a court report from the 13th century, a football report from the 20th, a number of ads about forthcoming events here and in Wingrave, and some good news about the Church Row pump. We are not complaining. As always, contributions are welcome.

Apologies for its late delivery - half term at Waddesdon School meant we had to wait for the first week in November for printing.

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Garden Junt

Contributions for the December issue to us by Friday, 20th November please. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, Aston Abbotts, 0296 681373.

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Thursday 12th: Whist Drive 7.30pm, Church Room

Sunday 15th: Rambling Club meet The Green 2pm Everyone welcome; tea in Church Room after walk

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

Thursday 19th: Bingo 7.30pm, Church Room

Thursday 26th: Whist Drive 7.30pm, Church Room

Saturday 28th: British Legion Bingo, 7.30pm, Church Room

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

BOOK THIS DATE

Wednesday 2nd December:
Lakeside Christmas shopping
trip (Purfleet), an exciting
new shopping complex.
Coach departs Bull & Butcher
9am; fare £6 return, £5 OAPs
Book with Colin 681343

AND THIS ONE

Christmas Show, Church Room, Friday/Saturday 12th/13th Dec; see ad on p. 9

LIGHT UP

Ride a bicycle? Thames Valley police are checking lights and brakes; made sure yours work?

LADIES CLUB

Thursday 19th Nov: Slides of New Zealand shown by Mr Dorrance Church Room, 2.45pm

What's On

Regulars

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish

shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm (rings bell around the Green first)

Alternate Wednesdays: library van The Green 2.00-2.30pm Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm November dates: 4th, 18th

Wednesdays: new toddler group in Wingrave, 10.00-11.30am, Methodist Hall, Nup End (for accompanied children)

Fridays: Tesco bus, depart 10.06, return arriving Aston 13.40

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September has been quite a good month; both St James Church and the Methodist Chapel celebrated their Harvest Festivals. St James's held a family service in the morning followed by lunch in the Church Room, prepared by PCC members. This consisted of tomato soup with French bread, a ploughman's served with salad, followed by apple pie and cream, coffee, after dinner mints and a glass of cider.

The auction sale followed with Len as the auctioneer

and some keen bidding for the selection of produce.

The day of festivities was continued with Harvest tea served at the chapel followed by evening service.

The mowing rota has now ended for the season with the churchyard tidied up for the winter and the borders set with bulbs and wallflowers, so hopefully they will give a good display in the spring.

Colin Higgs

ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

8th Nov No service, but 10.45am Remembrance Service, Wingrave, or 8.45am Holy Communion at Cublington 7 before Christmas (p.408) Gen 12.1-9; John 8.51-end

15th Nov 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Colin Higgs 6 before Christmas (p.413) Exod. 3.7-15; John 6.25-35

22nd Nov 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Gillian Ford 5 before Christmas (p.418) 1 Kings 19.9-18; Matt 24.37-44

29th Nov 10.00am BENEFICE EUCHARIST Churchwardens Advent (p.422) Isa 52.7-10; Luke 21.25-33

6th Dec 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Alison Ford Advent 2 (p.427) Isa 55.1-11; John 5.36-end

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

29th Rev Peter Lemmon 6pm

SLANGERUP-KORET, a Danish choir, gave a most enjoyable concert in Wingrave Church on 12th October. They sang a mixture of church music in original languages including Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring and Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, and English and Danish folk songs. There was also a solo cello piece. More please!

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RECTOR'S REPORT

They tell us that we are living in the age of 'Postliteracy'. This is only a another way of saying that people read fewer books in their leisure time.

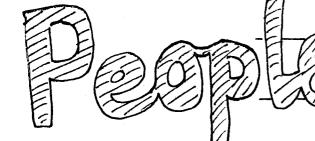
How true that is I have no idea, but I suppose that there was a time before the wireless came - and the television, video and computer games when people occupied some of their spare time by reading books. I say that somewhat tongue in cheek, because before we had all the household gadgets, my guess is that many people didn't actually have time to read books - they were too busy with the daily business of living. None of this convenience food, straight from freezer to microwave and gobbled down in front of the television. None of this 'crease-resistant, machine-washable, tumble-dryable fabric that almost everything seems to be made from either.

Actually I think the 'post-literacy' idea is a plot by publishers to sell more books - and to an extent they have a point. After all there is frequently not much to watch on TV. And you can skip the boring bits and linger over the good bits much more easily than with a video. The standard of material and storyline tends to be stronger too.

Over the middle weekend in November (Sat 14th -Sun 15th) we shall have a selection of Christian Books for sale in Wingrave Church. We shall have Bibles, of course, and many other titles that will make ideal Christmas presents. We hope also to have a wide range of 'peripherals' - Bookmarks, badggs, etc.

But whether or not you think of yourself as a 'booky' sort of person, please don't feel that you are under an obligation to buy something. You will be just as welcome even if you only want to come and look. Of course I hope that you will see something that will want to buy, because buying a book is rarely a waste of money. So please come!

Bob Willmott



Our monthly page about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

Birthdays

Tom Brown 3rd Nov

John Brancker . . . 7th Nov*

Anna Mogford . . . 8th Nov

Bridget Brandon . . . 8th Nov

Ray Wilkinson . . . 10th Nov

John Whyte 23rd Nov

Esther Chesher . . . 26th Nov

* Please note. John boy comes of age. Yes, while his walking frame is being prepared, John will be celebrating his 50th in a style that only he could have thought up. When you see him in the pub, remember, the drinks are on him. Good luck John.



BETTER SOON

Doris Scutchings, who had an accident while on holiday.

George Fox, who stepped on a needle and had to have it removed in hospital.

Philip Wheaton, who is having his tonsils out.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

Brenda Roff, who is moving to Bierton.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy Tuplin of Bricstock recently. Our thoughts go out to her family.

Found opposite the bus shelter, the following object:

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Parish Council



Unofficial notes from the Parish Council meeting of 30th October

Matters arising: the street light in Moat Lane is to be put onto a longer arm, thus moving it out 3m closer to the road.

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) have once more refused to instal a footway light at the bungalows in Bricstock but suggest the parish council pay for it. We decided to ask advice once more of Bryan Round, our district councillor, and also to find out how much it would cost to do it ourselves.

Planning applications: slurry pit at Red Barn Farm, no comment. Field shelter in field by Weedon Road: after some discussion we recommended this be refused, partly because of its being in an area of natural beauty' and would spoil view from bridleway, and partly because of its large size. Both now go to AVDC for decision.

Accounts: electricity (street lights) £26.74; Sharp electrics, £35 for repair of light by 8 The Green.

Recreation Ground: Agreed to pay £285 from recreation ground account for materials used in building the new storage shed. Agreed to buy three new (solid) swing seats to replace the worn tyres. The question of safety surfacing became very confused and referred to the Rec. committee to look into pros, cons, costs etc. Decided to apply to the Village Fund for money to buy a second seat.

Reports: from the Road Safety and Highways Consultative Committee (Bucks County Council) attended by Caroline Lane and Colin Higgs; and AVDC's Parish Forum (attended by Caroline and Margaret Chesher). The former mostly about speeding and road surfaces, the latter AVDC's plans for the next 5 years (a consultative document has been published) and implications of local government reorganization. Please ask if you would like to know details of either meeting.

Wing School Speech Day: Roy Malin is to represent the parish council.

AOB: Agreed to buy a new tree to replace the young one lost by the bus shelter. Agreed to go ahead with restoration of the Church Row pump following receipt of a grant of £225 from the Shell Better Britain Campaign.

Whoops: The last report said the precept (parish council's annual income) was £2,000. It is in fact £3,000.

Caroline Lane

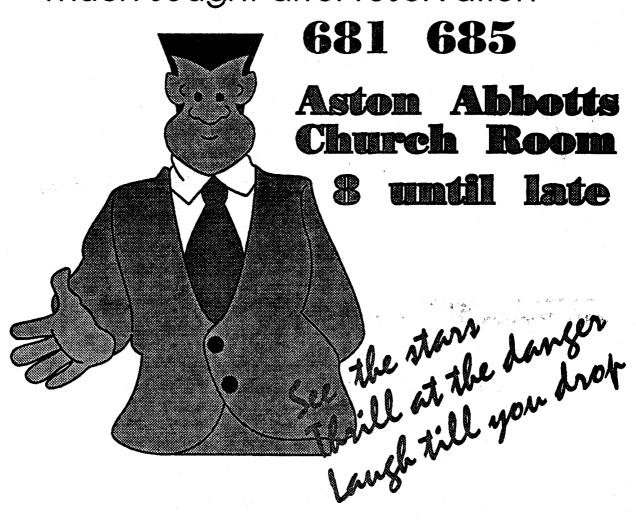
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A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

The queen of the black garden ant, Lasius niger, feeds partly on its own wing muscles. After mating in mid-air in the summer, the queen returns to earth and bites off its wings for food. Meanwhile, the males - having fulfilled their sexual role - fall to the ground and crawl away to die. The queen finds a crevice for a new nest, where she lives on her fat reserves and on the nutrients contained in the now useless wing muscles. The queen begins to lay eggs in the following spring, and at first the eggs hatch only into larvae which develop into wingless female workers. The workers feed the queen while she lays more eggs - until in the summer winged queens and winged males are born, beginning the cycle all over again.

"Wise Old Ant"

JOKE from Sarah Smith... (as seen on Playbus)

Q: How can 50 people stay dry using one umbrella?

A:they all wear hats? No. They stand on each other's shoulders? No. It's the biggest umbrella in the world? No....

IL'S NOT RAINING!!



Helicopter Birthday

Waddy's 40th Birthday was celebrated in style at the Old Resrtaurant Aston Abbotts on Sunday 18th of October. It started off with a helicopter ride with John Tomlinson, a self employed scaffold supplier tel: 0296 434238. It was a gift from a very good friend Phil Wilkes who said that Waddy was the kind of friend that deserved such treats.

A big party was held at the Old Masters Restaurant, Aston Abbotts, the same evening and another surprise in store for Waddy was a balloon trip, destination unknown. Keith Waddy drinks at the Royal Oak and used to own 'K.W's of Aylesbury selling cars. The Aylesbury Council have built a road where Waddy sold cars for the last 20 years.

Waddy is also a kean squash player and his Birthday cake is shaped in the figure of forty made to look like a car with two squash rackets in the back. The food included Duck, beef, chicken, crab, muscles, and salads of all kinds. The party went on to late in the evening.

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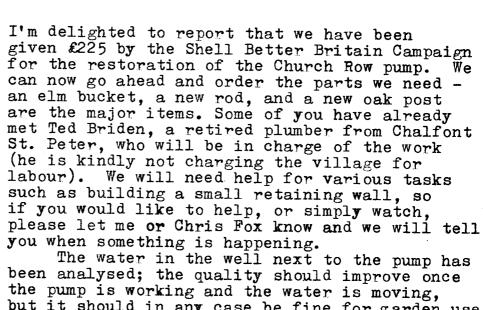
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but it should in any case be fine for garden use. car washing and so on. The pump is on common land and open to anyone in the village to come and look at - we hope it will be interesting both to those brought up on mains water and those who remember using pumps every day.

Caroline Lane

Walks and Events

Four local events taken from Bucks County Council's autumn leaflet:

N. Bucks Hedge-Laying competition, Rushbeds Wood nature reserve (between Brill and Dorton), 10.30am & all day Saturday 14th Nov. Visitors will be able to try hedge-laying themselves.

Circular walk from North Marston churchyard, 2pm Saturday 28th Nov. With Winslow & Buckingham Footpaths Society, this takes in Sir John Schorne's "Holy Well" and viewpoints at Pitchcott and Oving. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours $(4\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th November, National Tree Week events at Kingsbridge (picnic site between Cublington and Stewkley). Meet 9.30am for tree planting (bring a spade) on 28th, hedge planting and willow pollarding on 29th.

Stout shoes and clothing, of course, at all events. More information from Catherine Crowley, Assistant Countryside Officer, tel. 383426.

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Village justice, 13th century



Step back 700 years, and the village of Aston Abbotts would be almost unrecognizable. These extracts from the court rolls of the manor of Aston Abbotts in the 13th century remind us that there were real people here, who had real disputes and were hauled before the court for their resolution. The feudal system was still in full swing, with the manor under the rule of the Abbey of St Albans, and many people serfs with no freedom to choose where they went - still 100 years before the Peasants' Revolt. The book from which these extracts come is in the British Library (BL Ms Egerton 3317), an entry book of copies of court rolls originally in Latin. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs von Simson for passing this on.

The Court of Aston held on Thursday next before the feast of St Dennis, in the 14th year of the reign of King Edward (12th October 1285)

Wiliam le Man puts himself in mercy for rescue* done against the beadle and afterwards for breaking the pound of his lord. By sureties: Thomas Belle and William Edward.

Robert of Drayton puts himself in mercy for his wife and son for rescue done on the beadle.

(10th November 1285)

Plea between Gilbert Suth's wife and Alice Brun: it was determined that Alice Brun should give to the wife of the said Gilbert 6d for her losses by surety of John Davy and the said Alice in the lord's mercy. And let her say every day for a year the Lord's Prayer five times for the Abbot and Convent.

From William Wateman, in that he can be outside the lord's service and can be wherever he likes up to the feast of St Michael next following, 2s.

From William Shepherd for having a licence for marrying his daughter, 4s.

(17th December 1286)

William Shepherd gives the lord 2s so that he should not be reeve, ** (So did Roger Edward. An unpopular job?) - On which day Reinald is made reeve.

There was a to-do on 12th February 1287:

Thomas Belle puts himself in mercy because he was convicted through inquisition of Robert Miller about debt... The same Thomas convicted against the same Miller for defamation. Therefore in mercy... Also Robert Miller on inquisition against Thomas Belle about unjust toll...

Alexander Carpenter puts himself in mercy because his miller wrongly carried off the manor hedge for timber.

^{&#}x27;#"rescue" means the improper removal of impounded animals.

The reeve was a foreman elected to supervise labour on the manor.

(12th February 1287)

Alexander Carpenter took the mill of Aston at farm on St Martin's day at the beginning of the term up to the end of two years next following fully completed for eight quarters of corn per year and the said fa rmer, if it should be necessary within the said time, to mend and repair with large timber. The Kitchener is to find and to mend at the expenses of the Kitchener and to do then, if it should be necessary, that rods be put into position or newly made ready and that the Kitchener will find new rod and the said farmer at his own costs will have repair done and the old rodding to to remain to him; and the said farmer at his own costs, is to have the body of the mill roofed and to repair the walls with the timber of the Kitchener and is to repair the cogs and rungs with the mill at his own expense and is to have it repaired; and he will have all the old timber for his work and he will receive nothing for the work from the lord except for the carpentry of the heavy timber as is aforesaid; but when the work is done he will have one meal a day at free board and he will be at the lord's food for four days at Christmas and the said farmer will find and will leave at the end of the term, the mill bare. And the Kitchener will find stones, pipes and rung and he will have it put right whenever need arise. And he will have milled annually without charging toll as much corn as relates to free board with ale. And everything is to be faithfully observed in this; he will find such sureties as Reynald of the Gate. William Lucas, Stephen Smith and Ralf Canun. And these all bind themselves to answer for the said Alexander on any of the above particulars which are not observed.

(Stern stuff. There was another row reported on 20th November; if only we could have witnessed it...!)

William Shepherd complains of the whole vill(age) because they unjustly took ld for 14 years last past for one annual rent which he had in the pasture. For which pasture they give half a mark to his loss. They came and say that they took that penny justly and he puts himself on the verdict of the lord's kitchener and of John the vicar who ask of the said William Shepherd if the men of the vill can impound their animals found in the pasture and for this they give ½ mark and reply that it is so and he defends himself. They can impound. It seems that this plea is unjust and for a false plea he is in mercy.

Thus the whole vill is in mercy because they make defence. William Shepherd can impound the animals of the vill if they are found in the pasture and this they acknowledged in full court and afterwards they came and made denial, so all in mercy.

This was evidently considered very carefully - if anyone can disentangle the argument, please let us know!)

h mark was 40d.

Wing School Miscellanea

The term began with a revue of our examination results, which were excellent. Our last Year 11 students are to be congratulated.

Out of 101 Year 11 students 29% gained grades A - C and 2 students achieved these grades in 11 subjects.

Recent Events.

On October 2nd a Reunion was held for the classes of '67 - '72. This was enjoyed by everyone and gave a grand opportunity for reminiscence and nostalgia, particularly for 2 or 3 members of Staff!

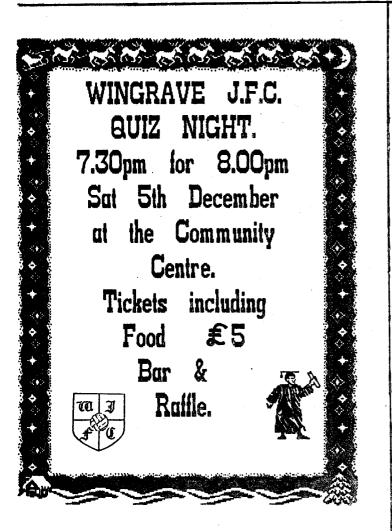
On October 10th the Friends of Wing School ran the annual Craft Fair in the School Hall. Business was satisfactory for most, but disappointing for a few. The recession affects amateur and professional alike.

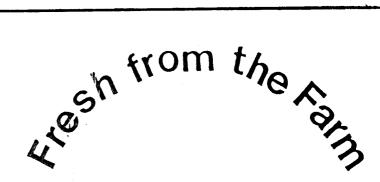
Our Open Evening was held on October 14th and was very well attended with parents coming from as far as Quainton, Bletchley and Aylesbury to see demonstrations and exhibitions of work by students.



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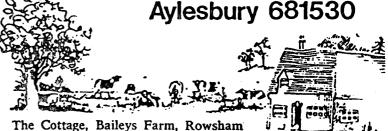




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MONTHLY REPORT

The School Association AGM was held on Thursday 1st October and a new Committee duly formed, electing John Maguire as Chairman. Thanks were given to Nick Gardner for all the hard work he has put in as Chairman over the past two years. On view at the meeting were many items purchased for our children from the funds raised by the Association last year. These included a collection of library and curriculum support books along with a Nimbus computer. Thank you to all who helped to organise and raise funds for these items.

Our new school year has already started with two very successful and brainteasing events. The Treasure Hunt on 20th September was great family fun and we hardly noticed the torrential rain as we scoured the village for obscure clues! The Quiz Evening on 17th October was very well attended and enjoyed by all participating teams. A delicious supper and well stocked bar helped to keep our minds alert as we racked our brains in fine team spirit.

The Association has already mapped out an interesting and varied programme of events for the rest of the year. We want to try to cater for all tastes. We need your support to make our fundraising a success so if you have any ideas, suggestions or queries please let us know either via school or by phoning John on 681002.

Forthcoming Events - Dates for Your Diary

Prize Bingo - Friday 21st November

doors open 7.30 p.m., eyes down 8.00 p.m. (children welcome accompanied by an adult)

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 5th December

10.00am-2.00pm

Father Christmas: Real Christmas Trees: Christmas Gifts. Raffle tickets for Christmas Draw will be issued to pupils for selling prior to the event.

Christmas Disco - Saturday 5th December

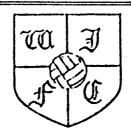
8.00pm-midnight

Licensed Bar and Supper

The discos for parents are growing in popularity - come and let your hair down and get fit for

Christmas!

The Committee



OCTOBER'S MIXED FORTUNES

Last month's win for the U12s against North Marston has been their only league success [so far] this season. The results below show they are up against it in the Westcott League. Manager Tony White shouldn't despair too much however as I am sure Richard Pretty and his helpers will get the best from the lads as the season unfolds. The U17s also had a "shakey start" to the season with two narrow home defeats. Now they are at full-strength they have moved up to fourth place in the League and with a fifteen-man squad there is keen competition for places in the team. Coach Andy Adams, is building up a good rapport with the older lads, who look like being serious contenders in the Chiltern League this season.

UNDER 17 LEAGUE TABLE CHILTERN LEAGUE (as at 18/10/92)

	P	٧	D	L	F	A	PTS	Goal Diff.
Icknield Youth	4	4	0	0	20	3	8	+17
Hillborough H.K.	5	3	1	1	13	8	7	+5
Sundon Park Youth	3	3	0	0	19	0	6	+19
VINGRAVE	4	2	0	2	10	9	4	+1
St. Marys	4	2	0	2	9	10	4	-1
Leighton Foxes	. 4	1	1	2	7	8	3	-1
Ampthill	4	1	1	2	10	15	3	-5
Celtic Youth	5	1	1	3	7	21	3	-14
Flamstead	3	0	0	3	1	11	0	-10
Lea Sports	2	0	0	2	2	13	0	-11

OCTOBER RESULTS

U12s:- v Steeple Claydon [A] lost 8-0. v Brackley [A] lost 5-0

v Thame [A] lost 4-2 Richard Spinks, Ben Clay.

v Aston Clinton [H] lost 4-1 (own goal) The under 12s play in the Westcott League.

U17s: - v Hillborough [A] lost 3-2 Nick Jones, Lee Bracey-Wright.

v Celtic Youth [A] Won 5-2 Lee Bracey-Wright 2, Mark Pope, Bryan Hughes, James Perrett

v Lea Sports [A] Won 3-2 Lee Bracey-Wright, Nick Jones,

Stuart Bundock.

v Park Town Youth [A] Lost 3-0 Cup game, (Division 1 opposition!)
The under 17s play in Division 2 of the Bovis Homes Chiltern League.

MOVEMBER FIXTURES [U12s 10.30am or 2pm, KO, U17s 2pm KO]

November 1st - U12s - away v Vale Wasps

November 8th - U17s - away v Icknield Youth

November 8th - U12s - away v Ickford

----- - U17s - Home Wingrave Rec. v Ampthill

November 15th - U12s - To be arranged

----- - U17s - Home Wingrave Rec. v Flamstead

November 22nd - U12s - away North Marston

----- U17s - Home Wingrave Rec. v Icknield

November 29th - U12s - Cup Games Youth

----- - U17s - away St. Mary's Youth

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