

The Dabchick



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A Bi-monthly News Magazine for Aldbourne

Issue 1

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

We are most grateful for the generosity of so many people in the village and beyond. Without you so freely dipping into your pockets this first issue would have been very much smaller.

There were major contributions from West Street Motors, Barnes Coaches, Raffles, the Parish Council and the Carnival Committee. The net was spread wide with collection boxes in the Post Office Stores, the Newsagent, the SPAR Grocers, the Whole Food Shop, the Butchers, the Crown and the Blue Boar. Our thanks to the owners for their support and to Peter Biggs for his excellent posters. Many individuals responded to these stimuli and to John Loch's steady probing.

We have also been given the cost of the paper for the first issue and received massive advice and support for the production and advertising from Graham Sprigg and Abacus Industrial Marketing Limited.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

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THE FRONT PAGE

Two members of the village were invited to create a cover for the magazine. These are the excellent results.

If there are any other gifted artists in the village who would like to produce an alternative, please do so. We might have enough to run a different cover for each of the six issues in the year.

We would also like to hear your views on the format. Traditionally the Parish News was half this size whereas the Parish Magazine was the same shape and size as this. Which do you prefer? Which is easier to handle? Which is easier to read? Your views on this, on the front cover and on the name will all be welcome and taken into consideration.

Send your views to the Editor, David Lee at 3 Cook Close (40553), or drop them in at Linda Pryce's office at 9 The Square.

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A NEW START

Well here it is — the successor to Tony Gilligan's Newsletter and Advertiser. His was excellent and ran for 20 years. It has been greatly missed by many. That is why I wrote to the Parish Council and offered to edit a new magazine. Thanks to them for setting up the meeting that resulted in this. But the DABCHICK is, and will be, an independent magazine produced with the support of the committee whose names appear below.

The Future
A magazine every two months, free to all who live in the Parish. Financed by advertising, sponsorship and donations. The content depends on you: I need to hear from you about events that have taken place in the village, ones that are planned and general articles of interest. Please send your articles to me at 3 Cook Close or drop them in to Terry Gilligan's Whole Food Shop in the Square, or to Linda Pryce's office at 9 The Square.

I have been greatly heartened by the massive support and enormous fund of goodwill which have been clear to me with regard to this venture. I shall do all that I can to live up to those high expectations.

Finally,
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

David Lee



THANK YOU

It is difficult to acknowledge a debt without being heavy and pompous, so apologies if what follows is more like unlit Christmas Pudding than it is like Christmas crackers.

Elsewhere in this first issue of the "Dabchick" the Editor has paid tribute to Tony Gilligan and those who helped him produce the "Parish News" for 20 years. It is right that we should also praise those who for over a century produced for the churches the Aldbourne (and Baydon) Parish Magazine, until it's sad and recent demise. During that time it did much to keep the church and community together. Fortunately many of those who were responsible for it's success during half of its existence are still with us in the village and we hope that they will find this new magazine a worthy successor. In the meantime their contributions to the Parish Magazine as editors, treasurers, assemblers, typists, printers and, most onerous of all, distributors must be celebrated.

This magazine, like the Church, exists thanks to our forbears. To use an old metaphor, we are, as it were, the branches of a tree which whether it grows from the stock or recently grafted, share the same sap and trunk, and for this we owe much to those whom we have succeeded.

John Loch

COMMITTEE

Pat Bartonson - 40175 John Loch - 40675
John Diamond - 40371 Linda Pryce - 40810
Terry Gilligan - 40205 David Lee - 40653

WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?

Producing this magazine is rather like having a new member of the family.

One of our friends had the greatest difficulty in deciding on the name of their fourth child. For some months they called the youngster "boy". Eventually they did decide on a name, but they didn't have a fifth child. We have made a positive suggestion for the name of the new village magazine. But it may be that you would prefer something different. Let us know what you think the magazine should be called. We are only too willing to listen.

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DEMOCRACY

Are you glad you live in a democracy? Do you want to have your views considered and hear other views?

I think that those who have experienced other regimes would persuade you that it is a good system. But it has a price. We can express our opinions and help democracy work. The easiest method is to attend Parish Council [meetings]. The first Wednesday of every month (except August & December) in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Come and See

Come and see what happens - Express your opinions - There is a time at each meeting for members of the public to have their say.

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BETWEEN MAGAZINES

We're certainly not a "sleepy" village, There's always something taking place, Sales, concerts, lunches, plays, Why! 'Tis a job to keep the pace.

Our village hall is greatly used, You must book up well in advance If you're thinking of giving a party Or organizing a dance.

This year has brought us numerous events, One that stands out very clear Was our Twenties Village Festival The highlight of the year.

A.L.E.C. gave us a pantomime The band played in the Square We've danced for funds for the elderly And at the Feast enjoyed the Fair.

We shared cream teas with the W.I. Joined with the fete upon the Green A musical evening at Strawberry Hill When we chose our Carnival Queen.

And now the birth of a new magazine Yet another treat in store. I'm sure you'll all be waiting patiently For yours to come through the door.

We really need a magazine To record all our happy times To give us items of interest With stories, news and rhymes.

So lets wish success to this magazine I'm sure 'twill vanish our blues Like the one introduced by Tony Which he called the "Parish News".

Pam Puttick

DISTRIBUTION

The plan is to distribute the magazine free to every house in the Aldbourne Parish. We also intend to send a copy to all those who used to receive the previous newsletter.

The "Parish News" was sent to some 60 readers who live all over Great Britain, in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Europe and America. We ask our ex-patriate readers to cover the cost of postage and are fortunate that some also include a contribution to production costs.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of the magazine who does not live within the Parish, and who is willing to cover the production costs for their copy, please let me know and I shall plan for the additional copies and the collection of the money.

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VILLAGE AFFAIRS PARISH PUMP

OFF THE CUFF

As a result of public demand and a lot of consideration by many people and support by the Gilligan family, a public meeting was held with a view of creating a new publication for the benefit of the parish and all the Aldbourne exiles who came to rely on Tony Gilligan's Parish News to maintain their link with Aldbourne. **Greatly Missed**

How we all have missed the bi-monthly publication full of information, news and comment. We all wish the group who have undertaken to fill a gap in our lives the best of luck and success with this new publication.

A great deal has happened in the world and Aldbourne since February this year (the last edition of the Parish News).

Many of our best known and respected figures in the village have passed on; they will all be missed.

Developments

Due to financial restraints the development pressure in Aldbourne has eased during the year and gives us a little respite. Changes we can expect include a "traffic calming device" in the Square to reduce speed and due to a very successful 1990 Festival, it is proposed that some of the money raised be put to redeveloping the Village Pond.

The proposed plans can be seen on the Notice Board in the Square. **Spare a thought for the volunteers**

The good summer weather ensured we all enjoyed to the full the Festival, Carnival and Band concerts. We take for granted they always happen but do we consider the hard work undertaken by the organizers? They are all volunteers and provide their hard work for nothing to benefit us all.

There was a little controversy over the date of The Feast but the deluge we had in the middle of the drought at the Fair confirmed it as the correct date!

Drought conditions still persist and a fine of 2000 can be imposed on anyone wasting water. People can use water in connection with their livelihood, hygiene or safety reasons are exceptions but watering gardens, washing cars etc. is forbidden.

Finally I wish all the success to this publication. To enable it to continue we must all support it by submitting articles and comment for publication and by advertising in it.

As this is a December issue I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Chris Humphries.

I am reporting on the November meeting to avoid filling this first issue with a single item. It will be easier, in future, to keep up to date with Parish Council affairs.

David Lee

Precept.

This is how much the Council intend to spend next year and affects the Poll Tax. The proposals on spending are the culmination of a series of meetings. The Council have agreed a sum of 13,290 which is double last year's amount.

Public Notice Board.

Certainly needed to help good communication — the making and erecting of a new notice board was agreed.

Bottle Bank.

A suitable site is still being sought for the banks. It was agreed that they are a good idea and should be supported, but consultations with Ramsbury Parish Council and researches by Aldbourne Council have yet to bear fruit. Any ideas would be appreciated and may be sent to Alan Cummings.

Mini - Roundabout.

The roundabout on South Street has been re-designed and re-sited again. Concern was expressed at the use of time and money. There was a feeling that there were cheaper and more efficient ways of enhancing the safe traffic flow in this area.

Lottage Road / Oxford Street Junction.

A dangerous corner; the police and the local authority have been consulted.

Their advice is for "driver education" so here goes:-

The corner where Lottage Road joins Oxford Street is dangerous. Please take care if you are walking, riding, cycling or driving. Give everyone a chance to get safely on their way.

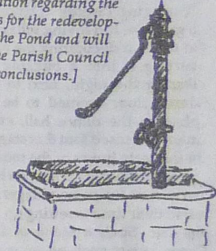
Pond.

Decision made to consult the Wiltshire Trust for Conservation. In the light of their advice, progress may be made on the redevelopment.

STOP PRESS

Kennet have withdrawn the bottle banks.

[Editor's note:- I understand that the Festival Committee who have the Parish Council's agreement are now considering the views of the Wiltshire Trust for Conservation regarding the proposals for the redevelopment of the Pond and will advise the Parish Council of their conclusions.]



The Parish Council

Miss S G Bailey	12 The Green	40292
Mrs A Barrett	11 Westfield Chase	40013
Mr B Buckler	North Farm Cottage	40309
Mr A Cummings	12 The Garlings	40439
Mr J Loch	11 The Green	40675
Mr C Humphries	Southill Farm	40469
Mrs M Hunt	4 Crooked Corner	40693
Mr P Lawler	Goddards Lane	40719
Mr E F May	27 Lottage Road	40265
Mr R Morley	18 Oxford Street	40392
Mr F Nutley	5 Farm Lane	40471
Mrs M Palmer	14 The Square	40745
Mr W Palmer	6 Oxford Street	40215
Mr G E Wentworth	Ewins Hill Farm	40271
Mrs A West	5 Southward Lane	40729

Clerk to the Council

Mr R J Buy	4 Kandahar	40599
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County & District Representatives

Wiltshire C.C.	Mr J B Ainslie	53477
Kennet D.C.	Mr G E Wentworth	40271

VILLAGE EVENTS

SWINGING ROARING ROISTERING TWENTIES

On the weekend of May 25th to 28th, a motorist driving through Aldbourne would have been forgiven for believing the inhabitants of this village really do live in the past. The authentic costumes on parade throughout the three days was a sign of the effort many people had made to get into the swing of "The Twenties". Living away from the village, although being kept closely posted on how the preparation for the festival was proceeding, it was more difficult to motivate myself into preparing for the weekend.

Arriving on Friday evening however, having battled through the traffic problems at the Severn Bridge, then hearing the resounding beat of the music from the "dance hall" and seeing the Charleston dresses, feathers and beads swinging along to the dance, I was pleased that I had attempted to make a costume suitable for that era. (Thanks I must add to the assistance of my mum!)
Charleston on the Farm

Eventually we were ready to join the party. The venue, I had been informed, was a barn and admittedly I wondered if a "hoe-down" would have been more appropriate. However upon entering through the huge sliding doors there was no doubt that we had arrived at the "Swinging Twenties Dance". Obviously a group of fun loving villagers had gone to town in decorating the barn and converting it into a buzzing night spot. During the night, next to the bar, the dance floor seemed to be the busiest place in the dance hall, evidenced by many a bruised foot that staggered home in the early hours of the morning.

Saturday morning must have been an early start for some villagers who dedicated their time to setting up the stalls for the fête. Such a scene of fêtes on the Green is not such an unusual event in Aldbourne, but congratulations to the organisers again who added a few authentic 1920 touches to this event. It is one regret that I have of the festival that I did not have the opportunity to taste the lamb which turned constantly on the spit during the whole fête.

Attractions

The pond (not noted for its attractiveness to villagers and visitors alike) proved on this occasion to be a suitable venue for the many sporting activities where young and old alike tried their hand at skittles, the coconut shy, etc. Of course activities were not centred solely upon the Green and pond area, rather an opportunity was given to everyone to visit some of the more ornate gardens in the village, a model church and one of the most fascinating old establishments in the village, namely the forge.

Such attractions in the village are often forgotten by permanent residents, and it is things like these for which infrequent visitors remember the village.

Silent Movies

Perhaps one of the most authentic activities organised was the continuous playing silent movie show. Many grandparents can tell stories of Saturday nights spent in village halls watching silent movies, with piano music adding to the atmosphere and covering the sound of the projector humming away in the background. With quadrasonic sound systems and luxurious "theatre-like" cinemas today, it is often hard to imagine the entertainment the silent movie must have given some 70 years ago. Yet somehow in a Methodist Church Hall an atmosphere was created and the humour of the films captured peoples attention and the piano music was so addictive that people left the hall humming the tunes merrily to themselves.

The success of Monday's garden party was, like nearly all the activities over the weekend, dependent upon a sunny and fine day and as luck would have it the weather performed nicely, as if it had been booked in advance like the entertainers, marquees, volunteers etc. at the party.

Memories

It is I assume a sign of a successful festival when some 6 months later, having been requested to write the article, I can still recall many of the activities which took place, and still talk enthusiastically about the event. Of course one of the pleasing and challenging tasks left for the representatives of the village is to decide upon the way in which the money raised is best spent, and I understand that it is in the pipeline (if not confirmed) that the pond is at last to be "landscaped". This will I am sure be a fitting tribute to all the effort put into the weekend festivities and I look forward to seeing the transformation taking place on my visits home.

Well done everybody who was involved both at the events and behind the scenes for making this festival a special one, and roll on the year 2000 when a "theme festival" hits Aldbourne again. In the meantime I am sure everybody will join me in wishing David Lee the best of luck on editing the new village magazine.



Scouts and Guides Supporters Association

A Christmas family Bingo will be held in the Memorial Hall on **Thursday, December 13th. Doors open at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.** Lots of prizes and two free games for children. To show appreciation for the support during 1990, the Supporters Association will tour the village with Father Christmas distributing sweets to all children aged 10 years and under.

Father Christmas will leave the Square at 5:15 p.m. on Friday 21st December, and is looking forward to seeing all the children on his tour.

Peter Ludlow

Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday, January 12th at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.**

An application form is enclosed in the magazine and eligible senior citizens should complete this and return it to the Aldbourne Tea Rooms before December 22nd.

Only a limited number of people are allowed in the Memorial Hall, so, if too many apply, a ballot may be needed to determine places.

Peter Ludlow

VILLAGE EVENTS

75th ALDBOURNE CARNIVAL

Many people, I am sure, can remember this year's Carnival as it only seems a short time ago we were in the midst of it.

Carnival Queen
Carnival events started with the Choosing Night held at Strawberry Hill which was well attended but did have to compete with a disco and World Cup football. Here Teresa Dymond was chosen as Queen. She was crowned at the August Band Concert in the Square where we also had several past Queens present as this was the 75th Carnival.

An Active Week
Carnival Week started with a Pram Race and Barbecue on the Green with the Oomph Band playing. This was followed on Saturday by a children's Treasure Hunt in the afternoon and a Family Quiz in the evening. Sunday was a bright sunny day drawing nearly 50 cars to the car rally, causing traffic jams in the Square and causing panic in case we didn't have enough copies of the clues. This was followed by a very successful Cream Tea in the Old Malt House garden.

Bank Holiday Monday saw us in the Carnival Meadow for the Family Fun Afternoon, with many races for children and adults. There was also a dog show.

Tuesday evening saw Bingo in the Hall followed on Wednesday by Skittles, and Thursday by the Annual Quiz. Friday brought the committee to the Hall for a Whist Drive with some members helping with floats and starting final preparations for Carnival Day itself.

The Great Day

This dawned bright and sunny and it seemed most of the village was involved in some activity or other towards the Carnival procession. The field became busier as the day went on with the culmination of the cups being presented in a very busy and full field. The procession itself went very smoothly and was enjoyed by all who took part or watched. The week ended with a Church Service and Band Concert on the Sunday evening.

Wonderful Result

The net income from the Carnival Week came to the splendid total of £1,308.98. At the A.G.M. on 29th November, a total of £900 was distributed to 12 village organisations, the rest being held back for repairs, new lights, etc.

[I am sure everyone in the village will join me in thanking the Carnival Committee for, once again, providing us all with a very enjoyable week. Editor]

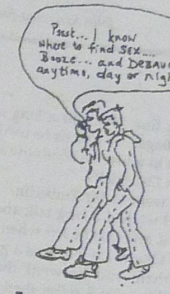
VILLAGE EVENTS

ALDBOURNE LIBRARY

What's in it for You?

Pest ... want to know where to find unbridled passion, high drama, reckless adventure and six new crimes every week? No, not the Crown or the Blue Boar ... at least not every week ... but there's all this and more at No. 1 South Street, your local library. It's open Mondays and Thursdays, 2 o'clock 'til 5, 6 'til 8.

If you have read a good book lately, the chances are you already belong to the library, if not, why not give it a try? Your membership (and it costs nothing to join) will give you access to a whole world of books and information through local, national and international networks and the library staff will do all they can to provide what you require.



For Young and Old

We really do have something for everyone, for all ages and interests, from board and picture books for the very young to large print for anyone with difficulty in seeing. We have the latest best sellers as well as specialist books for study and a whole lot in between. We also have books on cassette for children and adults, and in addition to the small but comprehensive stock held at Aldbourne (approximately 3,600 items to borrow) for a small reservation fee you can order anything you may require to help with studies, hobbies, competitions or simply because you want to read a novel or biography you may have seen reviewed.

Reference Section

Even a small cottage library has a good reference section comprising a Chambers Twentieth Century dictionary, a Hutchinson Encyclopedia, Penguin Guide to the Law, a World Atlas, Whitaker's Almanac plus a set of World Reference Books (which has provided many a homework topic answer or solved a crossword clue, but we are also

an access point to the main reference libraries at Swindon and Salisbury.

Information Service

What else is in it for you? If you really aren't interested in borrowing anything at all, you may never have come in and seen the community information files we also hold at Aldbourne, giving addresses of local organisations, services (both local and national), while free pamphlets are available on a wide range of consumer information and important problems concerned with day to day living. Details of college courses, evening classes, theatre guides and local and neighbouring town drama and concert productions are also provided and if we

haven't got it, we will put you in touch with someone who has.

Local Interest

If you are interested in Wiltshire, we also have a selection of books on Aldbourne itself, neighbouring villages and towns and a few useful maps of the area. County Headquarters at Trowbridge hold a huge collection concerned with the whole of Wiltshire's heritage, maintaining records of historic sites, monuments, buildings and natural history and we can put you in touch with all the professional staff who specialise in these subjects.

By now I expect you are truly amazed to hear what's in the library and can't wait to come and see for yourself. In addition to all the above you will find a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and perhaps the chance of a chat with a friend. We don't serve tea or coffee ... YET — though who knows ... one day, but believe it or not we do have some Christmas cards for sale! So do come in and see what's in it for YOU.

Tricia Rushen

ALDBOURNE CHURCHES

FROM THE VICAR

The launch of a new village magazine is a splendid venture that deserves all the support it can get. If it develops into a truly community effort, reflecting the rich variety of people and interests here in Aldbourne, then it will be a marvellous way of keeping in touch.

I am glad, then, that the churches have thrown in their lot and closed their magazine, which itself has had a long and varied history. We are part of the village scene, an essential link with the past, and, I believe, will have a vital part to play in the future of the village.

Obviously, the changes will mean for me, and for others, a change of focus. The church magazine went to supporters, this magazine will go to those who support, those who are apathetic and those opposed to the idea of religious faith. I would like to write, then, about some of the things YOU think are important. Do you have questions about God, faith, The Church, Christian living that you have never had an opportunity to ask? If so, drop me a line and I will have a go at attempting some sort of answer. The Christian Church has had some 2,000 years probing the mysteries of God (not to mention our roots in the Jewish belief), so I do believe we have something worthwhile to say.

So — who has the first question?



From the METHODIST CHURCH.

On two different occasions recently, people have said 'Look what he does — and he calls himself a Christian'. He says that — yet he is a strong Christian'. In neither case did I have a ready answer. My own reaction went along the lines — 'If that is what you say about him — what must you be saying about me'. At this level it would really seem that being a Christian is not very helpful to today's way of life.

Mind you, on reflection, similar comments must have been made by contemporaries of the disciples themselves, and there would be general agreement that down the ages, many Christians have been responsible for some pretty appalling things. There seems to be no magic in being a Christian — so why bother?

But if being a Christian means being a follower of Christ, then there is hope. It does seem that Christ reaches out and always has done, to some of the most villainous of people, and there are changes, some enormous, some barely perceptible. Christians known to us may be pretty disappointing — but try to imagine what these people would be like if there was nothing of Christ in them.

Donald English, in one of his books, has a relevant quote; 'What is it in life that it takes Jesus to explain?'
Alan Cummings

John Kingsley-Smith

Our Harvest Visits

St Michael's Primary School

On Wednesday 10th October, we made our harvest visits to all the elderly people in the village.

Soon we were at Mr Wilkins' house which was number 12 Oxford Street and we knocked on the door. A short man opened the door; we said: 'Mr Wilkins, we have brought you our harvest gifts'. 'Well, thank you very much', he said. 'That's okay' we said. 'Very kind of you, very kind', he said. Then we said goodbye to him and ran over to Mr Brown's to see if he had picked up his gifts and then found out that he had. After that we went back to school.

hearing was fine. We had a long talk about the village. He told us he used to live just next to where he does now and that he was a Dabchick.

Next we went to Mr Emberlin. He was nice and we had a long talk about the old school, and that he left when he was twelve. One of his jobs was a gardener at Upham and he went there everyday on his bike; 3 miles there, 3 miles back, 6 days a week, 50 weeks a year for 24 years. He gave us a packet of Opal Fruits. Mrs Worthington gave us a Kit-Kat and then we went.

Our first visit was to Mrs Prizeman and she was very nice. She was delighted to see us. 'Two lovely little boys', she said.

Our next visit was to Bishop West. He was very nice and showed us some seventy year old brass rubbings and gave us some jelly babies. Our route was down Back Lane, cross over West Street and up to 11, Castle Street. Our third visit was to Mr and Mrs Mantel. They were very, very nice. They gave us three biscuits and a glass of squash and a chocolate bar. They were very chatty and didn't want us to leave. Our next route was to the church, through the churchyard, up Crooked Corner, down the back track to 20, Alma Road, Mrs Harrison's house. She accepted the gifts at the door and gave us a Kit-Kat.

[The article above was written jointly by:]

Mark Hendrick, Shane Moreton,
Benjamin Brown, Mark Rendell,
David Brown



When we came out again, we were carrying a large double box for Mr & Mrs Pither. Ben carried the box for a bit and then protested, so I had to carry it for the rest of the journey. So we rang the doorbell and Mr Pither opened the door and invited us in. Mr Pither offered us a drink. Just as he came in, his wife stumbled in on a frame and we sat down. After that we went back to school.

The first person we went to was Mr Deacon. He was very active and his



ALDBOURNE HOUSING GROUP

The response of landowners to the Group's request to talk about land for low-cost housing has been very encouraging, and negotiations are proceeding.



As soon as a firm decision has been made, it will be announced.

JL

MAGAZINE SECTION

DRAGONS AND DRUGS

Drugs can kill', say the adverts. 'Drugs — the effects can last forever', drones the TV in a low monotone.

Documentary after documentary on drug barons, drug dealers, drug growers ... and drug deaths.

People say that the growing drug industry affects all of us — but I've never seen 'drugs'. I've never known anybody who takes them. For that matter, I've never had anybody close to me ... for any reason.

It makes me feel very, very naive. So what is a drug? Medicine? White Powder? Coffee? (YUK, I hate coffee). I heroin and some slang nick-names from American books.

'Drugs' hangs over me like a sort of ghost, a ghost that I only believe in because people talk about it so much. So, when the Sixth Sense Theatre came to St John's, I was brought up with a play about drugs before. Never seen young people in it ...

And they were young people. At least, younger than the documentary people and the TV monotone people ... The play was well done. Really well done. It was so — as I've said before — jolting, that I wondered if I'd slipped a disc. It was the normal story that is used as a prototype for all drug stories ... Boy 1 takes drugs, but is not hooked. Boy 2 (his best mate) has a try and gets hooked. Boy 1 forgets drugs. Boy 2 forgets girlfriend and mother (played by same actress) in his fight to find 20 a week for his LITTLE WHITE PACKET. Girlfriend leaves Boy 2, mother chucks him out of house. Boy 2 realises error of his ways and works out that it's up to HIM to get himself out of the mess.

The next spark of light was the dealer — a non-druggie, selling 'stuff' to whoever would pay ... a mean cruel man of the people he was slowly, but surely, murdering.

'It's their choice' he said, repetitively. 'Nobody's forcing the kids ... are they?' Every time he, the dealer, came on stage (around every other scene) he would add a piece of clothing. He began in trousers and a vest, then as he grew increasingly richer, added braces, a shirt, a jacket, a tie, a sash ... richer and richer while all the unfortunate youths became poorer and sicker.

All the time, the dragon hovered, waiting, the ghost, the ghost that hovers over everybody ... DRUGS.

The end. Clap, clap, clap.

Emma Rubach



The good thing was — they added loads and loads of really good 'bits', making 'Dungeons and Dragons' far more watchable and interesting than it might have been.

The first excellent twist was the huge beast (dragon/heroin) leading into his lair (addiction) with tales of untold riches (being stoned, going out of your head, the great escape). Some villagers turned back before it was too late, but others — Boy 2 — carried on, almost becoming trapped in the heart of the dragon's cave (death).

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WEATHER REPORT

A rather mild winter with January days often warmer than the Mediterranean. A repeat of the time Aldbourne lost many beautiful trees. Power cables went too, leaving Aldbourne in the cold and dark for four days — generator hire companies made a fortune!

Spring returned with mild weather in February. Plants were much encouraged — only to be decimated with late frosts in May. Summer flowers were delayed and June was wetter than the average, and July hotter, with the only rest from a relentless sun in the last week of August (the first rain for 7 weeks).

Autumn is still dry and relatively mild — although severe frost hit again in the first week of November. We just missed a tip-roaring gale, but I'm sure others will come this winter — unless my prediction for a white Christmas is accurate. If so, then winds will be lighter, but horribly cold!

What about rainfall? Yes, well below average. When the rains return, it's going to take a long time before the drought clears. That's because all Aldbourne's water comes from natural reservoirs well under the surface. Rain needs to sink down to the water table before the reservoirs fill.

Before the underground in can rise, the soil will absorb five inches of water — that's 22,600 gallons per acre, or four and half gallons per square yard (two average watering cans).

That's an awful lot of rain. In the meantime my car will stay enjoyably warm and dirty!

M & MR.

village one hot June day clatching Estate Agents' details. Having spent two days in the locality, Aldbourne was the first place that we all felt we could be at home in. By the end of the following day we knew that we would all be moving to Aldbourne but for some of us the question of where we would live took some time to work out (We had not chosen the best time to sell our houses!).

Confirmation that the move we were embarking on was right for us came from several sources including learning that many acquaintances knew of Aldbourne. One friend told us that her father had been vicar of the Parish when she was growing up, another that a colleague had retired to the village.

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ON MOVING TO ALDBOURNE

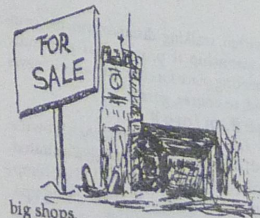
New Job Miles from "Home"

Where are we going to live!

Accepting a new job in this area in May 1989 meant looking for somewhere to live that catered for the needs of three generations. We were looking for an active community and more open spaces than South-East Hertfordshire. But we also had many different needs.

Some were looking for — a lively church; ready access to jobs; and a good school

Others were looking for — friendly local shops and library; ready access to



big shops.

The children were most interested in — making new friends; recreation space; Cubs, Brownies and Play Group; football team; piano teacher.

The beauty of the location was what first impressed us all as we entered the

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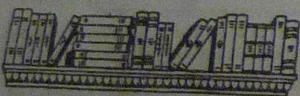
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In late August we arrived feeling the sadness of leaving friends and relatives behind and wondering whether we would find it easy to make new friends. What struck us first was how quickly we were recognised as newcomers. We had come from an area of such high mobility that newcomers go unnoticed, not only were we noticed but offered help, hospitality and friendship.

We have found the facilities we were looking for and more. As our first year has flown by, we have each been amazed by the rich wealth of activities which make Aldbourne a fascinating place to live. We arrived just before the carnival and fair. Since then we have enjoyed a range of activities from coffee mornings to the 1920's Festival.

We can all say that we are glad that we made the move from the place that had been home to some of us for over 25 years and to others for a lifetime.

*The Rendell Family,
Oxford Street and The Paddocks.*



BOOK REVIEW

The Village Shop

The Village Shop has played, and fortunately still does, a vital part in the life of the village.

Before the invention of the motor car, country people were dependent on the village shop for nearly everything they had to buy. There was a wide variety of shops in even the smallest villages: blacksmith, cobbler, tailor, butcher, baker and grocer. Only the well-to-do with horse-drawn carriages could afford to shop elsewhere. But just as important as the convenience of having a shop

within walking distance was the companionship it provided as a friendly meeting place for chat, exchange of news and, of course, gossip.

Use it, or lose it

The publication of Jonathan Brown's and Sadie Ward's attractively illustrated book tells the story of the Village Shop from the earliest days, with all its ups and downs, including the challenges and threats to its continued existence in the present. It leaves us with the warning: "Use it or lose it". To lose it would

LOCAL PERSONALITIES

108: Sarah West - HORSEWOMAN

[Editor's Note: The two articles in this issue continue the series of profiles which was such a feature of the old "Parish News".]

Sarah West has been running Ford Farm Stables since 1981, when at the young age of 18 she took up the challenge of running her own business. She now looks after 30 horses, 16 of which are stabled, and has owners from as far away as London who rely on her to supervise their animals. In the intervening years she has trained and raced Arab race horses, taken part in the gruelling sport of one-day eventing, has broken in and looked after horses for trainers in Lambourn and on a more practical note has given lessons to the youngsters of the area. There have always been YTS students at the Stables and Sarah and her friends have found time to take part in 'team chasing' with their team "The Quaking Quartet".

A Real Dabchick

Sarah is a real Dabchick. On her mother's side she can trace her family back generations while her father comes from not so distant Ramsbury. She attended St Michael's Primary School and was one of the last batch of children to take the 11 plus and transfer to the Grammar School in Marlborough. Horses were always her first love and at 16 she went to the Talland School of Equitation in Cirencester and got her BHS(A) (British Horse Society Associate Instructor). She then worked for Mr John Mansfield in Bibury, Gloucester, for six months, looking after his two advanced eventing horses and grooming at several three day events, including Burghley.

Her Own Stable at 18

This was invaluable experience and when she was offered the lease of Ford Farm Stables she didn't hesitate to accept. Although only 18 the daunting task of running a commercial stable didn't deter her in the slightest. With the support of her parents Sarah has never looked back. She acknowledges the wonderful way they have helped her, both with the day-to-day running of the

stables and by furthering her riding career.

Competition Success

At a time when she was training Arab race horses and riding for Eastergate Arabians in Sussex, they bought their own Arab race horse. It was a happy family event when she won on their horse at Worcester.

Now Sarah is concentrating on eventing and with a client's horse The Blonde Bombshell she achieved a 3rd and a 7th last season, while at Longworth, she not only came first but won the best local rider prize.

Future Plans

For the future Sarah hopes to further her career as an eventer. With head stable girl, Charlotte Davis, who did a two year YTS course at the Stable and trusty helper Gina Edgedale, not forgetting her parents, Sarah has an excellent team to help her. Whatever the future may bring — a change of site is in the offing — Sarah will bring her customary energy and determination to it and will ensure that the next 10 years will be as successful as the last.

Liz Dymond



be not only an inconvenience but a blow to the whole social life of the village.

The book entitled "The Village Shop" can be ordered from Proctor's for £6.95. Published by the Rural Development Commission.

Frank West

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LOCAL PERSONALITIES

109: Jesse Emberlin - PLOUGHBOY

Mr Jesse Emberlin, who was born at Marrison Hill in 1901, lives in Castle Street with his daughter, Sheila. Those who do not know him personally may recognise him from this description: dapper, courteous and cheerful, always wearing a trilby hat out of doors, and a regular attendant at Chapel.

Mr Emberlin came to Aldbourne when he was two and lived for 16 years at Crooked Corner. His father was a shepherd who later worked for Miss Con Liddiard's father, Mr John Orchard, who owned Glebe Farm — where Glebe Close is now; he then worked for the late Mr Tony Gilligan's grandfather, Mr Daniel Cooke, who was a builder and kept a horse and cart at the back of what is now the petrol station.

Jesse Emberlin's three elder brothers left the village, two to work for the railways and the third as lock keeper for 40 years on the canal near Newbury.

Errand Boy

Jesse left school at 12 and worked first for Mr Nelthorpe who kept a grocery and draper's business at what is now the Little Shop in South Street. Jesse's job was errand boy and looking after the pony, finishing work — if lucky — at 6.30 p.m. when he had bedded the pony. Sometimes, however, there were late deliveries to be done on foot and in winter this was after dark with no street lighting.

Seven Days a Week

On summer evenings he used to graze the pony on road verges, usually up Aden Road — the Four Barrows track. There were no days off, though on Sundays there was only the pony to be looked after. Pay was 3/6d a week (17½p in today's money) which Jesse gave to his parents receiving back 3d. — a penny to spend, a penny to save and a penny for the Sunday collection. There was very little time to play and the Methodist Sunday School summer excursion in a wagonette to Savernake Forest was a much looked forward to holiday.

Ploughboy

After eleven months, Jesse left the shop and went to work for Mr Chandler at North Farm. He had to walk 2½ miles there, arriving at 6.45 a.m. His job was ploughboy working under the carter, the under-carter and the oddchap, and between them they looked after eight horses and did the ploughing and carting. The ploughboy's job included leading the horses, sometimes a team of three. After walking all day Jesse had to lead home, but occasionally the kind Mr Chandler would let him off early at 4.45 p.m. He was paid 4/- a week with a Michaelmas bonus of £1. When he bought a bike for £2, Mr Chandler gave him a gold sovereign towards the cost.

Oddchap at North Farm

Jesse, now aged 16, moved as oddchap to Mr Bartlett's farm at North Field where there were six horses. This took him up to the end of the First World War, having failed to bamboozle the recruiting officer into recruiting him into the army under age.

Jesse looked after all sorts of horses. Horses were bought from dealers as one buys cars nowadays. One of the dealers was Mr Jack Watts' father, Mr Sid Watts of Preston. Some farmers bought young strong horses, but others could only af-



ford the older animals.

Gardener at Upham

Later Jesse worked in the gardens at Upham House for Mr Lambert; he remained there for 24 years. (As these memories were being recalled by Jesse in his home in November this year the hounds and hunt trotted up Castle Street and this sight stimulated a hunting story).

A Fox in the Bedroom

The hounds were drawing the coverts near Upham House and a fox, on breaking out, headed toward the house. Mr Lambert shouted that the fox had entered the house. Searching everywhere, Mr Lambert and Jesse found the fox upstairs in Mrs Lambert's bedroom. Mr Lambert, saying the fox had sought his protection, refused to release it out to the hunt which he insisted should withdraw some distance. Jesse, making sure that this had happened, sent packing a huntsman who was hiding in the garden to see which way the fox would break. When all was clear Jesse and Mr Lambert went upstairs to find that the fox had gone, having jumped out of the open window into the shrubbery below and gone away to at least temporary freedom.

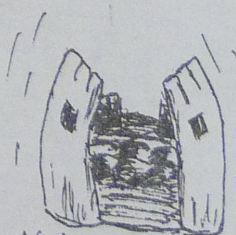
John Loch

CHILDREN'S BOOKGROUP

Well Done the Children of St Michael's!

A total of £172 was raised in June during a sponsored read-in. 1990 is International Literacy Year, and as a member of the National Federation of Children's Bookgroups, the Aldbourne group has been supporting the nationally organised STORYAID project.

To celebrate the STORYAID carnival day on June 21st, a bouncy-castle, kindly loaned by Nationwide Anglia, stood on the Green for three hours and was much enjoyed by toddlers, infants, juniors, and secondary pupils.



A further contribution was made in September, when story-writing sessions were held in school to prepare entries for

the Short Story Competition. Thirty-One stories were sent off and the results are eagerly awaited. The Bookgroup will be publishing all the stories in time for Christmas!

As well as this year's special contribution towards STORYAID, the Aldbourne Children's Bookgroup also holds activity afternoons for children and evening meetings for speakers on a variety of book related topics.

If you would like to join us then contact Madeleine Rubach on 40581.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ALDBOURNE PARK F.C.

The season is now at the halfway stage and it is pleasing to report that all three teams are doing well. The first team, under manager David Titchener, are continuing last season's performance and have not been out of the top two in the league all season. Dave will be the first to admit he still requires players to strengthen his squad for the run into the end of the season. Although the team is still progressing in all cup competitions including the Newbury Graystone and Hungerford Cup which both have a special meaning to Aldbourne, the league still matters.

The reserves, often weakened by first team calls for players, will hopefully finish in the top half of the league; likewise the third team are often in the same position but will climb to a higher league position. The third team often includes youth players from the village, with Nicky Badger and Nick O'Dwyer showing great promise for the future.

New Floodlights

The most important achievement the club has made was in the summer when the floodlights were installed and are now fully operational. The club would like to thank all workers and the people who donated materials and plant to the project. The lights have been inspected by the Wiltshire Playing Fields Association and have been fully approved. Although the project was fully funded by the club, the facilities may be used by any organisation; contact a committee member for details.

Under 11's

At present the Hungerford U-11's are enjoying the facilities and it is pleasing to see so many boys from the village included in the squad, with Simon Bartholomew being the top goal scorer for the club.

The club would like to express many thanks to The Crown at Aldbourne for their support and sponsorship.



BLOWING OUR TRUMPET

Notes from the Band

The band are now approaching their busiest time of the year. After having a solid two weeks of rehearsals for a contest in Reading, where we finished a disappointing 9th, we are now turning our minds to Christmas.

With the Band's Christmas Draw on the 1st December and Carol Playing around the village from the 11th, things are definitely looking busy for the future.

[Editor's note:- There will be the usual reminder on Christmas Morn to wish the residents of Aldbourne a HAPPY CHRISTMAS. Is this a unique tradition? Perhaps we will be told in future issues.]

FIRST ALDBOURNE CUBS AND SCOUTS

The cubs have had a busy year winning the football trophies for the second year running in the North-East Wilts Cubs League. They also had a very successful camp at Mildenhall and participated in the Pram Race and Carnival Procession, winning prizes in both.

New Scout Troop

Since September we have formed a Scout Troop for 10½ to 16 year old boys. The boys have been to a "father and son" camp where it rained all weekend, but this did not dampen their spirits, and they came home fourth in the orienteering and second in the cooking competition. Most of the boys had done neither of the activities under camp conditions before.

By the time you read this, we shall have held a joint Cubs and Scouts Coffee Morning for which the Scouts have spent many evenings making wooden articles.

Bye, bye, Baloo

We are having to say, sadly, a farewell to Mr. Andy Brown (Baloo) who is leaving Cubs after several years' service, but we hope he will be able to come and help at some evenings. At the moment we have two Cub leaders and three lady Scout leaders. This, I understand, is unusual. We are fortunate in that we hope that Mr Anthony Butler will become our Group Scout Leader. Of course, we are always looking out for leaders of any age or sex, with or without experience in the Scout movement. At the moment we would dearly like someone to come and run a Beaver Colony for boys aged 6 to 8 years. If anyone is interested, they can contact either of us.

Jane Palmer [40215]

Ian Watson [40580]

ALDBOURNE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

A Busy Year

For Aldbourne W.I. the last six months have been an extremely busy time. Our monthly meetings have been well attended and covered a wide range of subjects — from the more serious topics of Cancer Research and the National Parks of England and Wales, to the lighthearted side of astrology.

In May we played an important role in the 1990 Roaring 20's Festival, providing all the food for the complete weekend. We also, of course, sponsored the Village Produce Show in July. Our entry in this year's Aldbourne Carnival, "Paper Dolls", won second prize in its group.

75 Years Young

11th September 1990 marked the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the W.I., and in common with Institutes all over England and Wales we organised our own special celebrations in the village, with afternoon cream teas and supper and entertainment at the Memorial Hall in the evening. The bell-ringers at St Michael's Church also kindly rang a quarter peal of bells in honour of the occasion.

October, too, was a busy month, when our three sub committees joined forces to present an evening supper and entertainment for the Aldbourne W.I. funds. The Home Economics Group organised the supper, and the Choir and Drama Groups provided the entertainment, which took the form of an Edwardian After-dinner Party.

In November we arranged a lunch in support of our charity for the current year, Guide Dogs for the Blind. The tickets were a complete sell-out, and some people were unfortunately disappointed.

Coming Attractions

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas Supper and social evening with Paul Weaving and Margaret Ackland of "The Last Straw".

Our membership totals about 120, and newcomers of any age are always welcome to our friendly and lively meetings. In January the well-known BBC Weatherman, Bernard Davey, is coming to speak to us and Aldbourne's own Oompah Band will entertain, so make a note of the date: Thursday 3rd January 1991. On 7th February we have our AGM and entertainment by our own Drama Group — always something to look forward to. Do come along.

Cathy Hughes

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

ALDBOURNE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

You may wonder who on earth they are! We are a group which has come into being under the auspices of the Parish Council and is affiliated to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Its purpose is to look after two areas of land remaining from the original common belonging to Aldbourne and Ramsbury which belong to the Parish Council. These are shown on the map.

In the smaller area there is a seat from which there used to be a view of the village. We hope to re-open the view thereby encouraging flowers and butterflies. The Wiltshire Officer for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is helping with advice on the plants most suited to the area and on planting techniques. Shrubs planted two years ago thrive despite the lack of rain in the past two summers.

Flora Returning

Our next tasks involve removing the coarse grass whose tussocks ("tuffets" in local language) have so much discouraged downland flora. Many plants have spread this year in places already cleared, including violets, wood anemones, cowslips, knapweed and yellow rattle. We also expect to be taught how to layer a hawthorn hedge correctly.

Beautiful Bluebells

In May the larger area is a wonderful sight, covered in bluebells. The trees planted there have to be protected from the roe deer and the bracken. Many are doing well and a third phase of planting is now under way. The aim is to form glades in an area overrun by bracken which should result in an even better crop of bluebells. February should then see the planting of more birches and aspens to thicken these belts.

Part of the costs will be met by grants,



we hope, and the rest from Parish funds.

Come and Help

We hope very much that a number of you who read this will want to join in and help us improve the ecology of the remaining areas of Parish land. The only qualification for membership is an interest. Special skills can be learnt, by taking part in courses put on by Thamesdown. But there's plenty of unskilled tasks. Anyone having young hardwood trees which they would like to donate and anyone wanting further information, please contact one of the following:

Susan Bailey	40292
Audrey Barrett	40013
Jim Cullis	40452
Alan Cummings	40439

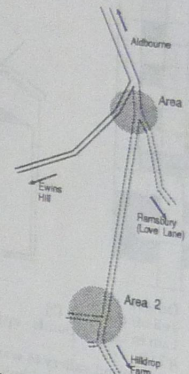
We will keep you informed of further work days when you contact us.

Susan Bailey

DIARY

This is a busy village with much going on. We all would appreciate notice of events due to take place. So we plan to publish a diary of future events in every issue of "Dabchick". So, free publicity for your event! Merely send details to the Editor at 3 Cook Close (40533) by the middle of the odd numbered months and your event will be included in the next issue.

You may even increase attendance at your A.G.M.



CLUB NEWS

What Really Takes Place At These Clubs And Societies? Well, by attending, you will get the full story. We print our first set of publicity paragraphs. If you would like to be included in future let the editor have your contribution.

Womens Institute

Meetings are held regularly on the first Thursday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m. Home Economics is held on 3rd Wednesdays. For those with musical inclinations, there is a flourishing Choir that meets weekly at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Methodist Centre for practice. A very active drama group meets when necessary and great enjoyment is both gained and given. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to Mrs Christine Hill on 40282.

A.L.E.C.

Aldbourne Light Entertainment Club: open to all-comers interested in acting, dancing, singing or helping off stage. Planning now for a Spring Concert on 14th, 15th and 16th March and rehearsals start after Christmas. Enquiries to Mr H. Gibbs on 40255.



Silver Threads

Active over 60's group that meets twice a month, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Enquiries to Mrs Strickland on 40369.

Mothers Union

An interdenominational church monthly meeting open to all ladies, which is biased towards family life. First Tuesdays in the month in the Methodist Church Centre at 2:15 p.m. Enquiries to Miss R. Pakenham on 40081.

Leisure Club

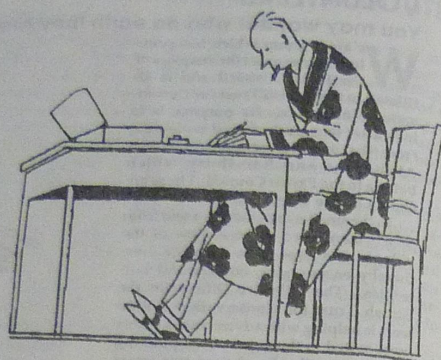
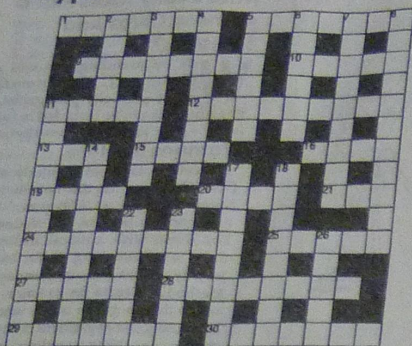
Leisure activities, competitions and coach trips; all welcome to the meetings on Fridays at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Enquiries to Mrs E. Reid on 40445.

Womens Fellowship

Meetings on alternate Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Centre. A time of devotion, entertainment and fellowship. All welcome. Enquiries to Mrs R. Powell on 40233

THE LAST PAGE

Cryptic Crossword No. 1



Across.

- 1 Way ahead of the rest of the roads? (7)
- 5 Screaming ghostly figure. (7)
- 9 Pre January 1990. (4,4)
- 10 Cleaner and me make African river. (5)
- 11 A point to start at? (5)
- 12 A crossword fanatic may find this useful. (9)
- 13 Three points to join together. (3)
- 15 Bet on tiny person before the orient. (4)
- 16 Flightless Rugby player? (4)
- 19 Abrupt awakening by nakedness? (4)
- 20 Central Italian around the knees. (4)
- 21 Cold transport by the board? (3)
- 24 Essential fluid in Avon causing ghastly massacre? (5,4)
- 25 Walks in space badly. (5)
- 27 Teacher? (5)
- 28 Gunfight at the top of the day? (4,4)
- 29 Communist outside side stayed. (7)
- 30 Corners in a minute. (7)

Down.

- 2 Tell off the cook. (5)
- 3 I am in large grounds - approximate-ly? (8)
- 4 Pecs around gallery to watch. (8)
- 5 Points on agricultural building moves people? (6)
- 6 Exhibition hall with seaman is sweet. (6)
- 7 Top lines are behind baulks. (9)
- 8 Vile trips is changed for bad ghosts. (4,7)
- 11 Man who sells car part. (11)
- 14 Packing piece with values is ale company. (9)
- 17 Angle ovals for roes? (4,4)
- 18 Not hers flap for foreigner. (8)
- 22 Bearing rock within plus loved? (6)
- 23 He had after sad reverse moved quickly. (6)
- 26 Bird before noun gives royal house? (5)

Children in Need

Did you hear of the great effort by Crowcastle? November 23rd saw high jinks at the works on the outskirts of Aldbourne. They were able to send £700 to the BBC Children in Need Appeal as a result. And they enjoyed the process!



Overheard

Heard by a pensioner up a ladder from a child on his way home from Primary School, 'I say, I can see you are doing a good job.' It is remarkable what a little praise can do.

AA

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

HONEY OAT BARS.

This delicious recipe for a tea-time snack is easy to prepare and is the most "more-ish" recipe I know. You can, of course, use margarine instead of butter but the flavour will not be quite so rich.

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup wholemeal self raising flour
- 1/2 cup soft brown sugar
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 5 ozs butter
- 1 tablespoon Honey

Method

Combine the oats, sultanas, sifted flour (return husks from sifter to basin), sugar and coconut in a basin. Melt butter, add honey, mix in dry ingredients until mixture clings together. Press even-

ly over base of well-greased 11 inch x 7 inch shallow baking tin. Bake at 325°F (160°C; Gas Mark 3) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Cut into bars while hot, remove from the tin when cold.

Isobell Sewell

[Having received this recipe, we decided to try it out. My basic requirements for a recipe are: 1. An excellent end product for even the unskilled cook; 2. Simplicity; 3. Clear instructions.

This recipe met all those criteria and the "more-ish" level is at least as high as that reported in the recipe. Editor]



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

What are we going to do?

What do you mean, what are we going to do? So spake three crows or ravens in Walt Disney's Jungle Book. To help you decide, here is a list of Clubs and Societies currently operating in the village.

Aldbourne Band	Miss L. Smith	40744
Aldbourne & District Riding Club	Mrs G. Hamilton-Eddy	40216
A.L.E.C.	Mr H. Gibbs	40255
Aldbourne Parish Council	Mr R. Buy	40599
Aldbourne Park Football Club	Mr A. Bartholomew	40724
Aldbourne Toddlers Group	Mrs M. McGregor	40928
Bell Ringers	Mr Alan Keen	40259
Brownies	Mrs M. Moreton	40298
Carnival Committee	Mrs J. Palmer	40863
Childrens' Book Group	Mrs M. Adey	40629
Choir (W.I.)	Mrs S. Palmer	40215
Civic Society	Mr C. Newton	40356
Cubs	Mr I. Watson	40580
Dancing Class (Ballet)	Mrs J. Forth	20488
Drama (W.I.)	Mrs S. Gibson	40645
Friends of St Michael's School	Mrs V. Butler	40030
Gentle Exercise Class	Mrs W. Downs	511511
Home Economics (W.I.)	Tutor: Ann Maconie	
Keep Fit Class	Mrs C. Stanley	40417
Ladies Group	Mrs W. Downs	511511
Leisure Group	Tutor: Ann Maconie	
Luncheon Club	Mrs P. Eldridge	40772
Meals on Wheels	Mrs E. Reid	40445
Memorial Hall Bookings	Mrs J. Warrington	40593
Memorial Hall Committee	Mrs I. Sewell	40332
Methodist Society Steward	Mrs M. Jepson	40009
Methodist Youth Club	Mrs L. Keen	40177
Parochial Church Council	Mr W. Palmer	40215
Playgroup	Mrs H. Russ	40765
Rainbow Group	Mrs K. Coates	40578
Road Runners	Mrs A. Jerram	40651
St Michael's School Governors	Mrs S. Barnes	40161
Scouts	Mr D. Lee	40812
Scout Committee	Clerk: Mrs M. Hill	40553
Scout & Guide Supporters Assn.	Parent Governor: Mr T. Smith	40585
Senior Citizens' Christmas Fund	Mrs J. Palmer	40623
Silver Threads	Mr T. Hendrick	40963
Soft Furnishings & Upholstery Class	Mrs D. Ludlow	40683
Sports & Social Club	Mr P. Ludlow	40375
Table Tennis Club	Mrs S. Strickland	40375
Tennis Club	Mrs W. Downs	40369
Theatre Club (Membership)	Tutor: Yvonne Harding	511511
Womens Institute	Mr G. Massingham	40468
Workers Educational Institute	Mrs G. Hazell	40086
	Mr J. Adey	40629
	Mr E.R.A. Sewell	40332
	Mrs R. Powell	40233
	Mrs K. Coates	40578

We hope that this list will be of help to all villagers. Like any map or list, the moment it is printed, it is out of date. We try to keep up with changes but only you, the readers of Dabchick, are the ones who really know. Please let Pat Batterson (1 Kandahar - 40475) know if there are any errors, omissions or changes. We intend to publish the full list annually with corrections and additions when asked.

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MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY.

The new person responsible for taking bookings in Mrs. Maureen Jepson, 41 Castle Street (40009).

LETTERS

Tell us what You Think!

I would like to have a letters page. This gives everyone a chance to express an opinion. How about it? All contributions welcome.

Items for the Magazine

Items are always welcome; please submit any copy by the 12th of the month prior to publication. Copy accepted at 9 The Square, The Whole Food shop or contact the Editor at 3 Cook Close (40533).

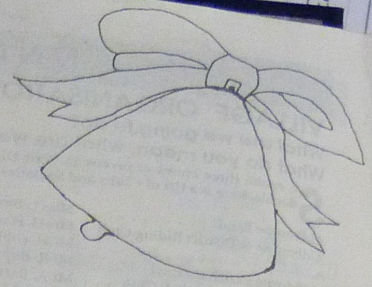
STOP PRESS

Mrs Joan Price would like to thank the village for helping to raise over 500 for the Home Farm Trust on Saturday 1st December.

NOTICE FROM A. V. JERRAM BROS.

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT V J AND G F JERRAM WISH TO INFORM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, THAT AS FROM 31ST DECEMBER, 1990, THEY ARE TO CEASE TRADING AS A. V. JERRAM BROS. MR V. J. JERRAM WILL CONTINUE WITH THE FUNERAL SIDE OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE TIME BEING, AND MR G. F. JERRAM WILL CONTINUE WITH SMALL MAINTENANCE AND DECORATING WORK WITHIN HIS SCOPE. MAY WE THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US THROUGH THE YEARS, AND IF WE CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL US.

[It is with great regret that we publish this item. Due to the proximity of publication, further comment will be held for the next issue. Editor]



A MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

