

## WOLVERTON SPRING FAIR SUCCESS

The fair held last Saturday at Wolverton Cottage, the home of Mr and Mrs Kent, raised well over £200 for the Year of the Child Fund

The sun shone as though last winter was out of fashion and scores of visitors were tempted with all manner of stalls and sideshows. The childrens fancy dress parade had so many entries that the judges decision was very difficult. Eventually the scarecrow won with daisy second and the sprucest little soldier coming third. Each child received a prize but all their mothers should have an award for imagination and presentation.

Then entertainment continued with a lithe display of synchronised childrens gymnastics - Olga Corbett beware! There can be few, if any, who left this perfect village meeting without happy memories.

The Year of the Child fund stood at over £700 before the fair as everyone knows from the two grand thermometers which were made specially by Mr Daniels of Wolverton Common. The fund raising committee would like to publicly thank Mr Daniels for these and Mrs D'Arcy of Ashford Hill for a donation of £14. raised by selling her hand painted pebbles. A slide show at Mrs Arkwrights house in Basingstoke raised a further £16. There are also many other people who have been generous to this cause.

## THE BARN GALLERY

For the first time in recent years there will not be a summer exhibition at the Barn Gallery in Ham Lane. Ann McCaffry is, though, arranging a Dream Workshop in the late summer for which a few places remain. The sessions will be guided by Brian Berry who has worked in this area of the subconscious since 1972. He has a vast knowlege and experience of this subject and has worked extensively with Paul Soloman in California.

If you would like further information on this Workshop then contact Ann McCaffry at Ham Farm House or on Tadley 3526 soon, as places are very limited.

## METAL DETECTING

Since the article in the last edition of the Wolverton Echo, regarding this interesting pass-time, I have had several enquiries about the possibility of forming a local detector club. I feel that this is a very good idea. If you are interested, please contact me.

Vernon Taylor, 4 Townsend, Wolverton  
Tel: 298997

One of the youngest successful finders on record is four year old Christopher Forrest, who struck gold in his garden in Winston Avenue, Tadley. He found a rusty tin beneath a pear tree, it contained twenty-one gold guineas and half guineas of George III.

It is reputed that the Romans buried a large solid gold eagle somewhere in this area in the days when Silchester was a bustling Roman town.

## OPEN DAY AT PITT HALL FARM

Kingsclere Estates Ltd have kindly consented to opening their farm on Sunday June 17th at 2.30 p.m.

They are prepared to go to considerable trouble to make this a very interesting afternoon for all who attend.

You will see cows being milked, young calves, pigs and piglets, some of the farm machinery in action, the food mill and many other things of interest. You will be taken round on tractor drawn trailers.

Children must be accompanied by Adults. Tea and Biscuits and squash will be given after the tour.

Admission £1. Adults  
School children Free

Tickets from P. Shaw, The Bungalow, Rectory Road or from any member of the Hall Committee.

MAKE SURE OF YOURS SOON AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

THE GAS MAN COMETH -  
BUT NOT TO WOLVERTON COMMON

With the ever spiraling costs of oil and delays in getting deliveries. I am sure that many people have looked at ways of reducing their heating costs - insulation, open fires, lower room temperatures and the like. With the lower costs of gas its availability in Townend may be envied by the Common.

Investigations into the feasibility of laying a gas supply down Wolverton Road followed the usual pattern of large organisations. "Not this department - I'll try and transfer you" - "Which region/division/area are you in", "Sorry they must have gone home". When, eventually, you speak with a helpful voice you are told that the nearest supply is a cross country high pressure pipe which cannot be used. There is though a medium pressure pipe on the Basingstoke Road and it would cost about £10 per metre to lay a supply pipe along Wolverton Road. It is possible that the Gas Board will subsidise the pipe if enough gas is consumed - "I'll transfer you" ..... "Explain enquiry again ..... "I don't know who gave you a price but it is too low"..... "No I can't give you any idea what the cost may be but if you care to make your enquiry in writing we will spend three days making out an estimate".

In a nutshell it appears that gas would not cost less than £10,000 and probably £20,000 to lay down Wolverton Road with a connection cost of around £100 plus the cost of converting boilers. Back to faggots!

DOES ANYONE KNOW -

Why the police van is known as the 'Black Maria'?

The meaning of the different stitches in Aran hand-knit designs?

The story attached to the Passion flower?

LONG LIVE THE VILLAGE HALL

Can you imagine what life would be like without your village hall? It is, after all, one centre of our spreadeagled village where friends and relations can get together for meetings, fund raising events, dog or flower shows, harvest suppers and for parties and entertainments of all kinds. Where would we all be without it?

The continuing increases in petrol and bus fares make transport more and more difficult and create more demand for entertainment, education and functions near at hand.

Your instant reaction may be to ignore the hall or to complain about the facilities it offers. This article is about making sure that the hall is there when you want it and what you can do to maintain its presence as one focal point for the village.

As you probably know the village hall is run by a committee whose duty it is to provide facilities and to finance them. The money for this comes from letting the hall, from fund raising events and from donations. Last year, without major repairs expenditure exceeded income by over forty pounds.

How can you help? The two vital assets of any village hall are volunteer helpers and a steady stream of bookings. Without the first it cannot exist and without the latter it will not! If you are inspired to offer your services as a village hall committee member to offer assistance for repair and maintenance projects then contact any of the present committee members whose names are at the end of this article. Your help can also be channelled to your direct advantage by booking the hall or recommending its facilities to your friends. Yes, I do mean to your advantage since the present rate is still only £1.25 per hour, which includes careful use of heating and as such is the lowest cost for miles! In addition to historical meetings you may like to consider the following suggestions, Childrens parties, Pre-school playgroups, dinners, darts evenings, Political meetings, Exhibitions, coffee mornings, film shows, and so many more. If you have not seen inside the hall contact any of the committee and have a look.

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Hse. Wolverton

JOKE? KORNER

Teacher "Where did King John sign the  
Magna Carta"

Pupil "At the bottom, Sir"

What's grey, has four legs and a trunk?  
A mouse going on holiday.

## WOLVERTON 150 CLUB 1979

This has 113 members now each one helping to raise money for the "Year of the Child Fund". The May winners are as follows -

May

- 97 Mrs F. Roberts c/o Westwood, Axmansfield,  
Ramsdell
- 54 Mr & Mrs Mortimer Ivy Cottage, Church Lane  
Wolverton
- 2 Mr L. Philips 2 Sanford Cottages Wolverton

### MEMORIES

The pub down Wolverton Lane was actually in Brazen Head Lane, which is now a bridle path that joins Wolverton Lane to the main Basingstoke road. It was in ruins in the early nineteen hundreds.

The house that is now Abbots Wells sold sweets and home baked bread.

Taylor's Corner at the end of Brook Lane, sold bread, sweets and tobacco.

There was a coalman at Wolverton Common, where later Mr Waterman had a Post Office. He collected his coal with his horse and cart from Midgham station.

The Iron gates at Townsend Lodge were large double gates with a small one by the side. They were locked every Good Friday. They were taken down during the second world war to be used for arms.

If you have recollections to share please contact Graham Hedges

### NATURE NOTES

The swallows are flying in and out of our garage. They come back every year to nest with us. This year they were very late and I began to despair but back they came and already they are setting to work to tidy up and reline their store built cup on the rafters.

There are two swallow nests in the garage but one of them is usually occupied by a spotted flycatcher.

A blackbird usually takes up residence on top of an old cupboard all among the litter of car spare parts and broken boxes.

In a nest box on an old apple tree a pair of great tits are very cosily housed. They have lined their nest with rabbit fur and pink fibre glass. Must be very warm inside.

Over the front porch a wren nests in the honeysuckle and a pair of blue tits come every year to a hole by the back door.

Our car by-the-way has to stay out of the garage while it is otherwise occupied.

## ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I.

June Meeting Wed. 13th

Will take place on a Mystery Tour

July Meeting Wed. 11th

Will be held in a members garden

Visitors will be welcomed please contact any member or ring Kingsclere 298418

## ASTROLOGY IS A LOAD OF MCONSHINE OR IS IT?

If, like most people, your experience of astrology is limited to what you read in newspapers and womens magazines you probably dismiss it as a banal or at least as a bit of fun to lighten the daily grind - a horoscope to be read and quickly forgotten. As an Aries you may be told to expect romance with a handsome stranger this week, that is you and all the other Aries (approx. 1/12th of the worlds population) Some slightly more sophisticated astrolagers will attempt to tell your character from your Sun sign, as a Taurus you are stubborn, if a Scorpio sexy, a Leo proud, and so on.

However astrology is an ancient art and when properly used with psychology can be an invaluable tool in understanding your own strengths and weaknesses and how you relate to other people. A birth chart drawn up for the moment and place of your birth can give a very useful guide to your potential as a unique individual, not your fate or your fortune - for they are in your hands.

In my practise as a Councillor I use astrology to help people understand themselves and their problem. If you would like to know more, I am Patriacia Allen and you can contact me via Kingsclere 298418

## THIS MONTHS TIP

Save petrol and money

An average of 9 per cent fuel can be saved by practicing the following:-

Make sure the car is not carrying unnecessary weight.

Don't leave the choke out longer than you must.

Get into top gear quickly and smoothly. Accelerate and brake gently.

Anticipation saves petrol.

Make sure your tyres are correctly inflated and your sparking plugs and contact breakers adjusted.

Try it for yourself!

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## Wolverton Year Of The Child Fund

This is a real success story and one that should make the people of Wolverton very proud.

It was in the December 1978 issue of the Wolverton Echo that we first appealed to you to help us carry out a project to raise £1,000. This money was to be spent to purchase a holiday caravan for underprivileged Basingstoke children. There were many who doubted that we would ever reach that target, but, with your generous help, reach it we did and the total amount now stands at well over £1,400.

We have already purchased a six berth towing caravan and this will shortly be brought to Wolverton, where it will be fitted out with all the necessary equipment and we will have a small plaque fixed to show that it was your gift to commemorate the Year of The Child.

The caravan is to be presented to the Department of Social Security at a very special ceremony on SATURDAY JANUARY 19th 2.30pm at the Village Hall.

The Mayor and Mayoress together with the Basingstoke District Councillors as well as our own Parish Councillors have been invited.

The B.B.C. has been approached and is showing interest.

The Basingstoke and Newbury Press should give the event full coverage, but most of all we want YOU to be there to share in the glory so please do come. We will put up posters to remind you nearer the time, but please make a note in your new diaries and dont forget. We cannot send out individual invitations to you all and this is our invitation to you.

The ceremony will be quite short and there will be refreshments and a chance for you to see the caravan that you have helped to provide before it is towed away to Basingstoke.

This has really been a tremendous achievement for so small a community. The money raised will more than cover the cost of the caravan and it is proposed to use the balance to cover the cost of two large Wendy houses which are badly needed by departments in Basingstoke where children are in care.

We still have the carol singers to finish off the year and in the next issue we will publish full details of the final total and how the money was raised and spent.

Thank you all for your wonderful support and generosity - DO PLEASE BE WITH US ON JANUARY 19th 2.30 pm.

## Village Party

It is proposed to hold a party in the Village Hall on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th - details will be announced later. Please do come - all the family will be welcome.

## WELCOME.

It is pleasant to see the vicarage occupied once again and to welcome the Reverend John Franks to Wolverton. He has already made many friends in the parish. I am sure that everyone, whatever their beliefs wish him and his wife happy times in the village.

## Barn Dance

This happy weekly event has had to cease owing to a lack of support.

We would like to start it up again in the New Year. Come on some of you - tear yourselves away from the Television and come dancing instead. Very good fun and very good exercise !.

Contact Mrs Hedges or Mrs Shaw if you are interested please.

## JOKE ? KORNER

What do you call a dog with no Legs

Anything you like it wont come

Why are the bells ringing

Because someones pulling the ropes

Driving Examiner- What goes red, orange, green, orange, red?

Pupil- A Packet of wine gums

## Does Anyone Know

The story of the Passion Flower? One version I have been told, The name is derived from the symbolical resemblance of the floral parts to Christ's Passion.

The three stigmas represent the nails by which He hung on the cross; the corolla, Jesus's crown of thorns- the five anthers represent Christ's wounds; The perianth, the Apostles but Judas who betrayed Him, and Peter, who denied Him, are omitted.

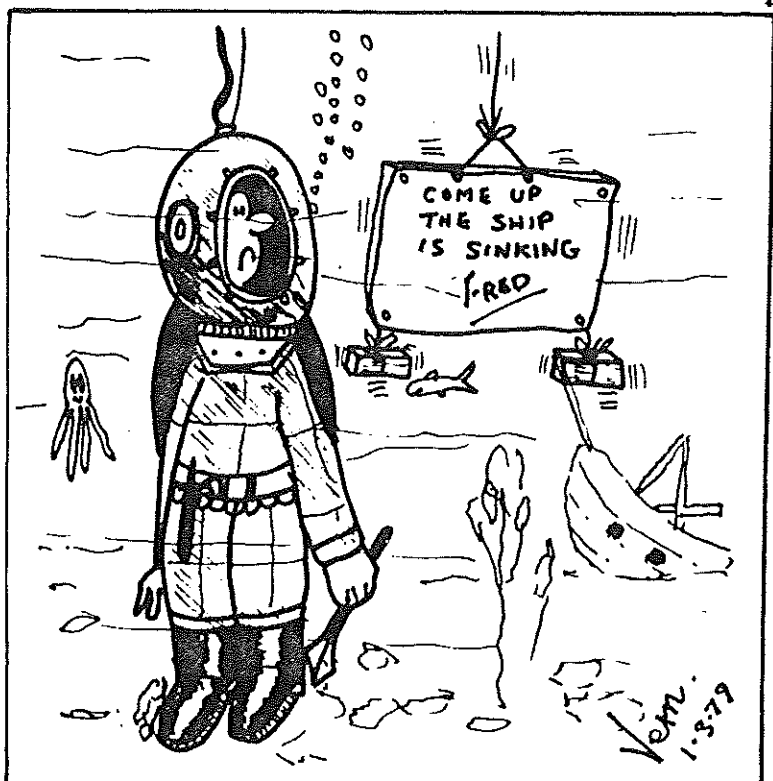
Why is the police van known as the 'Black Maria'?

In Boston, many years ago, there was a negress called Maria Lee who kept a sailors' lodging house. Because she was so strong and powerfully built everyone feared her. Frequently Maria helped the police of the day to pin down an unmanageable prisoner before he could be manacled. Very soon, "Send for Black Maria" became a common cry amongst the people when an unruly prisoner was on the loose. This is why the earliest vehicles for transporting offenders against law and order, which were painted black, became known as Black Marias.

## The Meaning of the Aran Stitches

The Irish moss stitch represents the moss or peats, the cable is a reminder of the fisherman's ropes; the diamonds symbolise wealth and the diagonal stitch represents the mountain paths in the costal areas. The blackberry stitch represents the Holy Trinity-three in one and one in three, while the honeycomb represents the cells of a bee's honeycomb. The trellis pattern represents the small fields throughout the Irish countryside bounded by stone walls.

In all, the stitches tell the story of the land, the homes and the occupations of the crofters who've preserved the patterns down through the centuries on the Aran Islands.



## FARISH COUNCIL

The Parish is the most ancient type of local government unit in Europe. In England it has been used for various civil purposes since the eighth century. Under Elizabeth I it became the area for poor law administration. By 1894 up to six separate parish authorities existed each looking after a separate aspect of parish life. Among these were the churchwardens, overseers and the vestry. The Local Government Act of 1894 split these functions into the Rural parish and the Ecclesiastical Parish which controlled church affairs and ecclesiastical charities. The Ecclesiastical Parish was modernised in 1920 and in line with their revised authorities, we renamed Parochial Church Councils. It is in this way that over the years the boundaries and functions of the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council have come to differ.

Wolverton is one of three wards which make up Baughurst Parish Council, and has three local parish councillors. Your council meets monthly in Wolverton or Heath End halls, with details on local notice boards. All posted meetings welcome visitors and time is always allowed to discuss local electors views. In Wolverton your parish councillors currently are Mrs Susan Gates of Brook Cottage, Ramsdell, Jim Rolls of the Lilacs and Martin Slatford of Tibbles - both in Wolverton Common.

Further details of what the parish council; can do will appear in future editions of the Echo but should you require assistance with local matters make use of your parish councillors



HAPPY



CHRISTMAS

## Memories

We have been told the Iron gates at Townsend Lodge were not used for arms during the war but were taken down and laid in the wood. We have not seen them but can anyone tell for sure.

In the 16th Century there was a Burial site at Browns Farm.

The Inn down Brazen Head Lane was used during the Crusades and was called The George and Dragon.

The George and Dragon at Townsend was used by the Duke Of Wellingtons Estate where Cottagers paid their rent.

The House by the Church was a Post Office and Mr Gregory used to walk round with the post.

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## Play Group

It is proposed to open the hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 - 4p.m. as a meeting place for the under fives with their mothers or grannies or friends.

It will be an opportunity for the little ones to play together.

PLEASE WATCH NOTICE BOARDS FOR DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

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## Wolverton 150 Club

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
Jan.	44 A. Jones	21	C. Shaw	19	D. Stephenson
Feb.	28 B. Brown	58	K. Hedges	95	E. Baldwin
Mar.	70 Lady Page Wood	100	H. Almond	107	H. Hartford
Apr.	79 Mr E.P.M. Smith	101	Mr. R.J. Winfield	5	Mrs B. Shaw
May	97 Mrs. Roberts	54	Mr&Mrs Mortimer	2	Mr. L. Phillips
Jun.	72 Mrs J Abrey	111	Mrs Gates	30	Miss A. Smith
Jul.	61 Mr&Mrs Armstrong	89	Mark Shaw	42	Sheila Parker
Aug.	88 Mrs. Ireland	109	Michael Coe	23	Elizabeth Shaw
Sep.	11 R. Butler	80	Mrs. D. Ellett	106	Polly Daniels
Oct.	25 R. Langthorne	92	W. Newton	69	A. Warman
Nov.	28 B. Brown	7	Mr. Maynard	58	K. Hedges

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## Year of The Child

Wolverton Village Hall was thronged with people when we presented our "Year of the Child" caravan to the Basingstoke Department of Social Services on Saturday 19th January

Miss Thornton who received the caravan on behalf of the department told us that it would be well and truly used throughout the year, and after she had ceremoniously unlocked the door all present were invited to step inside. While viewing was taking place refreshments were available from a table well spread with cakes and biscuits generously donated by villagers.

A great sense of satisfaction at the result of our achievement was felt and expressed as the caravan was towed away to Basingstoke.

The two Wendy houses, also purchased with the money raised are not yet available for delivery.

It is hoped that photographs will be taken of these and of the caravan in use so that everyone interested will be able to see just how worthwhile our project was.

## Toddlers Play Group

has started in the Village Hall 2.30 pm every Wednesday. All accompanied under fives welcome.

We are still anxious to get our BARN DANCE classes underway again one or two more enthusiasts would make this possible.

Please contact Mrs Hedges or Mrs Shaw if you are interested.

## Ploughmans Supper and Bring and

### Auction Sale

### Wolverton Village Hall

Friday March 28th - 7.30 p.m.

Admission by gift for Auction

Antiques, provisions, toiletries, produce, fancy goods, toys, pictures, bric-a-brac, small furniture etc. all very welcome.

Profits shared between VILLAGE HALL and WOLVERTON CHURCH maintenance funds.

## Nature Notes

Snowdrops are already out in the woodlands, Hazel catkins dangle yellow and the silvery buds of the Pussy willow swell larger every day. These are things we can all see without much searching, some less obvious but nevertheless very interesting plants are easily overlooked.

Two of these Found in Our District

The tiny "Moschatel" often called "Town Hall Clock" or "Five-faced Bishop". This is about 2-3 ins. high and the flower is greenish yellow having five florets to a head, four forming a square and one flat on top.

Another interesting plant "Toothwort" can be found in porous loam rich soil. The whole plant is pinkish red in colour, the florets a bit like teeth. The plant is a parasite and will only grow on the rootlets of certain trees or underground fungi.

Both of these can be found in late March or early April.

## Scorcerers Apprentice

"Creasing Iron, Pricking Iron, Splitting Machine, Wax Ends, Crew Punches" - Old forms of torture? . . . . Well yes they are in some ways when you are very new to the job!

Two needles at a time, hold the material steady with your foot on an antique design of a piece of bowed wood. Miss the material and sew your finger instead, - Oh well its all part of learning this ancient craft that is enjoying a strong revival at present.

So what is it? - to dress a horse!! I am an apprentice to a harness and saddle maker.

Imagine a very large piece of leather which is measured, marked cut, edged, has its edges dyed is creased and marked, has buckles placed and fittings put on then pricked, stitched, lined, blocked and creased again. At the end of all these processes you will have produced a brow band - the smallest item of a bridle.

It is an ancient and very interesting craft with a pace and a lore all of its own. All harness and saddle stitching is done manually with a needle in each hand. The threads are passed through the leather in such a way to lock each stitch.

The cutting is done with very sharp knives of several different blades and shapes. This part to an apprentice is the most hazardous as I discovered to my cost only last week. My hand was stitched up, not in the workshop with two needles but in the local casualty department at the hospital with modern equipment.

I'll remember not to put my hand in front of the blade next time!!

The writer of this article has asked to remain anonymous - so can you. If you can share your job or your hobby with others through the Echo it will make interesting reading.

## The Origin Of Basingstoke

Enough controversial material on local history has recently appeared to warrant an attempt to separate fact from fantasy.

For it is beyond all doubt that Basing, initially recorded in 871, was not only the first settlement in the district (by a Saxon named Basa) and his dependants, the Basingas) but was also the parent of Basingstoke. (The adjective "Old" so often applied to Basing is unnecessary, and indeed misleading, since it implies a "New" Basing - and no such place ever existed.)

Nor is there any doubt regarding the significance of the suffix -stoke: it stems from the Old English stoc, denoting an offshoot or dependent manor, often a dairy farm and sometimes having a religious connotation. It may well be that both meanings coalesced in the case of Basingstoke.

In a relatively short space of time the child (Basingstoke) outgrew its parent (Basing) in size and importance, and has since become the substantial town we know today, whereas Basing remains a village. We find a similar instance in what is now Dorset: Bournemouth was once little more than a few fishermen's huts at the mouth of the bourn or stream in the parish of Holdenhurst. Nowadays Holdenhurst, the parent, is a comparatively minor part of the considerable town that its offspring Bournemouth has become. Southend, at one time not much more than the southern or seaside end of an Essex parish, has long since far outstripped its parent, Prittlewell.

Finally, one more figment needs to be corrected. The derivation implying that -stoke means "a place stockaded", as stated on P. 8 of Baigent & Millard's 'History of Basingstoke', is a pure invention evidently copied from chapter 7 of Canon Taylor's 'Words and Places', which was published over a hundred years ago and specifically quotes Basingstoke by way of example. This is an object-lesson of how a statement persists once it has appeared in print.

Wolverton Youth Club  
Village Hall  
Thursdays

Hi There!

Just a short note to remind you that the Youth Club is still open every other Thursday evening from 7 to 9. Everyone is welcome from six years onwards. Due to lack of management the club is only run on a fortnightly basis. If any parent feels they could oversee please contact us.

In the near future the club hopes to organise various outings and trips, any ideas from members will be considered. The next special event will be a disco party on April 3rd. After this one we will try a fancy dress party ect.

We would like to apologise for lack of tuck but this will be back soon. At this point we would like to thank everyone who came to the bonfire night and barbecue - we hope to do the same next year. We would also like to thank June and Les and Martin for their help and support of running the club.

See you on Thursday March 13th and 27th  
Matthew Tofield (298687)  
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Debra Spencer, Tracy Nickless

Joke ? Korner

Q:What do you call a flying policeman?

A:A heli-copper

Q:What do policemen have in their sandwiches?

A:Truncheon Meat

Q:What happens if you dial 666?

A:A policeman comes along upsidown

Q:Where do policemen Live?

A:999 Letsbe Avenue.

Village Party

It has been decided to postpone the village party until the summer and to hold this in a garden where it is felt the attractions will be of greater appeal to all age groups.

STOP PRESS.....

29 March, Dance in Village Hall  
admission by ticket from Peter Shaw, The Bungalow, Rectory Lane....  
...1st May, Parish Council election...  
Get well soon Mrs. Ireland.....  
...Plates wanted for village hall.....

On The Buses

The recent changes in the Kennet Valley bus schedules has brought the buses back to Wolverton. The 122 service from Newbury is due through the Common on Thursdays at 10.49. The bus will then go through Kingsclere and Ecchinswell arriving at Newbury bus station at 11.23. The return bus leaves Newbury bus station at 2.25 and arrives back at Wolverton at about 3.00.

The timetable for the 302 Newbury to Basingstoke route are as follows:-

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				1934

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## Wolverton Village Hall

Because of the difficulties of waste disposal we are asking our hall hirers to take their refuse home with them and are therefore disposing of the big galvanised iron bin. This is waterproof and rat proof and would make excellent storage for animal feed, or could be used for fuel. Anyone interested can have it free of charge if you arrange your own removal. Contact Shaw 297.328.

## Mad Hatters Tea Party

Come and have cream tea in the garden at "Ashley" Wolverton Common on Sunday September 14th by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs N.Harrison. Prizes will be given for the two maddest hats one adult, one child. There will be many side shows and dancing on the lawn.

There will be a PLOUGHMANS SUPPER and BRING and AUCTION at the Village Hall on FRIDAY October 3rd 7pm.

The proceeds will go to AGE CONCERN which is our Charity for this year. Do please support this. We would be grateful for a gift for Auction even if you are unable to attend. Admission by gift for Auction - Phone 297.328 if any queries.

## HOT AIR

When you see the gaily coloured balloons drifting overhead you might like to know that Vincent Lunardi made the first aerial journey in England on 15th September 1784. His passengers were a pigeon and a cat, both of which escaped, and a dog who remained faithful. His craft was well provisioned - the trip lasted two and a quarter hours - but unfortunately the food got mixed up with the sand ballast and was inedible.

## Nature Notes

I suppose I am a bit fanatical about being in the fresh air. Certainly the windows and doors of our bungalow stand wide open whenever possible and we do, as a result, get all sorts of visitors mostly very welcome ones.

The swallows who are still feeding their second brood in a nest in the garage, fly in through the kitchen windows and out of the back door and have been known to rest awhile on the cabinet top. Robins slip in and out and search around the table legs for crumbs and chaffinch and blue-tit venture as far as the draining board.

I have had two very unexpected visitors lately. The lovely willow wren, wrongly named as he is not necessarily a bird of willow places, came in to the room where I was quietly sitting. He stayed for well over five minutes and explored all the corners of the window panes and the folds of the curtains obviously finding small spiders and insects. He was not the slightest bit perturbed by my presence and it was a wonderful experience to have him so close to me.

The other visitor was an entirely different character and so small that he was able to enter under the closed back door where there is a gap of no more than half an inch. It was the pigmy shrew mouse, the smallest European mammal. He was also insect hunting and having satisfied his curiosity and maybe his hunger he left quietly by the way he had come.

There was an old woman of Clewer  
Who was riding a bike and it threw her  
A Butcher came by  
And said "Missus don't cry"  
And he fastened her on with a skewer.

## "WHATS IN A NAME - RECTOR OR VICAR"?

As you know, the incumbent of this parish is always known as the Rector whereas in other parishes he is the Vicar and I am often asked to explain the difference. The simple answer, as far as the present day is concerned, is none. They are, to all intents and purposes, one and the same. But traditions die slowly and we all like to cling to those things which belong to the past and this is one of them.

For many years the clergy were maintained by offerings made to them by the laity. Of these offerings, the parish priest kept one quarter for his own use and the remaining three quarters were used for the upkeep of the fabric of the church, for the relief of the poor and for the support of the bishop. This system was superseded by what were called "tithes" and were a tenth part of all the produce of the land. As these were usually paid in kind tithe barns were built to receive them.

A clergyman who was entitled to all the tithes of a parish was called a Rector. If he did not choose to be the resident parish priest he was compelled to provide and to endow a priest to reside in the parish and to perform all the ecclesiastical duties. This priest, appointed by the Rector, was called the Vicar (Latin, vicarius, meaning "a substitute") and his financial support was endowed in the form of a portion of the glebe and what were called the "small tithes". These were the tenth parts of such minor produce as chickens, ducks, geese and lambs which were more troublesome to collect. The "great tithes" on corn, horses and cattle, were retained by the Rector.

By medieval times most parish churches had passed in to the hands of the monasteries who had become enormously wealthy. They, as the Rector, received all the revenues, or tithes. Originally one of the monks was sent to perform the duties of the Rector. Usually they would have returned at night to the monastery unless the distance was too great. Later a secular priest, called the Vicar, was appointed by the monastery to reside in the parish.

After the dissolution of the monasteries the king granted the rectorial rights to others and the parochial system as we know it gradually evolved. Where, in the past, a parish had been served by a Vicar he continued to be known in that manner and where the Rector himself had been the resident parish priest he continued to be called the Rector.

## PLACE-NAMES

(These notes, dealing primarily with Hampshire names, will no doubt be familiar to some readers. It is thought that other people, especially newcomers to Wolverton, may like to read them.)

The ending - ton which figures in so many of our English place-names goes back to tun in old English, the language which our Anglo-Saxon forebears brought here in A.D. 450 or thereabouts. The 'tūn', originally meaning 'hedge, fence,' later came to indicate 'enclosure and later still the 'homestead, farmhouse' built in the enclosure. With increasing population it came to denote 'settlement, village' and finally, with a slight change in form, it became 'town'. In the form - ton we find it for example in the name of a city, Southampton ('village south of the ham' = riverside settlement, on the River Itchen). Elsewhere in Hampshire it occurs in the name of a town such as Alton (not 'old town' as sometimes claimed, but 'homestead by the awiell = river source, i.e. the Wey). It turns up again in the names of various hamlets and villages, like Cheriton ('settlement with or belonging to a church'), and Wolverton, so-called from a Saxon name of the type Wulfhere or Wulfred, while Hannington marks the settlement of the Haningas, the family and dependants of one Hana, denoting a 'cockbird' (cf. the German 'Hahn'), which could well have been a nickname given by his fellow Saxons. Wolverton, in common with other places, has its Townsend, i.e. 'end of the village', and in Norfolk, for instance, Townsend, is the name applied to the furthest field on the farm. Overton, once Uferantūn, = 'upper farm', while some of the several Overtons elsewhere get their name from 'homestead on a river bank'. Totton, listed in Domesday Book, compiled in 1086, means the 'homestead of Tota's people'. Chawton, associated with Jane Austen, was Cealfatūn in Old English, meaning 'farm where calves were reared', while Compton was the 'homestead in the valley or coombe', like the Welsh cwm. Exton was East Seaxnatune in the year 940, and records a colony of East Saxons (cf. Essex), and finally Thruxton contains a reference, rare in Hampshire, to a Norse name, Thurkil.

Anonymous.

An old Yorkshire gardener employed by the vicar to tidy up the churchyard had made a splendid job of it and a visiting bishop complimented him on the show of flowers, remarking "it is wonderful what can be done with God's help".  
'Aye' was the reply, "bit tha should ha' seen it when He did it on His own".

JOKE KORNER!

Why do birds fly south in winter?  
Because its too far to walk.

1st Lady. If you are depressed Yoga can  
be a great help.  
2nd Lady. Really! What flavour.

What do you get when you drop a piano down  
a pit shaft?  
A Flat Minor.

Why dont elephants eat penguins?  
Because they cant get the wrappers off.  
(Contributed by Graham Hedges.)

A Protestant minister, who had dropped in  
to visit a Roman Catholic priest in his  
Rectory, remarked, "Father, you have such  
comfortable quarters here, so much better  
than my Parsonage, that I envy you."  
"Yes" replied the priest. "You ministers  
have your better halves and we priests  
have our better quarters."

At a village sports meeting the Vicar's  
wife won the contest for "throwing the  
rolling pin". She threw it sixty seven  
feet. The hundred yards dash for married  
men was won by the Vicar.

Young Son: Dad, were you in the ark with  
Noah?  
Father: No, son, why do you ask?  
Young Son: Well, Dad. Why didn't you drown?

EXTRACT from Post Office Directory of  
Wiltshire, Hampshire and Dorsetshire dated  
1867.

Wolverton (Wolferton or Woolverton).  
Population in 1861 was 146.  
Area 1,395 acres.  
Rateable value £1,537.

Rector: Rev. Richard Pole, M.A.,  
School Mistress: Mrs Eliza Jane Duffell.  
Shopkeeper and Baker: William Bond.  
Blacksmith: John Freeman.  
Hare and Hounds Inn: William Hedges.  
Shopkeeper: William Soper.  
Farmers: William Spackman, Plantation Farm  
William Stevens, Wolverton Farm.  
George Wigg, Poveys Farm  
Jasper Wilson Johns, Wolverton  
Park.

WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Quarterly Meeting held on 12th August  
it was reported that the caravan presented to  
the Social Services by the people of Wolverton  
had been sited in the New Forest this summer  
and was very much appreciated by those who had  
been able to enjoy a holiday in it. Four  
separate single parent families and also foster  
parents and children had been accommodated, and  
during the school holidays groups of children  
accompanied by social workers had had short  
holidays. None of these children would other-  
wise have had the opportunity of a holiday.  
Letters of thanks were read to the meeting and  
it is heartening to know that all the hard work  
and generous giving on the part of Wolverton  
villagers and friends has been well worth while.

After paying all the expenses in connection with  
the caravan there was still some money left in  
the International Year of the Child Fund and it  
had been agreed that this should be spent on  
supplying two Wendy Houses for needy children -  
one to be sited at the Day Nursery in Bolton  
Crescent, Basingstoke, and the other at the  
Home for Mentally Handicapped Children in Verdi  
Close, Basingstoke. One is already in use and  
the other is on order and should be ready for  
delivery early in September.

The Village Hall Committee are still beaver-  
ing away to raise money, both for the maintenance  
of the Hall itself and for this year's charitable  
cause - AGE CONCERN. There are two fund-  
raising events in the pipe line and once more  
we ask for your generous support.

ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I. meets on the  
second Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm. In  
September at ASHFORD HILL VILLAGE HALL Mrs  
Stanway will be demonstrating the making of soft  
toys and Voluntary County Organiser Mrs Kent  
will give a short informative talk about the W.I.  
This should be especially interesting to new  
members and visitors.

The October meeting will be at WOLVERTON VILLAGE  
HALL when it is hoped that a member of the COKE  
HOLE TRUST will talk about drugs and drug  
addiction. There will be question time. If you  
wish to attend a meeting but have no transport  
please phone Mrs Stephenson Kingsclere 298418.

On August 13th members spent an enjoyable day  
entertaining mentally handicapped children and  
helpers, at the home of Vice President Mrs Casson.  
Between picnic lunch and tea the children  
splashed in the swimming pool, had pony rides and  
played with a variety of toys in the garden.  
This annual garden party is one of the happiest  
in the Institute's calendar.

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SEEN IN THE MEDIA

(a letter about litter, printed in the Daily Telegraph, 23 August 1980)

Some places are free of litter and others are not. Ludlow Castle is dirty; Netley Abbey is spotless. Winchester is clean and Padiham in Lancashire is a joy to visit.

Basingstoke and Reading are awful.

HELP! WE'RE BROKE.

Despite donations from advertisers and individuals rising costs have caused a deficit of £23. If you want to keep the Wolverton Echo going your contribution would be much appreciated.

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## WOLVERTON YOUTH CLUB

Wolverton Youth Club bounced back with a Halloween party on October 30th. Regular meetings start again on November 6th at 7 O'clock with seven of the older club members organising games for the younger ones.

The real need at the moment is for parents or other adults to oversee the meetings. Most of the games and special events will be organised by the club committee so it isn't necessary to be a mine of information or distractions. All that is needed is patience, a strong voice and a sense of humour. If you can help for one or two Thursday evenings a year there are up to twenty children who would be very grateful. Should you wish to know more please contact me. I am sure that you will enjoy yourself and not miss the occasional evening.

Any children who would like to join are advised to buy a membership card from the committee. This card will entitle them to reduced subs and make sure that they are advised of every meeting and special event.

The committee is:-

Tracey and Andy Nickless	298958
Matthew Tofield	298687
Bob Langthorne	298562
Debra Spencer	298719
Angela Rolls and Tracey Ashfield.	

## PARISH COUNCIL

Baughurst Parish Council is one of about 7,800 local councils to be found in England and Wales. In England the local council may be called a Town or Parish Council but in Wales Community Councils replace the Parish title. The powers and responsibilities of Parish Councils were increased by the Local Government Act of 1972 which took affect from 1st April 1974. This act strengthened the electors powers of representation through Parish Councils at a time when the size of District councils was increasing to chase elusive economies of scale.

Some of the facilities provided by the Parish Council from your rates are street lighting, public footpaths and bridleways, open spaces and play equipment, seats and bus shelters, comment on planning applications and the provision of burial facilities. The Parish Council can be a trustee or administrator of local non-ecclesiastical charities and have many obligations to the charities and the Charity Commissioners. A Parish Council can provide mortuaries, public clocks, halls, recreation facilities and allotments. It can plant roadside verges, clean out ponds and ditches, provide litter bins, public conveniences, public wash-houses and launderettes. It can also subsidise telephone boxes in areas where the Post Office do not consider they are financially viable. This list could have many more entries but I hope that regular reports of the activities of Baughurst Parish Council will convince you of the return you are getting for the small part of your rates which they use.

## MONEY MATTERS

With a circulation now of 130 copies our printing costs are £6 per issue. Since the last issue we have received a donation of £3 for which we are very grateful.

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise their products or services in the Echo we would be pleased to contact them. Many people have used the contacts advertised in the Echo and you will find additional Kingsclere telephone numbers in this issue in response to several requests. I am sure that our advertisers have benefited from their original generosity and look forward to more adverts. We can include drawings or photographs and your own wording.

## PLACE-NAMES

The original meaning of the Old English hyrst was 'rising ground, hill'. This is borne out by the name of the sandy spit, devoid of trees, on the Hampshire coast facing the Isle of Wight where Henry VIII built Hurst Castle, still standing, as a defence against invaders and other marauders. Further evidence that at one time a 'hurst' did not denote a wood is seen in a place-name where an explanatory prefix was given, i.e. Woodhurst in Huntingdonshire.

A hurst was often of sand or some other unprofitable ground, an aspect that was sometimes reflected in the name given to the place, e.g. Sandhurst, Stoneyhurst, and Chislehurst (from the OE ceosol, 'gravel', as in Chesil Street, Winchester, and Chiswell Street, London).

The fact that a hurst was so often an area of poor soil, and on rising ground at that, meant that it would be left strictly alone by the ploughman and so in course of time would become covered by undergrowth and brushwood and, later on, by trees. Accordingly 'hurst' came to denote 'grove, wood' and eventually this change of meaning became the rule. We should remember that Old English was spoken in these islands for some 700 years and, like any other language, it was subject to gradual change, a process indeed that is still going on in modern English.

Baughurst, first recorded over a thousand years ago as Beaggan hyrst, derives its name from one Beagga, a shortened form of some Saxon name like Beagmund or Beagnoth; it is likely that he either owned a wood or lived in or near one. Haughurst, of obscure origin, may contain the word heah, 'high', as in Haugham, Lincolnshire, or haga, 'haw', the fruit of the hawthorn, as in Haughley, Suffolk. Inhurst also occurs elsewhere in Hampshire in the pair Inhurst and Outhurst, near Portsmouth, meaning 'inner and outer wood'. Ewhurst is named from the yew-tree; Lyndhurst, from the lime-tree; and Buckhurst in Essex from bochyrst, 'beech wood'. Brockenhurst appears to contain the name of another Saxon, Broca, though it may be connected with brocc, 'badger', as in the case of Brockhurst in Warwickshire.

Finally, Hurstbourne is the exception which demonstrates that uninformed guesswork has no place in the study of place-names.

A TV programme put out by the BBC last December alleged that the name meant 'forest stream'. The facts show a different picture: over 11 centuries ago the place was

recorded as Hysseburna, meaning 'stream containing hysse', apparently some kind of winding water-plant. Husborne in Bedfordshire is of identical origin.

## WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Inteenational Year of the Child Fund has now been closed - the money remaining after the purchase of the two Wendy Houses mentioned in our last report has been given to Saxon Wood Special School (which is sited in the grounds of B.D.H.) for the purchase of a "Flexistand", for children unable to stand unsupported; and a Major Buggy, a large pushchair for taking out children unable to walk far. For your information below is a statement of the money raised and how it has been spent:-

Personal donations including some craft sales

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EXPENDITURE	NET INCOME from
Caravan	£2875.00
" accessories	143.60
" misc: exp:	6.25
Wendy House No.1	
at Childrens day	
nursery Bolton	
Cres, South Ham	191.00
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home for mentally	
handicapped	
children, Verdi	
Close, Brighton Hill	184.83
Saxon Wood School	
for a standing aid	
and a pushchair	130.00
Village Hall	46.83
	<u>1577.51</u>
Donations	£287.71
150 Club	475.19
May Spring	
fair	223.41
March Bring	
and Auction	203.57
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	67.40
Oct. Two	
Jumble sales	53.40
Dec. Handbell	
ringers	25.00
August Mad-	
Hatters garden	
tea-party	17.93
Dance in the	
hall	12.50
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Bank interest	94.47
	<u>£1577.51</u>

Fund-raising in 1979 was, of course, entirely devoted to the IYC but normally the money received from fund-raising events

has to go to the maintenance of the Hall except that every year we put on one event for Charity. This year we chose "Age Concern" and on October 3rd a Bring and Auction and Ploughman's Supper was held in the Hall. It was a pleasant and profitable evening and the sum of approximately £80 was raised for the Tadley Branch of "Age Concern".

#### PLEASE NOTE

The A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee will be on Tuesday, 18th November at 7.30pm in the Hall. and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come. At this meeting the officers and committee for the coming year are elected and as one or two long-serving members will be resigning it is important to replace them to ensure a full working committee. If you are new to the village and feel you 'don't know anybody', here is a good opportunity to get to know everybody! So do come along on the 18th November - you will find the meeting friendly and informal and you will be very welcome.

#### COUNTRY DANCING

This takes place in the Village Hall every first and third Tuesday in each month. It is proposed to divide this into two classes.

The under ten year olds from 6.30pm - 7.30pm followed by the more advanced class from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Anyone interested should contact either Mrs Hedges 297388 or Mrs Shaw 297328 as soon as possible please.

We need more support for both groups. Experience unnecessary and much pleasure guaranteed.

#### SAINT CATHERINE

St Catherine's day is 25th November. Very little is known about her. She is said to have come from a distinguished family in the fourth century when Maximus II was Emperor of Rome.

Converted to Christianity, her explanation and defence of its doctrines was so eloquent that she annoyed the pagan emperor who gave orders that she was to be tortured to death on a revolving spiked wheel. Our Catherine wheel firework is named after this legend.

Apparently the wheel was struck by lightning just as it started to turn and Catherine's bonds were severed.

Nevertheless the Emperor still insisted she be put to death. St Catherine has become the patron of girls and many girls schools bear her name.

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#### NATURE NOTES

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease

No comfortable feel in any member -

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds -  
November.

In spite of the gloom of Thomas Hood's poem November can be one of the most colourful months of the year in the countryside.

The first frosts turn leaves from green to gold and even if the winds blow them from the trees the woodland floor receives a colourful carpet, lovely to walk upon if the leaves are crisp and dry.

Tractors and ploughs with their attendant rooks and gulls are busy in the stubble fields.

There is still plenty of food in the hedgerows for the birds and small mammals.

Soon the colder weather will persuade many of our animals to hide and sleep the winter away, and the birds will welcome the scraps we offer them on our garden bird table.

#### ASHFORD HILL AND WOLVERTON W.I.

November 12th is the next important date for members, the annual meeting will be held at Ashford Hill village hall when the new committee will be elected.

Since the October meeting there is in the Institute a greater understanding of drug addiction and what can be done to help addicts. Mrs Henry of the Coke Hole Trust spoke of some of her experiences while working towards the formation of the rehabilitation homes in Alton. Much has been achieved in the caring family atmosphere with dedicated helpers.

#### MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

On September 14th the Mad Hatter's Tea Party brought villagers together to enjoy a pleasant afternoon in the garden at Ashley, Wolverton Common. Thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Harrison for the use of their interesting garden where visitors could stroll and show off their fine hats, or patronise the side shows. Cream teas were served followed by the judging. First prize in the adults class was won by the Rector who wore a flowerpot creation consisting mainly of one very large pot surrounded by smaller ones, a slender gladioli emerging from the top. The childrens prize was won by Master Vass with a beautiful hat in the form of a clock, most effective.

## SAVE OUR BELLS

Wolverton Church bells were recently inspected by a representative from John Taylor and Co, Bellfounders of Loughborough.

The bells, which have been in our village for over a hundred years are, on the whole, in a satisfactory condition. However, since restoration in 1950, one or two minor faults have developed, which if not attended to now, will develop into major problems, possibly resulting in the loss of our fine peal of bells.

It is therefore intended that Taylors be commissioned to carry out the work - the approximate cost of which is £200. When you consider that it would cost £20,000 to install a new peal of six bells you will appreciate that it is well worth keeping our bells in good order.

To help raise the money required, Wolverton Bellringers are staging a Barn Dance on the 6th December in Wolverton Village Hall from 8pm to midnight. Further details and tickets will be available from Mrs Shaw 297328 and Mrs Hedges 297388. Watch for the posters.

### JOKE KORNER!

Policeman to woman driver - 'I know the man stepped out in front of you, but, after all this is his front garden!'

Q. What did the bell say when it fell in the water? I'm ringing wet.

Q. What do you do if you find a Blue Banana? Try to cheer it up!

Q. Why did the teacher wear dark glasses? Because the Class was so bright.

Shopper. "If this garment is made of wool, why does it say 'man made fabrics' on the label?"

Assistant "That's to fool the moths."

Child to cannibal mum, seeing jet fly over. "Whats that Mum?"

Mum. "Well its something like a lobster - you only eat whats inside".

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if no answer	Basingstoke 3111
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