

# NEWSLETTER

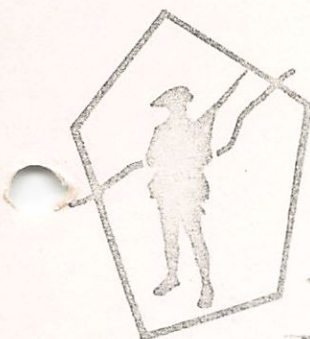
ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

First Issue

NOVEMBER - 1972

Edited by Capt. Wm. Boothroyd



## \*\* OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING \*\*

Captain W. Boothroyd	Commander
Lieut. L. Huhtamaki	
Serg. L. Simpson	Adjutant
Serg. G. Pillivant	Paymaster
Serg. G. Ianuzzo	Drill
Corp. J. Cuddy	Quartermaster
Corp. R. Bannister	Historian
Corp. M. Waldron	Armorer

## \*\* STANDING COMMITTEES \*\*

Activities: Ianuzzo, G.; Waldron, M.;  
Mattson, W.; Cuddy, J.; Longval, F.  
Safety: Waldron, M.; Huhtamaki, L.;  
Murphy, P.  
History: Bannister, R.; Mattson, W.;  
Murphy, J.

\* Voted at the annual meeting to continue to hold meetings every two weeks, starting with the annual meeting.

## \*\* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \*\*

Nov. 16, Thurs. Premiere Ceremonies of  
Movie '1776'  
Dec. 2, Sat. Billerica Yule Colonial Ball  
Billerica Elks Club, Webb Brook Rd.  
Apr. 14, Bedford pole raising and parade  
mid-day.  
Apr. 16, Assabet Village Minutemen march  
to Concord Bridge at 6:30 a.m.  
Apr. 16, Arlington Patriot Day Parade,  
morning.  
Apr. 16, Lexington Patriots Day Parade,  
afternoon.  
Aug. 4, York Militia Muster.  
Aug. 5, York, Maine.  
Sept. 30, Crown Resistance Day - Acton,  
Mass.  
Oct. 8, Heritage Day - Southborough,  
Mass.

This is the up-to-date calendar; should be more information at a later date.

## \*\* DATES OF COMING MEETINGS \*\*

Nov. 13, 27. Dec. 11. Meetings around the holidays will have to be voted at regular meeting.

\*\* Lew Horton - Framingham, Mass. has Brown Bess muskets. Minutemen may get discount. He will give a larger discount in quantity. See Armorer Mark Waldron if you need a firelock.

\*\* The following is the agenda for Regular Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order was used as a guideline. (Per Assabet Village Minutemen By-Laws.)

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Certify new members.
3. New applications.
4. Adjutant's report.
5. Paymaster's report.
6. Outstanding bills.
7. Committees report.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Matters of interest to the company.
11. Adjournment of business meeting.
12. Marching and drill.

We will use the above guidelines to run our meetings and at a later date should make them Standing Rules.

## \*\* HISTORIC NOTES \*\*

Sudbury, Nov. 14, 1774, it was voted that the town recommend to the several companies of militia to meet for the choice of officers for their respective companies, as recommended by the Provincial Congress. Besides looking after the militia, the town took measures to form Minutemen Companies. Jabez Puffer who lived on what is now Puffers Road, Maynard, was elected Captain of the Alarm Company. They marched with West Side Minute Company on the 19th of April, 1775.

Let's have some comments on the NEWSLETTER!

PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE





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ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

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JANUARY - 1973

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## \*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*

Best wishes to Jack and Peggy Cuddy on the birth of Christopher Charles on November 16, 1972. The new arrival weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz.

## \*\* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \*\*

- March 4, Sunday Boston Massacre Ceremony
- April 14, Sat. Bedford Pole Raising and parade in Bedford at noon.
- April 16, Mon. Assabet Village Minutemen march to Concord Bridge.
- April 16, Mon. Lexington parade, afternoon.
- Aug. 4&5 Sat. & Sun. York Militia Muster, York Maine.
- June 16, Sat. Bunker Hill re-enactment, Charlestown.
- Sept. 8 & 9 Sat. & Sun. Assabet Village Minutemen Concord Bridge detail.
- Sept. 30, Sun. Crown Resistance Day, Acton.
- Oct. 8, Mon. Heritage Day, Southborough.

June 2 is the first day of the 1973 season at the Concord Bridge. All companies will muster together. This year as other years Minutemen with permission from the Park may demonstrate anything colonial that may interest the visitors. As usual, Safety Rules of the Park must be observed or you will be asked to leave.

## COLONIAL CRAFTS (continued)

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Gunsmith    | Glass-Blowers |
| Papermakers | Bookbinder    |
| Potters     | Printers      |
| Braziers    |               |

## \*\* HISTORICAL NOTE \*\*

The men who lived in the Northwest district of Andbury, now Maynard, were enrolled in the North Militia Company West Side, Minute Company West Side, Troop of Horses, and Alarm Company.

## \*\* COLONIAL CRAFTSMEN \*\*

Doing something new, successfully accomplishing something you have never done before, is life's way of building a better individual. Satisfying results can be achieved through the most elementary effort for those who seek a craft activity. The physical work stimulates the body while it relaxes the mind. Working with your hands builds self-confidence and attracts the admiration of family and friends. Each new thing you do develops your personality. You will soon discover that you are a lot handier with tools and your hands than you had thought. The colonists had few tools and not much to work with. However, they personally carried out every step in the creation of the article they were making and developed skill and individual imagination. Hopefully, we can develop a colonial crafts program with everyone picking a craft of their own interest. As in practice of any craft, learning will come with doing. The colonial crafts will enable us to recreate our heritage for today's people and could also be used as a means to make some money. The following is a list of some of the colonial crafts:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Blacksmith    | Farrier         |
| Cooper        | White Cooper    |
| Carpenter     | Joiner          |
| Sawyers       | Miller          |
| Tanner        | Fuller          |
| Cat Whipper   | Tailor          |
| Chandler      | Tinker          |
| Baker         | Eyeglass Seller |
| Cutler        | Tobacconist     |
| Hornsmith     | Pewterer        |
| Buttonmaker   | Whitesmith      |
| Plumber       | Coppersmith     |
| Silversmith   | Barber & Wigmak |
| Apothecary    | Hatter          |
| Cabinet Maker | Wheelwright     |
| Clock Maker   | Locksmith       |





# ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

## MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

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APRIL - 1973

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### \*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*

Best wishes to Paul and Pamela Murphy on the birth of Sean in March, 1973. The new arrival weighed in at 8 lbs.

### \*\* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \*\*

- Sat. Apr. 14 Bedford Liberty Pole Raising and parade.  
11:00 a.m. High School parking lot, Bedford Center  
Mudge Way, off Great Rd. Rte. 62  
11:30 a.m. Parade starts, signaled by cannon. Collation after; mass firing.
- Sat. Apr. 14 Merriam's Corner Memorial Exercises approximately 2:00 p.m. (after Bedford ceremonies) Junctions of Lexington Rd. (rte. 2) and Old Bedford Rd. in Concord.  
Very short parade up Old Bedford Rd. to field in front of Merriam farmhouse for brief ceremony. Mass firing.
- Mon. Apr. 16 Assabet Village Minutemen annual march to Old North Bridge in Concord.  
6:30 a.m. Leave the junction of Brown and Concord streets.
- Mon. Apr. 16 Patriot's Day Parade in Lexington.  
1:30 p.m. Form in the vicinity of intersection of Werthern Rd. and Mass. Ave.  
2:00 p.m. Start of parade.  
Collation afterward at United Church of Christ - 1912 Mass. Ave.
- Thurs. Apr. 19 Patriot's Day Parade in Concord.  
8:15 a.m. assembly at Concord-Carlisle High on Walden Street (Rte. 126)  
9:00 a.m. parade starts
- May 5 Lexington Ball
- May 6 Black Powder Shoot at Riverside in Hudson
- Sun. May 20 Liberty Pole Raising  
Wilmington  
1:30 p.m. Assembly at  
Wilmington Plaza Rte. 38  
2:00 p.m. parade starts  
jollification for  
marchers and families  
at Wilmington High.  
Rain date June 3rd.
- Sat. June 16 Battle of Bunker Hill reenactment and parade.  
Charlestown Co. p.m.
- Sat. July 28 Muster and parade.  
Newburyport Company.
- Fri., Sat., & Sun., Aug. 3, 4 & 5  
Muster, parade and  
encampment. York Co.
- Sun. Sept. 30 Crown Resistance Day  
Acton Company P.M.
- Sat. Oct. 6 Southborough Military  
Colonial Ball. P.M.  
Southborough Companies.
- Sun. Oct. 7 Thunderbridge Muster.  
All day.
- Mon. Oct. 9 Southborough Heritage Day  
All day. Parade A.M.  
Southborough Cos.
- Sun. Oct. 21 Liberty & Union Day,  
Taunton. Taunton Co.

ALL MUSKETS WILL BE CLEANED AND INSPECTED BY THE ARMORER BEFORE APRIL 14





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JULY - 1973

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**\*\* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \*\***

July 28, Sat.

Tea Burning Muster  
Newburyport Militia  
Parade forms at 10:40 a.m.  
Parade starts at 11:00 a.m.  
Parade starts at Bartlett Mall,  
proceeds down High Street turn-  
ing left onto Marlborough St.,  
turning right onto Water Street  
to the Plum Island Airport.  
After parade - fife and drums,  
flintlock musket, tomahawk, knife,  
and pistol (targets \$1.00 each).  
At 3:00 p.m. tea destroyed. 5:00 p.m.  
jellification. On Sunday - old  
fashioned Sunday at Bartlett Mall.  
Take route 95 to route 113, Newburyport  
turn right this is Sterey St. Stay on  
this street to where it turns right to  
High St. Proceed until you come to  
Mall or leave your car at the Plum  
Island Airport (muster area). Shuttle  
busses will be available from 9:30 a.m.  
so you can park your car and get back  
to the starting point.

**Directions**

Aug. 3, 4, 5

Muster, parade, and encampment at  
Yerk, Maine.  
Camping and shooting site is off of  
route 91 which may be reached via  
U.S. 1 or the Maine Turnpike, etc.  
Assabet has been assigned camp sites  
38 through 49 (12 sites). There is a  
check-in booth as you enter the camping  
area. There is also a public parking  
area, firing range, and flea market.  
Tiverton Colonial Muster,  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. musket and pistol  
matches.  
11:30 a.m. parade forms  
12:00 start parade  
4:00 p.m. Battle of Rhode Island.  
Assabet at Concord Bridge 1:00 p.m.  
Re-enactment Ft. Griswold,  
Groton, Connecticut,

Aug. 18, Sat.

Sept. 8 and 9

Sept. 8

Sept. 9

Black Powder Sheet  
Harvard Sportsmen  
Club.

Sept. 15,  
Sat.

Westford Minutemen,  
Dorchester Heights  
Muster Day.  
Lexington Minutemen.  
12:30 parade forms  
at high school  
parking lot.  
13:00 parade starts  
march around base  
of Dorchester  
Heights, entering  
park on east side.  
Ceremonies follow.  
14:10 collation and  
jam session.

Sept. 22,  
Sat.

Founders Day,  
Hudson, N.H.  
Parade forms 9:30  
Parade starts at  
10:00 a.m.  
After 1 1/2 mile  
parade, there will  
be a chicken  
barbeque.  
8:00 p.m. colonial  
ball.

Sept. 30

Crown Resistance  
Day, Acton.

Oct. 7

Oct. 8

Thunderbridge Muster  
Southborough.

Oct. 21

Heritage Day  
Liberty and Union  
Parade, Taunton  
Minutemen.

Dec. 14

Billerica Yule Ball.  
Billerica Minutemen.

**\*\* Don't forget to pick up your  
shoes at G. Pillivant's house.\*\***





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AUGUST - 1973

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\* \* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \* \*

Aug. 18, Sat.

Colonial fashion presentation at home of A. Brown, Concord.

Aug. 18, Sat.

Tiverton Colonial Muster  
9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. musket & pistol matches.

11:30 a.m. parade forms

12:00 parade starts

4:00 p.m. Battle of Rhode Island

Aug. 19, Sun.

Salem Heritage Day

1:00 p.m. parade starts at

Lafayette Street

3rd division: Ocean Ave., west side

off of Lafayette St. To get to

Salem take the Salem cut-off of

route 128 on to route 114 through

Peabody to Salem.

Aug. 25

Black Powder Sheet Northbridge

Militia, Grafton

Sept. 8 & 9

Assabet Village Minutemen at

Sat., & Sun.

Concord Bridge 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 15, Sat.

Dorchester Heights Muster

Sept. 16, Sun.

Chelmsford Patriots and Prisoners

Day

Assembly at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Church North Road (route 4)

Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. jellification

Sept. 22, Sat.

Founders Day, Hudson New Hampshire

Parade forms at 9:30 a.m.

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Chicken barbeque for all companies

after the parade.

Sept. 30, Sun.

Crown Resistance Day, Acton

Minutemen

Oct. 7

Thunderbridge Muster

Oct. 8

Southborough Heritage Day

Oct. 21

Liberty and Union Parade,

Taunton Minutemen 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 14

Billerica Yule Ball

Billerica Minutemen

A meeting was held on Aug. 13, 1973.

The company voted to join the Baystate Historical League.

The Bay State Historic League is fast becoming the leading lobbying agency for Historic Organizations and Museums in the Commonwealth. It is the main link between the private organizations, such as ours, and the state and federal governments.

How about some ideas for a muster in the Spring or early Summer? I'm sure most of the Minute companies will appear in our town. I have also approached individuals who would demonstrate some of their colonial crafts.

During the colonial period, a saw mill and grist mill were situated on the brooks (Puffers and Heney Pot) that empty into Thanksgiving Pond. There was a dam on the brook so as to make use of the water power to run the mills. Further up on this small stream was the Puffer mill. Asa Smith and Jabez Puffer were minutemen from what is now Maynard. Thanksgiving Pond was a favorite ice skating spot for many of the present residents of Maynard. Asa Smith operated several of the old mills





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SEPTEMBER - 1973

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## \* \* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \* \*

Sept. 18 ~~Mon.~~ Assabet Village Minutemen meeting Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 22, Sat. Founder's Day, Hudson, N.H.

Sept. 22, Sat. Bedford Ball Bedford Minutemen

Sept. 30, Sun. Crown Resistance Day Acton  
1:30 p.m. parade forms  
2:00 p.m. parade starts

Oct. 1, Mon. Meeting of Assabet Village Minutemen

Oct. 6, Sat. Southborough Ball

Oct. 7, Sun. Thunderbridge Muster All day

Oct. 8, Mon. Southborough parade 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 21, Sun. Liberty and Union parade in Taunton 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 11, Sun. Veterans Day in Maynard parade at 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 14, Fri. Billerica Ball

5. The Old Guard will come to Ft. Devens again next April.

6. Boylston is the latest company to join the Council.

7. White Plains Battle is to be held on October 28th.

8. A Mr. Summons appeared before the Council. He wishes to finance three commemorative plates - a British soldier, a Minuteman, and a picture of Concord. These plates are to be made by Ridgewood China. They would sell for \$33.00 each, three for \$95.00. One dollar from the sale of each plate is to be returned to the minutemen.

## \* \* OFFICIAL NOTICE \* \*

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 1973 in the Maynard Town Building at 7:30 p.m. The nominating committee will submit a list of candidates for office. Other nominations may be made at the meeting by any member. Regular meetings shall be determined for the year.

Captain Parsons was a British officer who with four companies (5th, 23rd, 38th, and 52nd) had gone to the Barrett Farm looking for hidden supplies. They found little and headed back for the Bridge. They did not hear the firing at the Bridge and they did not see the West Sudbury men who followed them to the Bridge. They were too late for the fight but were in plenty of time to join in the pursuit along Battle Road. Some of the minutemen who were with the West Sudbury companies lived in what is now Maynard.

## \* \* BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE \* \*

The Maynard Selectmen are forming a bi-centennial committee. The committee will establish activities to help celebrate our 200th anniversary.

The Assabet Village Minutemen have been asked to help with this great project.

## \* \* MAYNARD NOTICES \* \*

## \* \* NOTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING \* \*

1. December 16th Boston Tea Party
2. Battle Road re-enactment to be held in April or May. Each company will take the same place their company did in 1775.
3. The Council would like to know how many minutemen and their wives would be interested in a "Night at the Pops."
4. There will be a Colonial Town Meeting at the park in Concord on September 29th at 2:00 p.m.

The Mission Evangelical Congregational Church will conduct their sixth annual "Service of Patriotism" on Sunday, November 11th, 1973 at 8:30 a.m. We, as a Minute Company from Maynard, have again received a personal invitation from Rev. Heikkila. The theme this year will be "God bless America." Please let me know immediately if you plan to attend. There are many who would like to attend but cannot because of LIMITED SPACE.





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## \* \* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \* \*

- Oct. 21, Sun. Liberty & Union Parade in Taunton. Colonial service at First Parish Church in Taunton at 10:00 a.m. Parade assembles at 12:30 p.m. on East Britannia Street. 1:00 p.m. parade starts.
- Oct. 28, Sun. White Plains re-enactment
- Nov. 11, Sun. "Service of Patriotism" at 8:30 a.m. Mission Evangelical Congregational Church in Maynard.
- Nov. 11, Sun. Maynard's Veterans Day Parade 2:00 p.m. from Maynard Junion High School. Parade forms at 1:45 p.m. Refreshments at VFW Hall after parade.
- Nov. 18, Sun. Children's Holiday Festival Parade starting at 2:00 p.m. in Lowell, Mass.
- Dec. 14, Fri. Billerica Yule Ball 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16, Sun. Boston Tea Party re-enactment, Charlestown

## \* \* NEW OFFICERS \* \*

Captain W. Boothroyd Commander  
Lieutenant L. Huhtamaki  
Sergeant W. Mattson Adjutant  
Sergeant G. Pillivant Paymaster  
Sergeant G. Ianuzzo Drill  
Corporal L. Simpson Quartermaster  
Corporal F. Longval Historian

## \* \* NOTES FROM COUNCIL \* \*

1. How many Minutemen and wives would be interested in a "Night at the Pops?"

## \* \* BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE \* \*

The Selectmen of Maynard are still trying to get a committee in Maynard formed.

\* \* The Executive Staff has held its meeting to prepare an agenda for all activities of the organization. I also has prepared a list of names for standing committees. This report will be made at the meeting on Monday, October 15th.

\* \* We have received permission to erect historical markers within the Government land in Maynard. Hopefully they will be in place this fall.

## \* \* HISTORICAL NOTES \* \*

Tantamous Transfer: An Indian named Tantamous, sometimes called Jethro, whose home camp was at Nobscot, is supposed to have purchased a horse and colt from one Herman Garrett of Concord, giving a mortgage which was not paid. It was foreclosed by suit and a section of one thousand acres came to Garrett on May 19, 1651 in settlement of his claim amounting to 20 pounds, 6 shillings, four pence. The land was along the Assabet River. Tantamous had lived in Assabet (Issabaeth) in his earlier years (now Maynard.) The Colony Records, Vol. III, page 225, May 22, 1651, records that Capt. Simon Willard and Lieut. Goodenow were appointed to lay out the one thousand acres of land at Assabet which Jethro, the Indian, mortgaged to Herman Garrett.

The Puffer Place on the New Lancaster Rd. (now Puffer Rd.), originally known as the Wedge-Pratt Place, was purchased by Jabez Puffer in 1743. It remained in the family until 1889 when Winthrop Puffer sold the property to Delethe Hall. In 1942 the Government demolished the home.

The Rice place at the junction of New Lancaster Rd., (now Puffer Rd.), and Old Marlborough Rd. was purchased in 1685 from Benjamin Crane of Stow by Joseph Rice of Marlborough. It was opened as a tavern in the early part of the 18th century and continued as such for 100 years until 1815. It later became known as the Vose farm, and in 1942 was purchased by the Government and demolished. It was a stage coach stop and a general place of meeting.





# NEWS

ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

POST OFFICE BOX 1775

Captain Wm. Boothroyd  
Adjutant Wt. Mattson

JANUARY - 1974

1. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 7th, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. in the Maynard Town Building.
2. Guy Ianuzzo is chairman of the annual Colonial Fair to be held on Saturday, March 30th. The January 7th meeting is very important if the fair is to be a success. We have only three months to make our colonial merchandise.
3. On June 23rd, we will hold our first parade and muster. There is a considerable amount of work involved in preparing such an event. Everyone will have to do their part. To date, the following men have volunteered and are busy preparing.  
Larry Huhtamaki & Joe Murphy - food  
Walt Mattson - publicity  
Paul Murphy - feasibility of a black powder shoot, tomahawk throw, and knife throw.
4. Roger Maconi is the coordinator for the Boston Pops night through the Council of Minutemen. Please let it be known at the next meeting if you and your wife are interested in going.
5. As everyone knows by now, we have marked two historical sites within the Government Land. The Rice Tavern is marked by the granite door step that was part of the Tavern. It can be seen from the gate on Old Marlboro Road. There are still at least three more sites to be marked within the confines of the Government Land. There are also several sites that could be marked around town.  
The Historical Commission is an official town committee that can help us and have them declared historical sites via the state.
6. Adjutant Walt Mattson now has information on price and delivery of the three mug designs that the company selected at an earlier meeting. At the next meeting on Monday, January 7th, it will be necessary to select the mug and design the company wishes so that we can have them in time for the fair in March.
7. Minutemen and some of their families journeyed to Boston to participate in the re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party. Unfortunately, the day was marred by inclement weather and demonstrations.  
History tells us that the colonists thought a tax levied on tea was unfair and did not want to pay it. Although the company selling tea in Boston had agreed to pay the tax itself, the colonists did not want the tax paid by anyone. Late on the night of December 16, 1773, a group dressed as Indians boarded the British ships. They did not get excited or noisy, but quietly dumped all the tea overboard.
8. On the last Sunday of December 1723 the first service was held at the Old North Church in Boston. This church became famous when Sexton Robert Newman, on April 18, 1775, carried two lanterns 154 steps up a winding, narrow stair case to flash the signal that began Paul Revere's famous midnight ride to warn the countryside that the British forces were moving up the Charles River toward Lexington and Concord.  
On Sunday, December 30, 1973, the Old North Church held a commemorative service to celebrate its 250 years.
9. We have received word that the china commemorative plates by Marquise Commemoratives are now available.





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## ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

### MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

MARCH 1974

#### \*\* COLONIAL FAIR \*\*

The Second Annual Colonial Fair will be held on the 30th of March in the Union Congregational Church between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Everyone is needed to help make the items to be sold at the fair and we need everyone to run the fair that day. PLEASE HELP

#### \*\* COLONIAL DAY \*\*

The Colonial Day will be held on the 23rd of June. The parade will step off at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a collation. This event will be more than just a parade; we have asked all the companies to demonstrate their arts and crafts. This will be the first opportunity that all the minutemen have had to show their colonial arts to all, in one place. Everyone will have to do their part to make this day a success.

#### \*\* ARNOLD EXPEDITION \*\*

We have applications for anyone interested in this march to be held in Sept. '75.

#### \*\* BOSTON POPS \*\*

Larry Simpson has any information you need for the Minuteman night at the Pops on the 3rd of June.

#### \*\* CALENDAR \*\*

Mar. 30th, Sat. Assabet Village Minutemen Colonial Fair 9to5.

Apr. 6th, Sat. Bedford Liberty Pole. Parade forms at 11:00a.m. in the High School parking lot on Mudge Way, off Great Road  
11:30 a.m. parade starts collation after

Apr. 6th, Sat. Meriam's Corner time - 2:00 p.m. junction of route 2A and Old Bedford Road

Apr. 6th, Sat. Paul Revere capture ceremony - Lincoln

Apr. 15th, Mon. Lexington parade parade forms at Worthern Rd. and Mass Ave. at 1:30 p.m. parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 19th, Fri. Concord parade 8:15 a.m. parade forms at Concord-Carlisle high school on Walden St. parade starts at 9:00 a.m. participation in this parade assures an invitation for the 1975 parade

Apr. 20th, Sat. Ft. Devens retreat parade time 3:00 p.m.

May 19th Wilmington parade





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MAY 1974

Edited by Captain Wm. Boothroyd

May 4 Lexington Ball. Lexington, Mass.

May 4 & 5 Black Powder Shoot  
Riverside Gun Club. Hudson.

May 11 Sat. Bi-Centennial dance in Maynard  
at St. Bridget's School Hall.

May 12 Sun. First New Hampshire Regiment  
parade. Starts at 2:00 p.m. at  
Victory Park in Manchester, N.H.

May 19 Sun. Wilmington parade and pole capping.  
Assembly at 1:30 p.m. at the Town  
Common on Church St. (rte. 62).  
Parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

May 27 Mon. Memorial Day Parade in Maynard.  
Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

June 2 Sun. Assabet Village Minutemen Bridge  
Detail - Concord 1:00 p.m.

June 9 Sun. Holliston Minuteman Parade  
2:00 p.m.

June 9 Sun. Elks Parade - Maynard.

June 23 Sun. Assabet Village Minutemen parade  
arts & crafts - Maynard.

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It is that time of the year when our muskets  
are being frequently used. Muskets should be  
checked by the Armorer at least once a year.

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PLEASE! Please return all uniform patterns to  
Larry Simpson; they are needed by new members.

The parade in Maynard on June 23 will  
form at 1:30 in the vicinity of  
Front St. and the Digital parking lot.  
The parade will step off at 2:00 p.m.  
It will then proceed down Main St.,  
turn left up Nason St. and take a right  
on to Summer St. The reviewing stand  
will be at Memorial Park. The parade  
will then go from Summer to Main St.,  
turning left and back up Main St. to  
the starting point. The parade will  
be dismissed for a collation at  
Maynard Rod & Gun Club where there  
will be the Arts & Crafts exhibit.

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The Samuel Prescott ride re-enact-  
ment was a great success. Please  
accept apologies from the Captain  
in preparing this event on such  
short notice. The people of Maynard  
and Stow appreciated it. Next year  
we can put more time in preparing  
this historical ride that is part of  
our colonial history.

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Many of the Minutemen and their  
wives plan to attend the Maynard  
Bi-Centennial dance and will be  
dressed in their colonial outfits.

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Don't forget to push our mugs!  
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# NEWSLETTER

ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN

MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

SUMMER 1974

Edited by Captain Wm. Boothroyd

## CALENDAR

- July 27      Tea burning, parade, etc.  
Newburyport Marine Co.
- July 29      Assabet Village Minutemen  
important meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
in the Maynard Town Building.
- Aug. 3 & 4    York Muster weekend, York  
Maine
- Sept. 21     Bedford Ball, Bedford  
Minutemen
- Sept. 29     Crown Resistance Day, Acton
- Oct. 19 & 20   Taunton Liberty & Union Day,  
Taunton

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The Stow Minutemen will re-enact Gen. Lafayette's visit to Stow. We have been asked to participate. It will take place sometime during the Labor Day weekend, (September 1974).

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We have received a great deal of praise on a job well done from many people regarding the Assabet Village Minutemen Colonial Day. Our success was due to the hard work of the entire company who cooperated for the event.

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Don't forget our mugs! Walt Mattson is the man in charge of all mugs and can be reached at 897-7539.

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The Marquise China Company is breaking up 100 sets of plates. The plates will sell for \$35.00 each.

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### York Muster Notes

Colonial Ball - Reservations are limited due to capacity of St. Christopher's Hall, so get your reservations in as early as possible. Charge is \$2.00 per person. Remit to:

Mr. David Rocray  
Ridge Road  
York, Me. 03909

Parade Formation - Parade will commence forming at 12:00 noon, Sunday 4 August 1974, on Woodbridge Road in the vicinity of York Village Post Office and Maine Central Power. Step-off time will be at 1:00 p.m. SHARP.

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Now is the time to start preparing your plants for our colonial fair!

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Next year we would like to expand our colonial fair with more crafts and craft demonstrations. Now is the time for you to select a craft and begin working on it.





# NEWSLETTER

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SEPT. 1974

Capt. Wm. Boothroyd

\*\*\* OFFICIAL NOTICE \*\*\*

As prescribed in the Assabet Village Minutemen bylaws; the Annual Meeting will be held Oct. 7, 1974 at the Maynard Town Building; 8:00 P.M. sharp....

\*\*\* CALENDER \*\*\*

\*\*\* Liberty Tree Film \*\*\*

- Sun. Sept. 22, Patriot & Prisoner's Day Chelmsford. *1:30 P.M.*
- Mon. Sept. 23, Assabet Village Minutemen meeting. 8:00 P.M. Town Building.
- Sat. Sept. 28, Bedford Ball. Bedford.
- Sun. Sept. 29, Crown Resistance Day. Acton. 1:30 P.M.
- Sat. Oct. 5, Sudbury Colonial Fair. Wayside Inn.
- Mon. Oct. 7, Annual Meeting Assabet Village Minutemen Maynard. 8:00 P.M.
- Sat. Oct. 12, Southborough Ball.
- Sat. Oct. 12, Chelmsford Ball.
- Sun. Oct. 13, Thunderbridge Muster. Foss Farm Carlisle. All Day.
- Mon. Oct. 14, Southborough Parade. 9:30 A.M.
- Fri. Oct. 18, Taunton Ball. 9 P.M.
- Sun. Oct. 20, Liberty & Union DAY Parade. Taunton 1:00 P.M.
- Sun. Nov. 10, Mission Evangelical Congregational Church. Maynard, 8:30 A.M.

Anyone who can dress completely 18TH century clothing and wishes to be filmed; should call Dick Calandrella in Acton..... Right Away...

\*\*\* Thunderbridge Muster \*\*\*

October 12, ( Sat. ) is a workday at the Muster Site. Everyone is invited. October 13, ( Sun. ) Muster Day 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Musket Competition, Etc. There will be other activities in the afternoon. We will have a booth at this muster.

\*\*\* Crown Resistance Day \*\*\*

We will have a table in Acton this year; to sell mugs, Etc. We have to set it up before 12:00 noon on Sept. 29. So we need help to watch it during the parade. Remember parade forms at 1:30 P.M. at Charter Field. Invocation at 1:45 P.M.

\*\*\* Patriotism Service \*\*\*

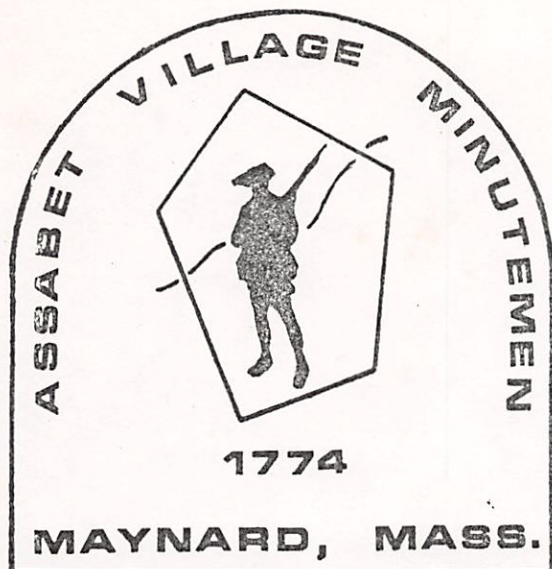
We have been invited Again to the Mission Evangelical Congregational Church by Rev. Heikkila'. It will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 8:30 A.M. All minutemen are urged to attend.

\*\*\* NOTES \*\*\*

WE have received money from the sale of plates by the Marquise Commemoratives. If you know of any good places to put some of the Marquise order blanks; we have some. Don't forget our mugs. See Walt. Mattson if you have any orders.

Don't Forget meeting Monday, September 23; at 8:00 P.M. in the Maynard Town Building.....





ASSABET VILLAGE MINUTEMEN  
P.O. BOX 1775  
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

NEWSLETTER '75 No. 1

January 18, 1975

This is the first of a series of (I hope) Monthly Newsletters. The intent is to help keep us all better informed about the upcoming events. If you have anything to contribute, please call me at 897-7888. A Buy-Sell-Swap column could even be added if there is enough interest.

At the upcoming meeting I'm going to make a motion that we start mailing the Newsletter directly to member's homes. This will cost us less than \$2 per issue and everyone will get the latest news even if they have missed a meeting. How about some support !!!

#### 1975 Events

Judging by the volume of mail we've received in the past few months, this is going to be an activity-filled year for all of us.

I've made up a schedule of the most popular events, some of which we've already decided upon, others will have to be reckoned with this month. As you can see from the schedule, there are a few conflicts.

We haven't yet received invitations to some of the events listed, but I'm sure we'll hear from them soon. Therefore, maybe we can discuss some of them too.

#### Assabet Parade

Included in our mail there were 11 replies to our recent mailing of parade invitations. So far there are 9 yes's, 1 no, and 1 maybe (what do they want? - money!!!). As of the latest Council Newsletter there are no other events even scheduled on our weekend (Sun., June 22 in case you've forgotten). I'll let you draw your own conclusions about that.

#### Council News

The Colonial Night at the Pops is scheduled for Monday evening, June 23. We must get word to the Council if we're going to be represented.

The Adjutant General's Safety Program is getting off the ground with a roar. We must all attend a Safety Course and we must all have a Firearm Identification Card. More information about the courses will be available soon.

According to the Council there is some disagreement about whether a Pistol permit is required to carry a flintlock pistol. The Council has recommended that pistol-toters have a Pistol permit.



1/18/75

CALENDER OF MINUTE MEN EVENTS - 1975

Attend Day / Date / Time Event

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 22 8pm Woburn Minutemen Ball \$12/couple  
 Sat Feb 22 8pm Chelmsford Bicentennial Ball \$17.50/couple

MARCH

# Wed Mar 5 Charlestown Massacre Reenactment  
 Sat Mar 15 7pm 1st Dracut-Lowell Militia Ball \$6.50/person

APRIL

yes Sat Apr 12 2pm Merriams Corner Exercises  
 yes Sat Apr 12 3pm Capture of Paul Revere, Lincoln  
 yes Sat Apr 12 pm Bedford Liberty Pole Capping  
 no Fri Apr 18 pm Ancient & Honorable Military Ball, Boston  
 yes Sat Apr 19 ??? Concord Bicentennial Parade (plan for all day)  
 no Sat Apr 19 2pm Lexington Bicentennial Parade  
 no Sat Apr 19 Ancient & Honorable Military Parade  
 Sun Apr 20 1pm Boylston Colonial Sunday - Parade & fair  
 # Sun Apr 20 Dedication of the Sanderson House Lexington MM  
 # Mon Apr 21 Menotomy Patriots Day Parade

MAY

# Sat May 3 Lexington Ball  
 Sun May 18 1pm Malden Bicentennial Parade  
 yes Sun May 25 1pm Henry Gardner Day Bicentennial Parade, Stow  
 Sat May 31 Medford Bicentennial Parade

JUNE

Sat Jun 14 Bunker Hill Battle Reenactment, Charlestown  
 Sun Jun 15 Bunker Hill Day Parade, Charlestown  
 maybe Sun Jun 22 ??? OUR DAY  
 Mon Jun 23 Colonial Night at the Pops

JULY

Fri Jul 4 200th Anniversary of the US ARMY  
 Parade/Pageant/Reception/Military Ball

AUGUST

yes Sat Aug 2 York Militia Muster, York, Maine  
 yes Sun Aug 3 " " " " "

SEPTEMBER

# Sun Sep 28 Crown Resistance Day, Acton

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 # - No invitation as of 1/18/75