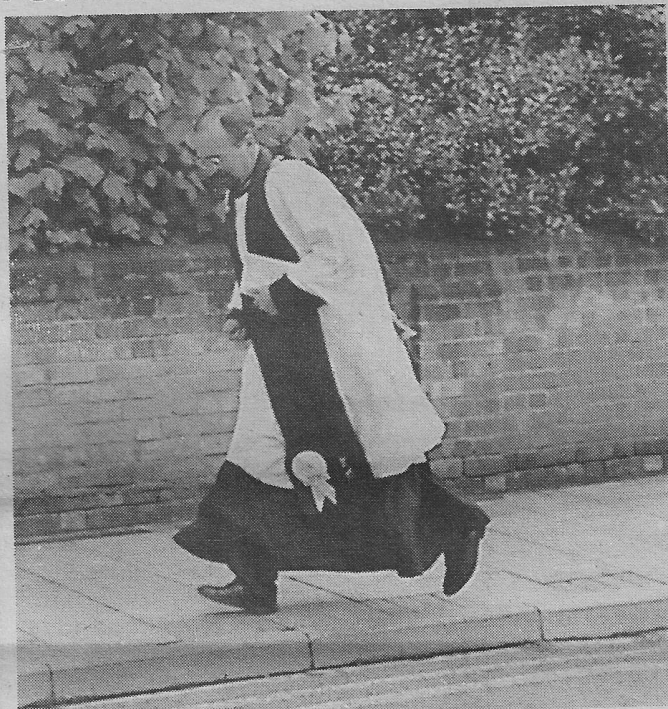


Extra time prayer fails for Frank



Flying Vicar: Frank Hillebrand runs from the church

VICAR Frank Hillebrand was the only man in Wycombe praying for Sunday's FA Trophy Final to go into extra time – because that was the only way he would have made it to the match.

Wife Sue was waiting outside All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, ready to whisk him from a banner service for the Buckinghamshire Girl Guides to Wembley in time to see the end of the game.

The service began at 3pm as Runcorn kicked off and Wycombe's Steve Thompson had headed the

Blues into a 3-0 lead by the time he had brought the service to a close.

"I had estimated that it would finish at ten to four, but unfortunately it was quarter past by the time it ended," he said.

"Someone shouted to me that the score was 2-1 as we came out.

"We thought it was worth travelling up because I was hoping the game might go into extra time.

"We were half-way down the Harrow Road and heard there was no extra time and it was all over. I was very disappointed."



Under way: Frank gets into the car with wife Sue