

# ***The Chronicle 378***

*November 2017*

## **Singalong! Elvis, Dolly & Friends Saturday 2 December 7pm**



Autumn getting you down? Come along on Saturday 2 December for a singalong, 7pm.

Fish & chip supper. Tickets £15 or **£12.50** if **booked before 31 October**. Order from John Whyte (01296 681685) Nigel Palmer (681152) or any of the hall group.

## ***From the Editor***

**Hello fellow Abbotts.** In this edition is a fascinating story about the notorious **Putman family originally from Aston Abbotts** who were instigators of the Salem Village witch trials. Take a look. My thanks to Jill and Mike Wenble for the research they undertook to share this with us.

Also a **bomb disposal unit sent into Wing Social club** causes some to lose control of their body fluids!

Plus the diary of '**What's on this month**', a new '**Astonians**', **Your Letters** and much more.

I must add that last month's **Village Charity Quiz Night** at the Royal Oak was one of the best with new comers to the village

joining in. Teams 'Ginge' and 'The Middle Table', welcome to the village. 'Mo's nutters' had a surprise win and Tony and Margaret Hinds won the Quiz Masters lucky draw for a dinner for 2. My thanks to all who joined in. A right laugh. **It would be great to see more villagers come on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and join the fun and frolics supporting the village charity for November.**

Put a date in your diary for the **Elvis, Dolly & Friends Singalong** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Village Hall.

**As the daylight is shorter now please remember to be seen and stay safe and warm.**

**Pete**

**Please remember contributions for the Chronicle must reach the Editor by 21st of November for the December edition.**

**The correct address for submissions to the Aston Abbotts Postbox is: [postbox@aston-abbotts.co.uk](mailto:postbox@aston-abbotts.co.uk)**

## ***Appeal following fatal collision – Weedon***

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision near Weedon, Aylesbury.

At around 11am on Saturday (21/10) officers attended a collision between a silver BMW 216 car and a Ducati motorcycle on the A413 at the junction of New Road, Weedon.

The rider of the motorcycle, a 59-year-old man from Hardwick, was pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed.

The driver of the BMW stopped at the scene and was not injured.

## ***Bomb disposal unit called to Wing social club***

**Neil Shefferd**

**The Royal Logistic Corps bomb disposal squad and Thames Valley Police were called to Wing Sports and Social Club Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October after a customer brought munitions into the club**

The road was closed for four hours while collision investigators examined the scene.

An investigation into the collision is being carried out by Roads Policing officers.

Investigating officer Sergeant Keith Rayner, from the Joint Operations Unit for Roads Policing based at Milton Keynes, said: “Our thoughts are with the man’s family at this difficult time. I would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone who stopped at the scene who has not yet spoken to police.

“Anyone who has any information which could help to establish the circumstances should contact police on 101 quoting reference 534 (21/10).”

**car park to show his friends.**



A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We were called at 4.45pm to the car park of Wing Sports and Social Club, Leighton Road, Wing as the caller had brought what looked like 'little bombs' to show a friend.

"The objects were described to police by the callers as 'metal, very old, rusty, around four-and-a-half inches in diameter and nine inches long.

"Members of the Ministry of Defence's Explosive Ordnance Disposal attended and removed the items to their base as it was established the items were unlikely to contain explosives or chemicals."

June Tobin, landlady at Wing Sports and Social Club, alerted the police when the man turned up at the bar and asked her to help identify two objects he had found earlier while working in Bedford on Monday.

She said: "One of our regulars was working at a private address in Bedford and on his way home he popped in the pub, he asked if I could have a look at something he had found when he was digging in the property's garden.

"They were in the boot, myself and another person went and had a look and thought they looked like they may have been a detonator of some kind.

"I took a picture and sent it to the police.

"They decided to send a specialist out and the bomb squad was sent from Northolt to X-ray the devices, they were munitions of some kind.

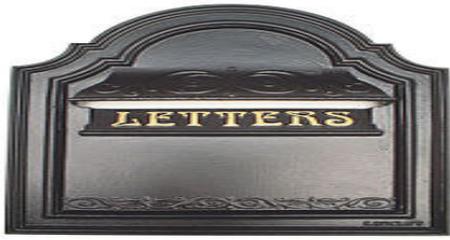
"The bomb squad was also sent to the house in Bedford and more were found there. "We were quite busy, we had a bowls team and two darts teams, about 100 people were in the pub at the time.

"I was quite worried that we might have to evacuate and get everyone out, but the bomb squad told us there was no immediate danger and we did not have to evacuate. "The gentleman that brought them was quite embarrassed by it all but I told him he did the right thing and they have now been removed and disposed of correctly."

## ***What's on in November?***



<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Morning Café</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10-12</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Whist Drive</b>	<b>Thursday 2nd 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 6PM</b>	<b>St James Church</b>
<b>Morning Café</b>	<b>Thursday 9th. 10-12</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Village Bingo</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Remembrance Day Service</b>	<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>St James Church &amp; War Memorial</b>
<b>Village Charity Quiz Night Cash Prize &amp; that Dinner for 2 free draw</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>Royal Oak Pub</b>
<b>Morning Café</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12 midday</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Morning Cafe</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10-12</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Mobile Library. Use it or lose it</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am</b>	<b>The Green</b>
<b>Morning Café</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 10-12</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>



### **Dear Editor**

In reply to Mrs Crawford's letter in the last month's issue of the Chronicle. The reason people contacted the Parish Council regarding her driveway was because the planning authority had not informed the Parish Council as a matter of courtesy and that several recent planning applications had not been carried out in accordance with the planning permission. It was therefore not a question of snooping but just ensuring everything was according to the permission granted. I hope this makes it more clearly for Mrs Crawford to understand and that the village is a friendly place. **Offended Villager**

### **For the attention of the Chronicle Editor**

I like to respond to the letter that was printed in last month's edition of the Chronicle. I am appalled by Mrs Crawford's comments regarding her fellow villagers and her driveway.

These 'certain people', as Mrs Crawford maybe implying to, have lived in the village a lot longer and have concern of any developments affecting the welfare of the village. They have got involved with the local community activities and, to my knowledge, Mrs. Crawford has not in the eight years she has resided here.

For saying, 'the spies are out' is very childlike for her age and is particularly very insulting. Why not support your village and stop your criticism of local residents. If you don't like the standards of village life, why bother living in one?

**Concerned local resident.**

**Dear Pete**

**Royal Oak Closed on Christmas Day**

It is with much regret that I inform villagers that I will not be opening the Royal Oak pub on Christmas Day. This will be the first time in 26 years. We will re-open on Boxing Day from 12 Midday.



*As you know Teri, I am a supporter of 'CAMRA' which campaigns to keep the Great British Country Pub Open.*

*So many country pubs struggle due to not being supported by many of the locals and obviously by the high tax levied on pub served alcohol. However I do notice on Christmas Day the pub is full of people, many I've never seen before. So please forgive me for posting this sticker. Ed*



**David Brandon's** family would like to say thank you to the many friends and neighbours who attended his funeral on August 18th. We have heard from the Co-operative Funeral Care, that donations given through them amounted to £390.00 of which £230.00 has been forwarded to the Willen Hospice and £160.00 to

Prostate Cancer UK. Some people have chosen to send donations direct to these two Charities. Thank You.

**Sheila Read**

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## ***Vale Lottery – Support the village hall***

The Vale Lottery is approaching its second birthday, and has works, and this continues to help with our running costs and saving towards future maintenance.

Thank you to those of you who have supported us to date!

If you are over 16 and you like the idea of an online lottery that helps local causes, do consider supporting us. We've had six winners of £25, more

helped a long list of local charities in that time! Since the village hall signed up in February 2016 we've had a small but regular income, very welcome during the building winners of free tickets, and every ticket has a chance of the top prize of £25,000.

**To start supporting, visit**

[www.ValeLottery.co.uk](http://www.ValeLottery.co.uk)

**and search for "Village Hall"**

Caroline Lane - Aston Abbotts  
Village Hall Trust,  
[carolinelane@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinelane@btinternet.com)

- **Stockdale Domestic Cleaning Services. Minimum 2 hours Call  
Jeremy 07871587126**



## Aston Abbotts Village hall hire charges from 1 October 2017

Rates	Residents	Non-residents
Hourly - regular bookings	£ 7.50	£10.00
Commercial	negotiable	
Min hours	1	1
Daily capped rate	£ 60.00	£100
Includes	Lights, hot water, dishwasher	
Excludes	Wall heaters (coin meter)	

Bookings: email  
 astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com or ring 01296  
 682605/07976 671701 (Liz Barlow) or 01296  
 681152 (Nigel Palmer)



**Whitchurch Combined School**



# **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

**5.30PM - 7.30PM**



*Santa's Grotto  
Children Games  
Raffle  
Christmas gifts*

*Hot Dogs, Tea, Coffee,  
Hot Chocolate,  
Mulled Wine  
and lots more*



**Whitchurch School Association registered charity no.1130047**

## **Aylesbury road improvement scheme awarded more than £2M in Government funding**

### **Neil Shefferd**

**More than £2 million of Government funding will go towards a scheme to improve congestion on one of Aylesbury's busiest roads.**

£2.19 million has been awarded for an improvement scheme for the A418 Oxford Road.

The money will go towards easing traffic queues between Fowler Road and the Hen & Chickens roundabout, improving walkways and cycleways, and installing synchronised traffic light controls.

Mark Shaw, Buckinghamshire County Council Deputy Leader and Transport Cabinet Member welcomed the funding, and said it would help relieve urban congestion, improve safety and journey time reliability, and help to unlock economic growth.

Cllr Shaw said: "We're looking

continually for opportunities to bid for Government money to invest in Buckinghamshire's roads, to help stimulate economic growth, deal with the impact of housing growth and help ease congestion.

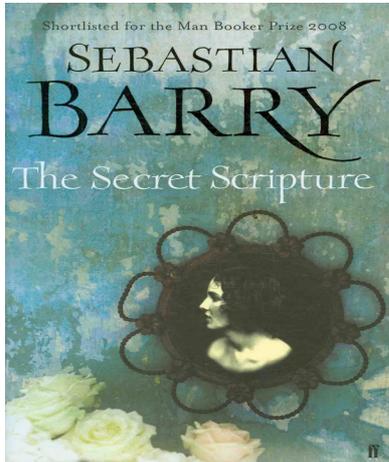
"This funding will do a great deal to make life better for our residents and businesses."

The schemes in Bucks were 2 out of 76 across the country awarded money from a £244 million Department for Transport funding pot.



## ***October Book Club***

### ***The Secret Scripture By Sebastian Barry***



This is a story with two narratives.

The main character is a 100 year old woman, Roseanne McNulty, who has lived in Roscommon Mental Hospital for at least 50 years. She decides to write an autobiography that she keeps hidden. It charts her life and that of her parents, living in Sligo at the beginning of the 20th century.

The second narrative is from the hospital's psychiatrist, Dr.

Greene. The hospital is about to be closed down and he must decide which patients will be transferred and which released into the community. He is concerned about Roseanne and tries to discover her history. It soon becomes apparent that both Dr. Greene and Roseanne have different stories of the same events that led to her being locked up for 50 years.

Roseanne was a victim of the religious and political upheavals of the 1920's - 1930's. The book is set in Ireland and is about love, loss, grief, religion and misunderstanding. It caused quite a discussion with the Book Club especially about how we can all perceive and interpret the same events differently.

I thought *The Secret Scripture* was a moving, haunting, very Irish book but certainly not everyone agreed with me!

**Alison Lewis.**



## Good Samaritans Bingo!

£109 raised in October for:

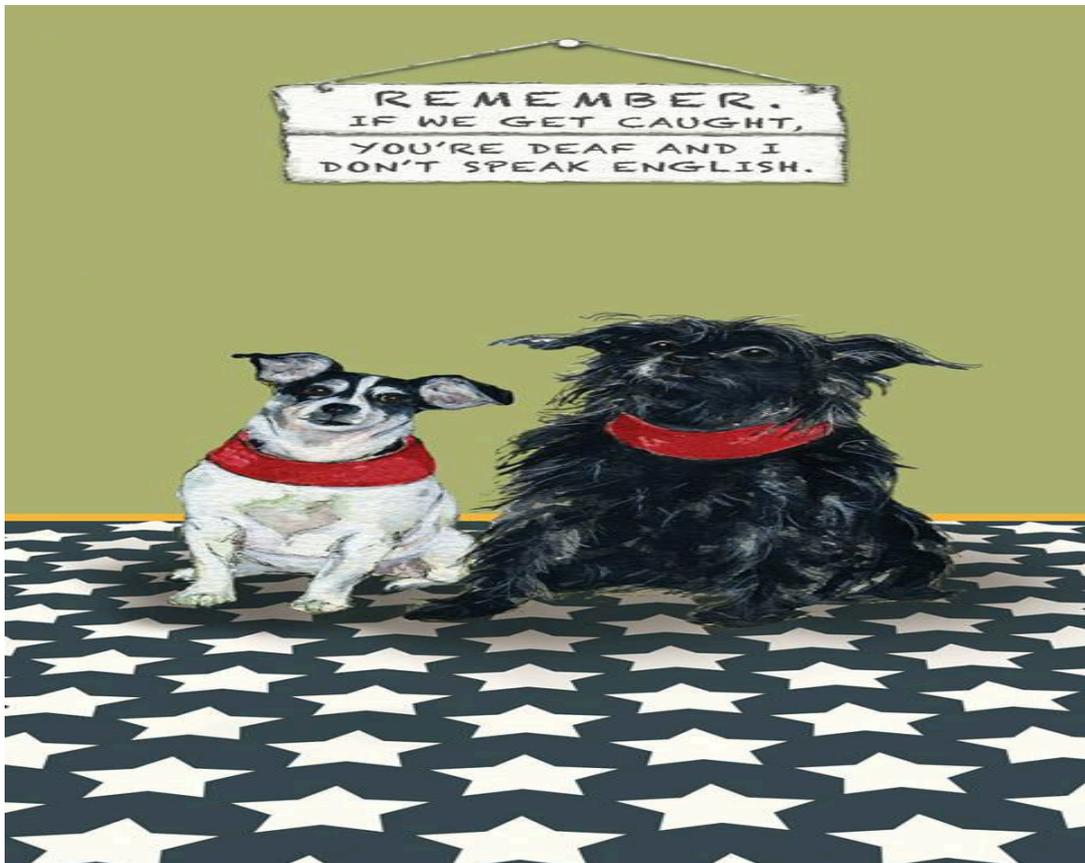


Join us on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Aston Abbotts Village Hall

7.30pm start

In aid of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal





### Message sent by

Olivia Healey (Police, Comms, Forcewide)

Thames Valley Police is urging residents to ensure their homes are secure and be vigilant following a recent linked burglary series in Aylesbury.

In the early hours of yesterday morning (3/10) there were three linked residential burglaries in Lower Close and Rowland Way in Aylesbury. Officers are appealing for any witnesses or information following the burglaries where a grey Citroen DS3, handbags, laptops, cash and bank cards were stolen.

Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Inspector, James Davies is urging residents to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious they see in their neighbourhoods. He said: "Burglaries often increase during the winter months, when burglars take advantage of the dark longer nights. All of the three homes on this

occasion had UPVC doors, when the offenders gained entry.

"UPVC multi-point locking doors have a central lock that engages further bolts when the handle is turned. There is a misconception that if the handle is pulled up from the inside then the door is locked. Unfortunately this is not the case and the only way to safely secure the door is to double lock it.

"If anyone may have witnessed the burglaries or seen anyone acting suspicious in the area at the time, call the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 101 quoting reference '43170292490' or contact [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously."

The following crime prevention advice can help keep your home secure:

- Before checking the locks on your front, back, patio, French window and garage door, have a good look at the

- framework around the doors. It should be securely fixed and in good condition, otherwise good doors or locks are not effective.
- Check the condition of the door, including thickness. Doors must be at least 44mm thick for a 5-lever mortice lock to be fitted. If the door is too thin, then a rim deadlock should be fitted.
- Check your windows from the inside and outside. Whether the window is wood or metal, you will find an inexpensive window lock to fit each type. Make sure that valuables are not visible from the outside.

Help keep your home secure by following the crime prevention advice on the [Thames Valley Police website](#).

## Spot the signs

Modern slavery could be happening in your community so it's important you know the signs that could indicate someone is a victim of this crime.

- **How do they look?** Scruffy, dirty, malnourished, injured?

- **How are they acting?**

Anxious, afraid, reluctant to talk?

- **What's their work situation like?** Long hours, unsuitable clothing, wrong equipment?

- **How's their accommodation?** Overcrowded, poorly maintained, curtains always closed?

- **What are their movements like?** Never leave the house alone, limited contact with friends and family, no access to money or identification?

## Report it

We all have a role to play in keeping people safe from harm. If you think someone may be a victim of modern slavery tell someone. You will always be taken seriously.

You can contact the Modern Slavery Helpline confidentially on 08000 121 700 or the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

**Thames Valley Police is warning local van owners to be vigilant after a recent increase in tool theft from vans across Aylesbury.**

Over the last four weeks, 80 vehicles have been targeted across the Aylesbury local policing area (27 September – 24 October).

PC Dean Kingham from Aylesbury Police Station said: “We have recently seen a spike in vans being targeted by thieves across the area for their tools. In response we have increased patrols around Wendover, Aston Clinton and Weston Turville. As well as targeting key areas, we are educating the public with crime prevention advice and targeting those intending on committing these offences within our community.

“Vehicle criminals are opportunists, and you can help to prevent vehicle-related crime by taking simple security measures.

“We urge people to take note and share our advice to stop more people becoming victim to this crime.”

Thames Valley Police advice to help secure your van and its contents:

- Make sure you lock the doors and shut the windows whenever you leave your van unattended
- Never leave any valuables visible – keep all possessions out of sight. Even if you know that there is nothing valuable in your jacket pocket or file left on the seat, a thief may try their luck
- Remove tools from your van when left overnight
- If removal of tools is not possible, fit a tool safe and ensure it is fully secure
- Consider parking your van close to a hedge or wall in

order to restrict access for anyone trying to get inside.

Always park your van in well-lit areas

- Engrave or mark tools and their box with your details. This can be done with a UV pen or permanent marker
- Fit additional external locks to van doors
- Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This will help to trace them back to you if they are recovered
- If you see any suspicious behaviour, call 101

Tools are extremely valuable possessions and when stolen, can impact hugely on small businesses. Van owners are reminded to remove their tools from the vehicle when it is left

unattended for long periods of time and overnight.

If you have any information or have witnessed any such incidents, call Thames Valley Police's non-emergency number on 101, quoting reference 'URN 366/06/10/17'.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

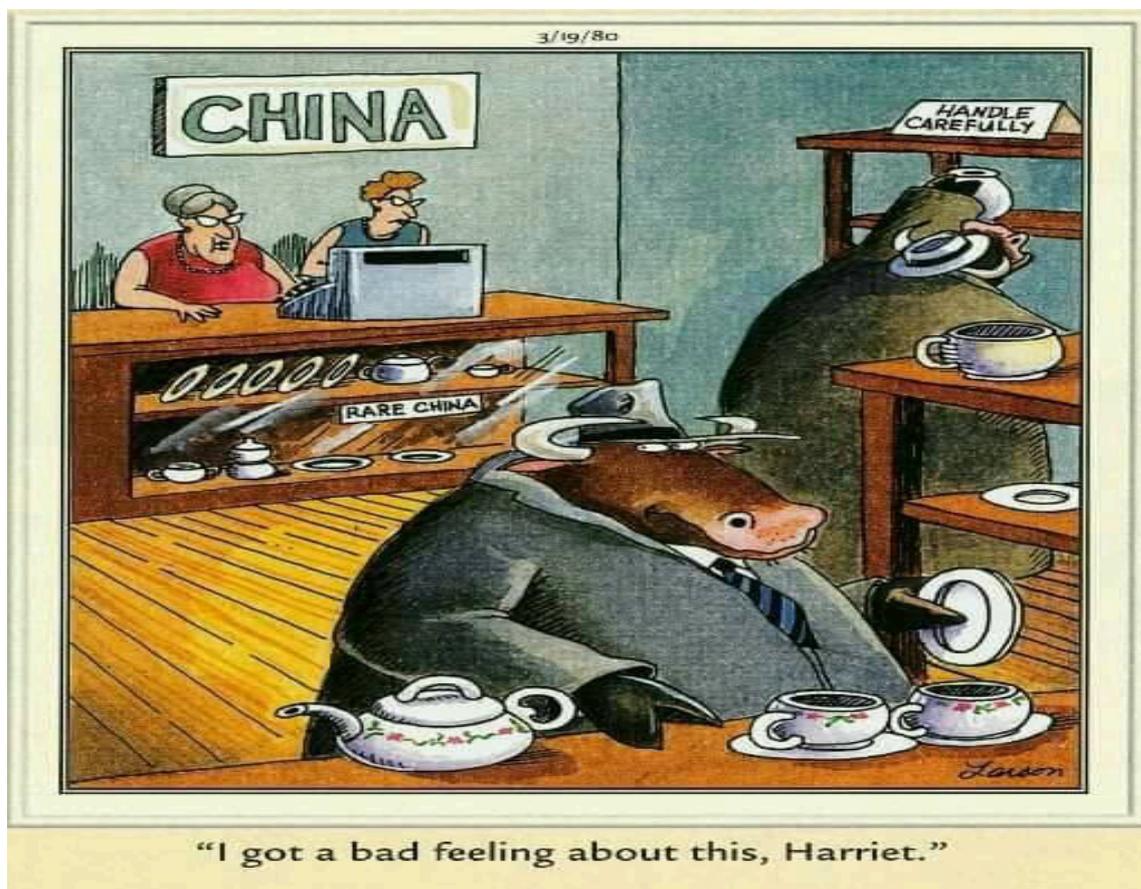


## **HOW TO INSTALL A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM for next to nothing:**

1. Go to a charity shop and buy a pair of men's used size 14-16 work boots.
2. Place them on outside your front door along with a copy of 'Guns & Ammo' Magazine.
3. Put a few giant dog dishes next to the boots and

magazines.

4. Leave a note on your door that reads: Dave, We've gone for more ammo and beer. Be back in an hour. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they attacked the postman this morning and messed him up bad. I don't think Killer took part but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of them in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back.



## THE PUTNAMS – PART 2

Two years ago we wrote an article for the Chronicle about the Putnam family who lived in Aston Abbotts in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century; this is the follow-up to that article.

In 1640, John Putnam, a wealthy landowner who farmed at Burston, left with his family to sail to America; they settled in Salem, Massachusetts (there is a plaque in St James church which mentions this). While we were on holiday in Boston in 2015 we visited Salem and learned about the important role the Putnam family played in the infamous Salem witch trials. John Putnam died in 1662, thirty years before the witch trials, but it was his grandson, Thomas, and great-granddaughter, Ann, who were among the chief accusers. Of the nineteen people executed for witchcraft the Putnam signature is on fourteen of the accusations.

We also discovered that John Putnam of Aston Abbotts is buried in a cemetery in Danvers, Massachusetts (formerly known as Salem Village) and that his grave states that he came from Aston Abbotts. Unfortunately we were unable to visit Danvers at the time so didn't get to see his grave.

Since that holiday, we have done a lot of research into the family, the early settlers and the events of 1692. John

Putnam became an important person in the Salem area. He and his family farmed in Salem Village and he owned some 800 acres of land. He was a senior member of the Puritan church there and one of his roles was to walk through the village on a Sunday and round up anyone not in church.

By 1692, the Putnam family fortunes were on the wane while other families were climbing the social ladder. Certain members of the Putnam family had bitter disputes with other families, mainly over land, and one way for them to take revenge on anyone they took a dislike to was to accuse them of witchcraft. Others joined in and so the "witchcraft hysteria" spread. Most of the accused and the accusers lived and worked in Salem Village; the so-called witches were then taken to Salem Town for trial and execution. Salem (Town) now makes the most of this episode and is full of tourist attractions, toy witches and other souvenir tat.

In September this year we returned to Massachusetts and visited Danvers. John Putnam is buried in the Wadsworth Cemetery, directly opposite where he farmed. Nothing remains of his farmstead but there is a modern building on the site called Putnam Farm Care Home. We found the grave easily – the gravestone is relatively modern, having been put there in the last century by a

Putnam descendent. It is engraved on one side with four names - John Putnam, his wife Priscilla, his youngest son, who was also called John, and John junior's wife Rebecca. On the other side it is engraved: "In this plot rest the remains of emigrants from Aston Abbots, Co. Bucks, England 1640". It's likely that we are the first people from Aston Abbots to have visited John Putnam's grave in the 350 years since he died.

Just before we left to go on holiday, St James church in Aston Abbots underwent some repairs to the tower. The tower is part of the original church that John Putnam, a church warden here in the 1630s, would have known. We took away some small pieces of rubble that had been removed from the tower, and we put these on John Putnam's grave. Let's hope he appreciates it! We did have one issue with his grave in that someone has put an American flag by it. However, at the time of their deaths all four people buried there were still British subjects, the American War of Independence happening many decades

later. Maybe our next project should be to get them a British flag ....

We took the opportunity to have a look round Danvers. Although it was so important in the whole sorry saga, there is very little made about its role in the witch trials. There are sites to visit including a moving memorial which says "In memory of those innocents who died in the Salem witchcraft hysteria of 1692". You do have to hunt out these historical sites but once you find them there are explanatory boards. In our opinion, this made Danvers a much more pleasant place to visit than Salem Town.

Given that John Putnam's descendants played such a major role in the Salem witch trials, it has left us wondering whether the trials would have happened at all had he never left Aston Abbots. On the other hand, given that the family were a seemingly vengeful lot, if they had stayed here and seen their fortunes fade in the same way, would we now be talking about the witchcraft trials of Aston Abbots? Jill and Mike Wenble.



## ***The Astonians – astonpete***

### **'Hugo First' Downloaded**

Nothing much happening at the moment in Aston but as soon as I have some news I'll be back to normal service. However I'll just leave you with this little snippet of news.

I overheard a bit of village gossip between Mrs cartwright and Mincy Bumgardner the other day. (I couldn't help noticing the difference in appearance between the two with Mrs cartwright's gusset hanging down and Mincy's slipknot suspender belt showing.

Anyway, Hugo First, the little gobshite that lives next door to Mincy, asked his father how he was born. His father Jeremy, the computer engineer by trade, apparently replied, 'Well, Hugo, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway!

Your Mum and I first got together in

a chat room. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mum and we met at a internet cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room and googled each other. Whilst there your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive. As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared. That was you.

Now sod off and annoy someone else.

With a father like that it's no wonder the little git harasses Mincy by shooting the pegs holding her knickers off the washing line.



**Just so like Hugo and his Dad**

Dear Abby,

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

The usual signs... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them." I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always walks down the drive. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. I decided I was going to park my BMW R1150 GS motor cycle next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my bike, that I noticed that the valve covers on my engine seemed to be leaking a little oil. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the dealer?

## ASTON ABBOTTS THEATRE GOERS

I'm pleased to advise that The Waterside Theatre has continued its offer of a pair of tickets for each of the following shows. If you would like to be included in the raffle for these tickets then please email me or drop a

note through my door [judyhardcastle@me.com](mailto:judyhardcastle@me.com) or at Marloes, Lines Hill. The draws will take place two weeks prior to the day of each show. **Judy Hardcastle**

Show	Date & Time
HAIRSPRAY	MON 6 NOV 7.30PM
FLASHDANCE starring Joanne Clifton & Ben Adams	MON 20 NOV 7.30PM
SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS starring Sue Pollard, Andy Collins & La Voix. <b>Up to 4 tickets</b>	TUE 12 DEC 7PM
BRING IT ON THE MUSICAL	MON 15 JAN 2018 7.30PM
GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE	TUE 30 JAN 2018 6.30PM

### Theatre Goers - Thank ABBA for the Music



On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, courtesy of Theatre Goers Press Tickets, we went to see Thank ABBA for the Music at Waterside Theatre.

The theatre was well filled and the scene was set with an interactive video projected backdrop and a seven piece live band. The show

started with helicopter sound effects and video clips. Then a video presentation from members of other well known groups and stars from the music business, told the story of how ABBA was born and came to fame.

On stage the group wore stunning costumes and sang all the most famous ABBA hits including Mama Mia, Dancing Queen, Take a chance

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on me, Super Trooper etc. With regular changes of costume, an excellent ABBA sound, and the addition of interactive video footage, the group soon had the audience on their feet dancing and us all joining in with the familiar songs. We both enjoyed the evening and thank you to Theatre Goers for the opportunity. **Pam and John Dixon.**

## **AN EVENING OF DIRTY DANCING – The Waterside Theatre**



I was the lucky person that got the returned tickets for this event at the Waterside Theatre. I say lucky, as this was a high energy very entertaining show which we thoroughly enjoyed.

There were 8 cast members and they were all really great; wonderful dancing, great voices and good choreography. The show is made up of songs from the Sound Track of the film Dirty Dancing and the audience is strongly encouraged to

get involved!

A few people from the Audience were invited up in stage (not compelled!) and the remaining audience were taught simple dance steps so that we could join in at our seats! Great fun! We were also invited join in with the songs.

One nice touch was the performers from a local dance school were part of the show and they danced to one of the numbers and then they joined in the finale.

The show was fast moving, involving and great fun and the whole audience were on their feet by the end of the show. A great evening's entertainment. **Liz Barlow**



**Beyond the Barricade** was a certainly a night to remember. In its 18th tour year of production and still going strong. If you're a big fan of west end musicals, this is one for you. A real musical theatre treat.

The four performers of Andy Reiss, David Fawcett, Rebecca Vere and Katie Leeming who all originate from the west end hit Les Miserables are very experienced in the world of musical theatre.

Before each song was performed, there was an explanation of which musical production it came from, and why they were singing it.

Delivering together a selection of musical hits of Jesus Christ Superstar, Miss Saigon, Chicago, The Lion King, Mama Mia, Blood Brothers, Phantom of the Opera and

many others. Passionate duets and solo performances too, with the conviction and intention to deliver each song to slick perfection.

There was a very good chemistry between the foursome and evidently love what they do, giving a packed audience a quality show and well deserved standing ovation at the end.

If you have the opportunity to see the show at other venues, don't think twice. **Ian Duffy**





**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
November 2017**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Revd. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>No Service (see below)</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Breakfast Service</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>No Service</b>	<b>Team Eucharist at Stewkley</b>

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Sadly, we are unable to hold a Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November because of the shortage of organists. Services will be held at Cublington at 9am and at Wingrave at 10.45am - commencing at the War Memorial there - followed by a short service in church.**

**100 Club Draw October 2017**

**1st Prize, £50 James Rangeley**

**2nd prize, £10 Judy Hardcastle**

# Church Matters

## The diary of St. James's

The masonry work on the tower is finally complete and the bills paid thanks to a grant from Bucks Historic Churches. The next project is the installation of kitchen and cloakroom facilities in the base of the tower. This should be completed this month provided the water board can link the water and sewage pipes to the mains in time. This work has only been possible through the generosity of the late Doris and Len Scutchings. Thanks to Peter Knight and all those who helped to reduce the compost heap last month. There is now plenty of good quality leaf and grass based compost available to anyone with a barrow. Please help yourselves. Sadly we are unable to hold a Remembrance Service this year

because of the shortage of organists.



Services will be

held at Cublington at 9am or Wingrave at 10.45am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The main social event this month is the concert by the Launton Handbell Ringers in the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. The concert will be followed by a hot meal including Bellringers' Pie!

## ***Church Notice***

### **Saturday 11 November**

**Church yard leaf sweep up. If you can spare 1 hour it would be much appreciated. Please meet at the church yard 10am.**

### **Church Duties**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Fowers</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Colin/Gay	Donated
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ann/Gordon	Poppies
18 <sup>th</sup>	Alex/Anita	TBA
25 <sup>th</sup>	Colin/Gay	TBA

## ***And now over to the Vicar***

Dear friends, One hundred years ago the Russian Revolution overthrew the Provisional Government which had previously removed Tsar Nicholas II in February of 1917. There ensued years of civil war and horrendous famine which between them killed millions more than they had already lost in WWI. By 1922 Russia had also lost about a later revolution without either force or violence---indeed He became the victim of the Roman oppressors of the Mediterranean world and the leaders of His own faith community. Even though Jesus's followers haven't exactly followed Him perfectly there are many things which have their origins directly from His inspiration: universities, schools, hospitals, social work services, adoption societies to name

as third of its landmass with the independence of Ukraine, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. It all started with great hopes and aspirations by the ordinary people, but as so often happens, it became a situation where one group of oppressors was simply replaced by another: Lenin, Stalin etc etc. Two thousand years ago one man created an even greater but a few. Even though Christianity is hardly the flavour of the month, especially with many in the media and the entertainment worlds Jesus is still the daily inspiration for over a third of the world's population and, as we know from the defunct Communist regimes, persecution only makes the faith grow. As we remember those who have given their lives in conflicts may God Bless you all. **Yours, Revd Philip.**



**The Launton Handbell Ringers  
Will give a recital in the Village Hall  
On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

**Followed by a hot meal including Bellringer's pie!**

**Tickets £10 per person, 12yrs and under £6**

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Councillor	Phil' Spooner	681544
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Rural Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Baby & Toddler Group	Kim Gayler	681123
Royal Oak Pub & Restaurant	Teri Moulton	681262
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Post office & shop Wingrave		682964

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## Aylesbury Ramblers Walk Programme October '17 to January '18

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O'Shea on 01296 625590 or at  
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<b>Date &amp; Start time</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Start gridref</b>	<b>Miles Grade</b>	<b>Longer description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Sun 05/11/2017 10:00	Walk from Chinnor Hill, to Lodge Hill, Bledlow Ridge, and Radnage, to include Yoesden Bank.	SP767003	M 7.5	Meet at Chinnor Hill car park, Hill Top Lane OX39 4BJ. Please car share if possible. Some hills and may be muddy. Bring food for two short breaks.	Sarah F 07746 056500
Thu 09/11/2017 10:00	Walk from Bulbourne to Ivinghoe and Marsworth via the Ridgeway and canal	SP932136	M 8	Meet at the car park of the Grand Junction Arms (HP23 5QE) for a varied walk with canal path and hill up to the Ridgeway with splendid views across the vale before descending back to Ivinghoe and Marsworth. Optional lunch at pub afterwards,	Malcolm and Lesley 07989 966195 07852 993503
Sun 12/11/2017 10:00	Bow Brickhill to Caldecotte Lake and surrounding area.	SP912343	M 8.25	Meet Church Rd, Bow Brickhill C/P on right at top of hill MK17 9LQ. Circular walk encompassing Caldecotte Lake and surrounding area. Bring refreshment for short break. Down hill to start so up hill on return.	John T 07719 936463
Tue 14/11/2017 10:30	Colne Valley Lakes	TQ055937	L 4.25	Meet C/P Aquadrome, Rickmansworth, WD3 1NB, Frogmoor Lane. An autumn walk around three lakes and a section of the Grand Union Canal. Bring refreshments for short stop. Optional pub lunch on route back to Aylesbury.	John T 07719 936463
Thu 16/11/2017 10:00	Cosgrove to Yardley Gobion and surrounding area	SP791425	M 7.75	Park and meet Barley Mow, P/H, or on road if not lunching MK19 7JD. On leaving Cosgrove we head north then west south and east. On route going under canal, then a small section of the River Trov, and canal	John T 07719 936463

				to Yardley Gobion, passing three churches on the route. Flattish walk, rolling country side great views. Optional pub lunch.	
Sun 19/11/2017 10:00	Long Marston to Wingrave	SP898157	M 8	Park near centre of Long Marston on Station Road. HP23 4QT near war memorial. Mostly flat, but could be muddy in parts walk to Wingrave, through Crafton Village and near Mentmore. Bring snacks and drinks.	Marie 01296 630062 07733 412295
Thu 23/11/2017 10:00	A flat walk following some of the Thames path	SU613915	M 7	Please park in St Helens Ave just past Benson Waterfront Cafe (OX10 6SJ) on A4074. Walking to Warborough, Dorchester and Shillingford. Optional lunch at end of walk	Bob and Jane 01296 748695 07941 383869
Sun 26/11/2017 10:00	Wendover Woods and surrounds	SP868078	M 8.5	Meet at Wendover Library car park (HP22 6DU). Walk along lanes, fields and woods via The Hale to area around Wendover Woods. Steep climbs and descents, and no doubt some slippery mud in November. Bring packed lunch for two stops.	Tricia 07762 204292
Tue 28/11/2017 10:30	Flat walk around Aldbury and Berkhamstead Commons	SP972130	L 4	Meet at Bridgwater Monument NT car park for a flattish circular walk around these two commons. No stiles, gentle rises and inevitable mud.	Stephen & Anne 01296 612336 07443 501615
Thu 30/11/2017 10:00	A walk alongside canal, river, lake and Peace pagoda from Great Woolstone MK	SP874389	M 7.5	The least muddy walk imaginable at this time of year (without going MK shopping!). Park in overflow car park at Cross Keys PH Newport Road Great Woolstone MK15 0AA. Optional pub lunch after.	Maurice 01296 392569 07767 787413

## **Evidently Julie Andrews wrote this alternate version**

(Sing It!) - **If you sing it, it's funny**

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
    These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
    These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
    When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
    And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
    These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
    When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
    When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
    And then I don't feel so bad.



**Jo. 07989 063595 James. 07970 692550**

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## Wingrave Diary

NOVEMBER 2017 Wed 1 1930 WI: AGM  
Methodist Church Thu 2 1700 Service of  
Personal Remembrance Parish Church  
Thu 2 1930 Photographic Interest Club  
meeting MacIntyre School Fri 3 1800  
Wingrave Village Family Evening  
Community Centre Sat 4 1900 Mrs  
Bucket's Scandinavian Supper Parish  
Church Sun 5 1400 Swingrave tea dance  
Community Centre Mon 6 0930  
Weekday Walking Group The Green Tue  
7 1930 Parish Council meeting  
Community Centre Tue 7 1930 Wingrave  
Art Club Community Centre Fri 10 1930  
Heritage Association talk: History of  
Bucks Turnpikes Community Centre Sat

11 0845 Men's Breakfast: NHS costs  
continue to escalate beyond budgets,  
what does the future hold? Methodist  
Church Sun 12 1050 Remembrance Day  
service War Memorial Thu 16 1800 Copy  
date for Communiqué Fri 17 1930 WCA  
Village bingo Community Centre Sat 18  
Jazzercise fund raising day for Epilepsy  
Society Cottesloe School, Wing Sun 19  
0930 Local ramble Nup End Lane Tue 21  
1930 Wingrave Art Club Community  
Centre Fri 24 1930 Community Choir  
concert "Songs of London" Community  
Centre Sat 25 Concert by the Launton  
Handbell Ringers Aston Abbots Vill. Hall  
Tue 28 2000 WCA Council meeting  
Community Centre Wed 29 1200  
Wingrave Pub Lunch Club Rose & Crown



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## ***Wingrave's Colonel Custard in record breaker***

**A children's entertainer from Wingrave aimed to add his name to the Guinness Book of World Records last Monday as part of a national children's show in London**

Paul Megram, who is better known to many children and adults locally as Colonel Custard aimed to break the pie-flinging world record as part of Kidtropolis, a four day children's extravaganza at London's

ExCel Centre.

Colonel Custard teamed up with his messy partner in crime Captain Calamity for the four record attempts.

Mr Megram said he had been in training for several weeks in the build-up to the record attempts.

He carried out the flinging to break the record of 72 pies flung in 60 seconds.

***According to Colonel Custard, he's done it. Ed***

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**Monday 6th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm

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**Saturday 11th Breakfasts 9.30–11.00am**

**Sunday 12th – Roast Lunch** – booking advised

**Monday 13th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm

**Thursday 16th – Steak Night**

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**Saturday 18th Breakfasts** from 9.30–11.00am

**Sunday 19th – Roast Lunch** – booking advised

**Monday 20th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm

**Thursday 23rd – Steak Night**

– 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40

**Saturday 25th Breakfasts 9.30–11.00am**

**Sunday 26th – Roast Lunch** – booking advised

**Monday 27th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm

**Thursday 30th – Steak Night**

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