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***IS THERE TO BE A ROUNDABOUT IN  
FRONT OF THE OLD COTTAGE AND THE  
BULL AND BUTCHER? - DETAILS INSIDE***

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# Editorial

## Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> is the date of the annual Parish Meeting, which will be held in the Church Room starting at 8 pm.

The Parish Meeting is nothing to do with the Parish Council – it is a totally separate affair. With less formality than the Parish Council meetings members of the public can have their say on many subjects of interest to the village.

Last years meeting covered a wide range of topics, including vandalism, unauthorised tipping, sharing the fete proceeds—and there were reports and discussion on the Police & Neighbourhood Watch, fete plans, The Chronicle, the Church Room, District Council matters and County Council matters. The discussion on County Council matters led to some sharp criticism of the County over the state of the roads and verges around the village.

This is a very worthwhile meeting, both for people who are interested in what is happening around the village, and also for anyone who wishes to raise a point of interest or concern.

If you have a major point to be discussed then you can contact Kate Curry on 681137 and ask for it to be added to the agenda. There will be ample opportunity to discuss smaller items during the Any Other Business section.

See you there.

## Chronicle Deadlines

My apologies to anybody whose contribution did not get included in this month's Chronicle. We had to go to press one week earlier than expected because I got the school holiday dates wrong.

The June deadline will also be earlier in the month than expected as we try to work around school and bank holidays. These are the provisional last dates for submission of copy for the next three issues:

May Issue	Friday 26th April
June Issue	Friday 17th May
July/August Issue	Friday 28th June—Double summer issue

These dates are subject to change. I always print the deadline for the next issue at the bottom right of this page.

Once every month, about a week before the closing date for submissions to The Chronicle, I send out an email reminder to regular and occasional contributors. This is just to jog peoples memories about the approaching deadline. If you would like to be included in this emailing then please send me your email address. You will receive just one, or at most two, emails per month.

Enjoy this month's Chronicle!



*In your April Magazine ~*

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- ◆ Fete 2002
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- ◆ Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterways
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*and much, much more.....*

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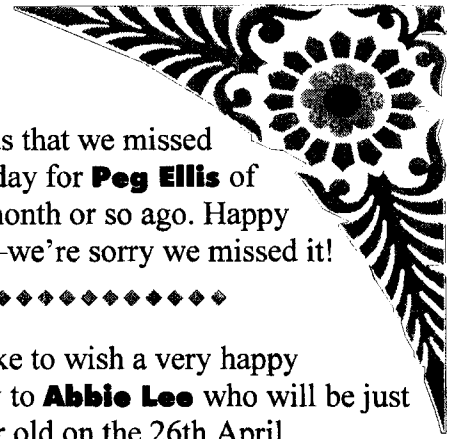
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Please pass items to Phil Spooner at The Birches in Wingrave Road or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

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*In This Issue*

# The Peoples Page



## Happy Birthday

Chris Farrands	1st
Ian Hinds	4th
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Helen Peacock	22nd
April Curnow	22nd
Enid Ludlam	23rd
Janet Biddle	25th
Abbie Lee	26th
Kate Curry	27th
Diana Picking	28th
Kirsty Peacock	28th
Chris Espley	30th

Please let us know about any special birthdays, celebrations, illnesses, or anniversaries—or anything else you would like us to include on this page.

Contact details on page 2.

### Easter Refuse Collections

Refuse will be collected on different days the weeks before and after the Easter holiday ~

- Wednesday 27th March
- Friday 5th April

A little birdie told us that we missed a very special birthday for **Peg Ellis** of Wingrave Road a month or so ago. Happy 80th birthday Peg—we're sorry we missed it!



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We'd like to wish a very happy birthday to **Abbie Lee** who will be just one year old on the 26th April.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABBIE**



It's farewell to **The Lovells** who left the village suddenly in March. We wish you well.



A very special Happy Birthday to **Alison Lewis** who is celebrating a *very* special birthday this month. Congratulations Alison.



We'd like to welcome **Mark and Jill Huntingdon** and their youngsters **Rebecca, Emma and Rachel**, who have moved into a house on The Green. We hope you're settling in well and you enjoy living here in Aston Abbotts.



We hear that **Sharon Wilkinson** was very poorly last month. We hope you are feeling a lot better by the time you read this Sharon.



We are pleased to report that **Molly Poulter** is recovering well after her knee operation. We'd like to send our best wishes—and we expect to see you back in the Aston Abbotts football team soon!



We were sorry to hear that **Don Bellingham** lost his little dog **Russell** and we hope that the new canine arrival is settling in well.

My first is in Rowsham, but not in Thame  
My second's in Cublington— s'pose that's  
no shame  
My third is in Oving, but not in Brill  
My fourth is in Wing, and also Lines Hill  
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# In The Village

## Draft Development Brief

### Weedon Hill Major Development Area

The draft AVDC Local Plan contains proposals for four major development areas to provide much of the required growth of housing and employment in the District up to 2011. The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the draft development plan for the Weedon Hill MDA – this will, on completion, cover 50 acres with a possible 850 new houses.

Aston Abbots Parish Council has made the following comments:

1. This new development will generate a lot of extra traffic and, although the report mentions traffic access to the town centre, the A41 and Oxford Road, no mention is made of the impact this would have on surrounding villages. There is concern that Weedon, Lines Hill and Moat Lane, Aston Abbots will be used as a rat run to Milton Keynes and Leighton Buzzard Station. This 'gated' road is little more than a single-track country lane, which is already extremely busy during the rush hour, with many vehicles travelling at excessive speed for the road conditions.
2. The Parish Council cannot see evidence of sufficient provision in the highways structure to carry the additional traffic in the adjoining rural area. We would like to see a more positive plan in position to prevent the above scenario from occurring.
3. We would like to meet a representative of your organisation on site to discuss the above comments in more detail.

This issue will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

~ Kate Curry

## Grass Verges

At a recent Highways meeting the poor condition of the grass verges along our country lanes was discussed, in particular the irregularity of cuts they received during last summer. The grass was often so high by the time it was cut that motorists were unable to see clearly, especially at junctions.

If during the course of the coming season you notice a road safety hazard caused by uncut verges, please let the Parish Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors know, so that we can follow it up with the Highways Department. Thank you.

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk. 681137

## Child of the 80s

Former Chronicle editor Andi Swain has always claimed to be a child of the 80s and proof comes from an Astonbury item in the Leighton Buzzard Observer. It appears he has now changed his name to that of one of his favourite 80's groups ~

The elected committee are Andi Duran, the festival co-ordinator,

The LBO also lists our fete committee, including members Barbara Bellingham, Chris Fex, Clare Sharack and Gordon Smuch. I think the LBO needs a new typist.

## Annual Parish Meeting

This is a public village meeting (not a Parish Council meeting) to discuss matters affecting the village. It will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 8 pm in the Church Room. All welcome.

## Fete 2002

Aston Abbots has always prided itself on having a traditional village fete and last year it was our most successful ever. Let's hope we can repeat the success in 2002.

The fete committee met for their first meeting in early March and coordinator Barbara Bellingham was able to report that most of the main attractions had already been booked.

This year the raffle is being organised by Jo Perkins. Can I please ask you all to give her your help and support when the time comes to sell the tickets.

Parking needs careful organisation this year, as it is unlikely that we will be able to use Dickie Chapman's field. Gordon Smith has heroically agreed to act as parking coordinator, but he will need some help on the day of the fete. If you could help him with directing the traffic and supervising the car parks, possibly just for an hour or two if you don't want to do the whole afternoon, then please contact him on 681373.

We are always on the look out for new ideas for stalls and new attractions, so please get in touch if you have any ideas or suggestions—or if you can offer a little help on the day. You can contact Barbara Bellingham on 681689.

~ Phil Spooner

## Around The Vale

### Council Tax Increase

Aston Abbots Council tax bills are set to rise by 9%. AVDC decided upon the increase after consulting 1000 Bucks residents. This is about three times the rate of inflation and a far greater percentage increase than most people will see in their pay packets this year.

### Wing Siege

A woman was charged with firearm related offences after a 17 hour police siege at a farm in Wing at the beginning of March.

### Distraction Burglary

An 87-year old Wing pensioner lost her life savings in early March when a youth called, saying that he had come to inspect the taps. After he'd left she realised that all of her money had been taken from her bedroom. Be careful please folks—don't let strangers in to your house and don't keep large sums of money at home.

### Lottery Scam

Pensioners in Aylesbury Vale are being targeted by conmen who telephone to say that they have won the Canadian lottery and then ask for an administration fee so that the winnings can be transferred.

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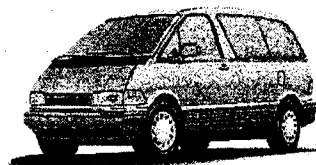
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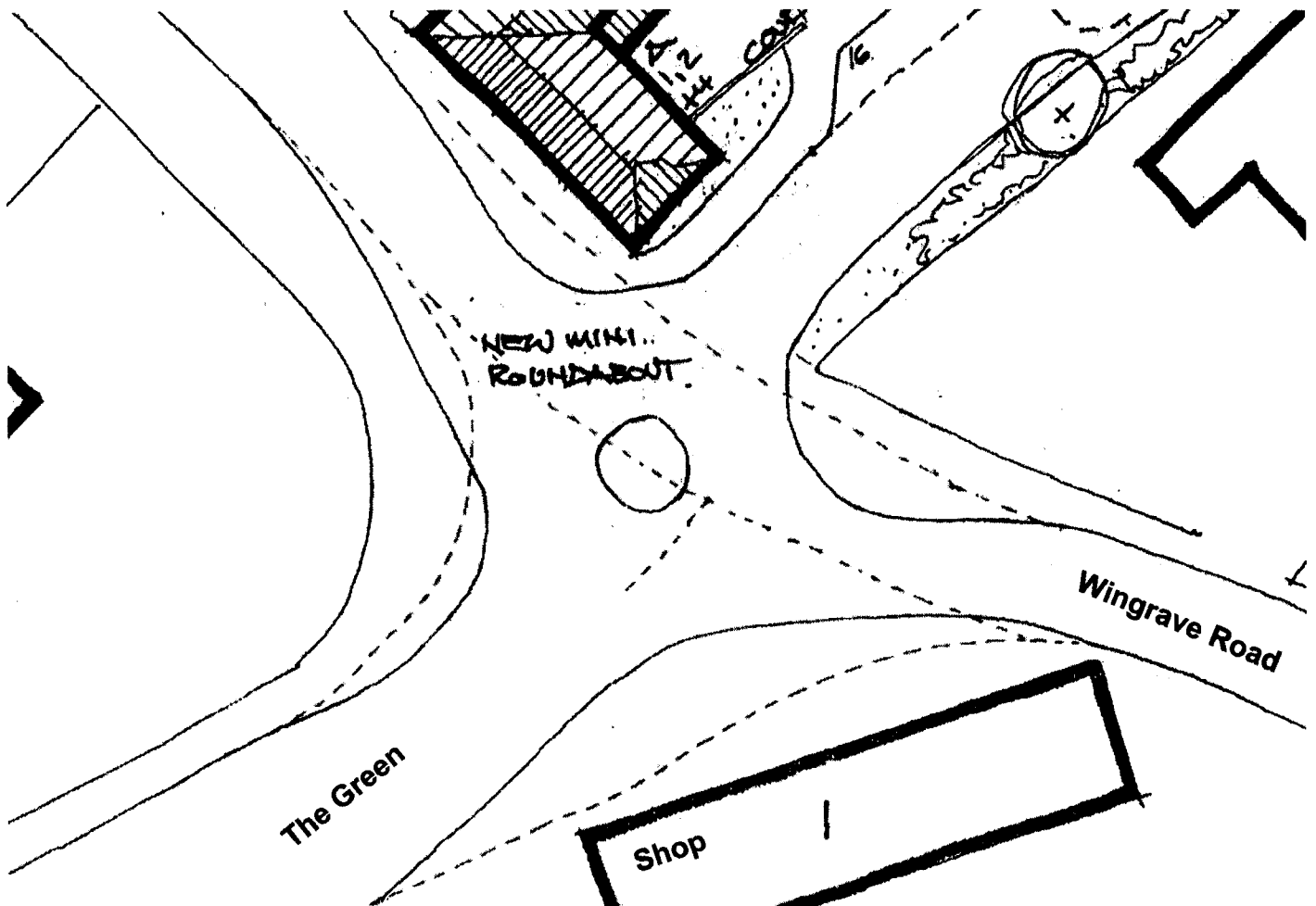
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## The Bull and Butcher Roundabout



The diagram above shows the roundabout that is proposed to be constructed in front of the Bull and Butcher. I have added the dotted lines to show the approximate position of the current road edges and road markings.

A rumour to the effect that the Bull and Butcher planning application had been turned down was circulating in early March. This is not the case and the application is alive and kicking.

As previously reported in The Chronicle the application was 'suspended' awaiting clarification of certain points from the architects Tempietto, who have now submitted additional plans showing the elevations of the proposed houses.

In addition Tempietto have made further comments on the viability of the pub and also addressed comments made by the Highways authority. The proposed amendments to the plans include:

1. Introducing a mini roundabout at the junction with The Green.
2. Increasing the size of the turning head within the development.
3. Introducing 3 parking bays adjacent to the six flats
4. Confirming the size of the parking bays and the access road.

Of these, it is the roundabout that has the greater impact, as it would be built in front of The Old Cottage and the shop.

The junction would undergo substantial alteration and it seems that parking for the shop and The Old Cottage might be lost. This could be a blow for the shop if people can't stop to pop in for their drink, snack or whatever. It also *appears* that there is a slight chicane as Wingrave Road emerges into the roundabout, but this just may be poor drawing. And therein lies the rub. The plan that has been submitted has no actual measurements to confirm the exact size and placing of the roundabout. Nor is it known if the roundabout is to be a raised surface, or just a painted circle on the road over which vehicles can drive.

By overlaying the road layout from the original plan we can see that the roundabout appears to straddle the current stop line where The Green emerges into Wingrave Road. The construction of the new kerbs and the change to the road layout would clearly create a major change at this junction.

The Parish Council have responded by calling an extraordinary Council meeting to seek the views of the village and formulate a response. Unfortunately, at

the time of writing it is still several days away and so I am unable to report upon its outcome.

So what do you think? Initially it might appear to calm traffic, but is it really right to build a mini-roundabout right in front of a 16th century thatched cottage in a conservation area? Is it in keeping with the character of the village? Do other rural Buck villages need roundabouts?

If you like the idea then please remember this roundabout comes only as part of the Bull and Butcher redevelopment package.

If you wish to see the letter and plans then please contact our Parish Clerk Kate Curry on 681137.

To comment upon the amended plans write *as soon as possible* to Mick Denman, Department of Planning, Aylesbury Vale District Council, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1SD—quoting reference 01/03062/AOP.

It is not necessary to reiterate comments that you have already made to AVDC about the Bull and Butcher. These comments remain valid and on file.

~ Phil Spooner

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## Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 27th February 2002

The meeting was chaired by Cllr John Sansome. Present were Councillors G. Kempster, R. Clarke and Mrs K. Curry (Parish Clerk) Cllr M. Kent, PC Buckle and County Cllr B. Jennings sent apologies. Two members of the public attended the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

### Clerk's Report

The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for funding her attendance at the recent two-day course run by BALC, which she found most useful.

A letter has been sent to the developers, Smith Latimer, in response to their offer to the village to buy part of the Bull and Butcher, saying that we were unable to publicise their offer within the given time limit.

Highways have agreed to move the 'Kill Your Speed' sign in Moat Lane and place it with the village name sign on Lines Hill. They are only prepared, however, to give the request for a 30 mph limit in Moat Lane a low priority status.

Items for discussion at the next meeting will include the nomination of a Governor for Wingrave CE Combined School, transport grants for projects within the village and the adoption of the new Ethical Framework.

### County Council, District Council & Police Matters

No representatives of the above were present. However, concern was expressed at the new reduced level of police

presence at Wing (down from 8 officers to 4), and it was noted that the lay-by on the A418 has still to be cleaned following the departure of the travellers.

### Comments From The Floor

Comments were received regarding the generally poor state of local road surfaces, and on the proposed extension at 1, Longmoor Barns.

### Planning

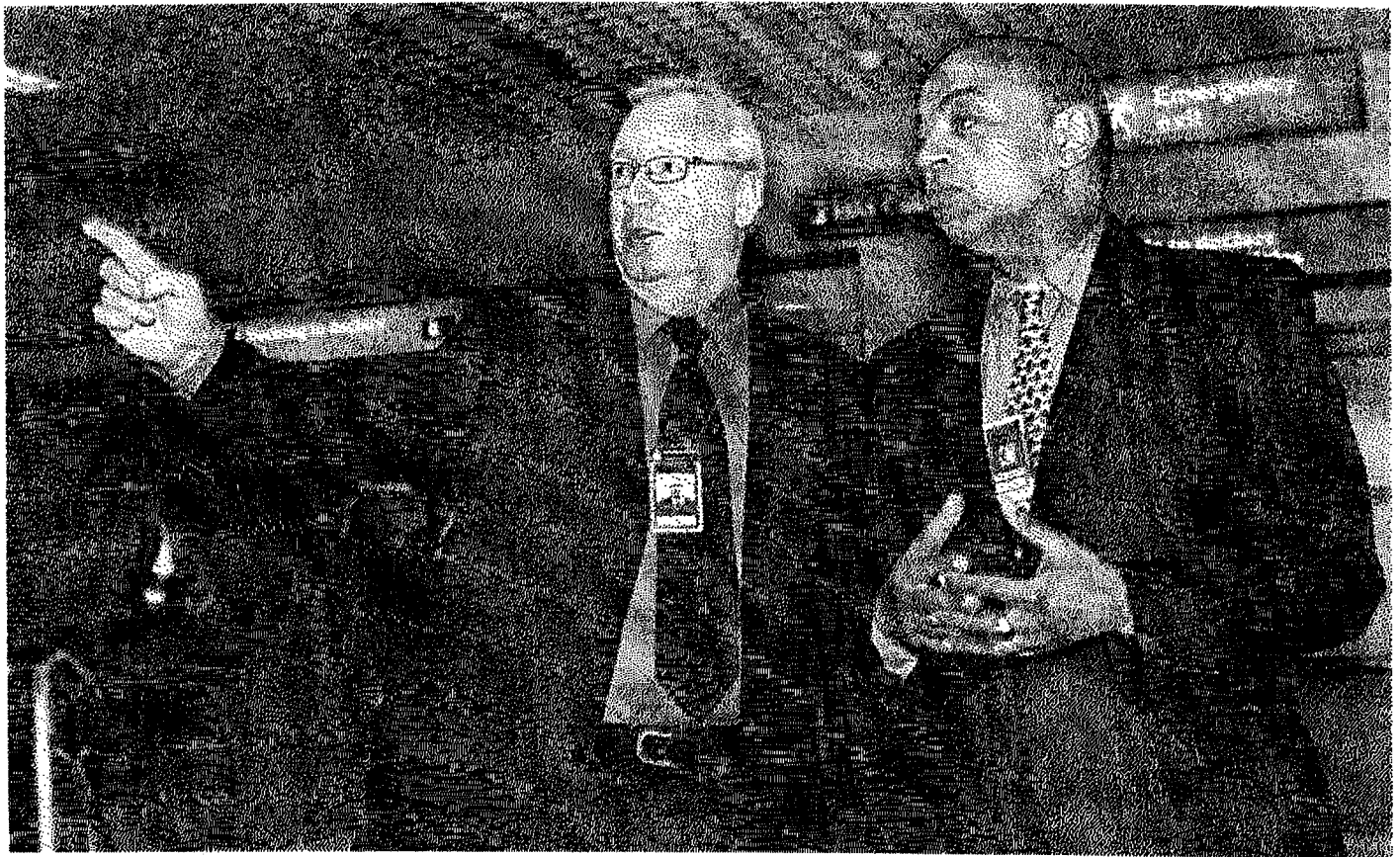
02/00121/APP 1, Longmoor Barns, Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts. Single storey rear extension. Resolved to make the following comments:

- a) The original planning consent for the barns stated that no extra appendages may be added. A previous application to add a porch to one of the barns was rejected, and the Council feels that, should this one be granted, it would set a precedent.
- b) The extension would adversely affect the open appearance and character of the AAL, contravening RA 25 and RA4 of the Local Plan.

02/00332/APP Wingrave Road Transmitting Station. Installation of new 20m telecommunications tower to replace existing. Resolved to oppose the application on the grounds that the new tower would be 5m higher than the existing one.

01/00409/APP Oxleys Farm Conversion of barn to dwelling. (Development control committee, 2nd hearing). This application has now been approved.

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*"I know you'll never believe this Paul, but some b\*\*\*\*r wants to build a roundabout in front of that 16th century thatched cottage over there." Astonian, Astonbury performer, Tom Jones devotee and HM Customs supremo John Whyte explains the latest Bull and Butcher planning proposal to government minister Paul Boateng.*

## 1st Wingrave Scout Group

Those of you who read the Chronicle regularly will have noticed that reports on Scouting in Wingrave have been conspicuous by their absence in recent issues.

Unfortunately, with the busy lives the leaders have, attending to their families needs, running the weekly section meetings and attending any other Scouting activities which may be going on around the District, they do not always have time to put in writing what has been going on at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

However, Scouting does continue to thrive within the village of Wingrave and I am pleased to report we have a membership of 16 Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) 22 Cub Scouts (8-11 years) and 15 Scouts (11 - 15 years).

Our activities vary within the sections and the Beaver Scouts have been learning the difference between Astronomy and Astrology. They have taken part in the District Beaver Handicraft Day when they joined Beaver Scouts from all over the Vale of Aylesbury and took part in the Beaver Quiz.

The Cub Scouts have been busy having visited the telephone museum at Milton Keynes, seen the work of the R.S.P.C.A at Blackberry Farm and are currently working on their Scientist Badge. They have also recently obtained their Communicators Badge. They have taken part in the Cub Scout Quiz and attended the District Swimming Gala at the Aquavale early in March.

The Scout section continues to grow and they have carried out a night hike from Wingrave to Rowsham to Weedon to Bierton and back to a sleepover at the Scout Headquarters in Wingrave. Some of the Scouts have obtained their Swimmers Badge and shortly will be working for their First Aid Badge. They too have had their Scout section Quiz and came First obtaining the District Shield. In early March they took part in the County Ten

Pin Bowling competition and came tenth.

I know that in a village, you are called upon to support all the organisations within the village, but I cannot stress how desperate we are for Leaders within the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. We are currently using a parent rota within the Beaver and Cub sections to help, but if there is anyone in Wingrave, Rowsham, Aston Abbots or Cublington who could consider giving time to the Wingrave Scout Group, then please telephone me, Jeff Pollard on (01296) 625454 for an informal chat.

You may not be aware, but we only have one section leader within the group that actually lives in Wingrave. I myself came over to support Wingrave Scout Group because it was on the verge of closing some six years ago. If I were able to find at the least a Scout Leader, then I could devote my time to running the Group as Group Scout Leader, continue to run the Scout Shop on a Monday evening and be a member of the Vale of Aylesbury Scout Fellowship!

~ Jeff Pollard

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## Grubby White Vans

Have you noticed how many grubby white vans there are on the road? Here is a small collection of graffiti spotted written in the dirt on the back of some of them:

- ⊕ Also available in white
- ⊕ Washed by Stevie Wonder
- ⊕ Driver gives no hand signals - caught stealing in Oman
- ⊕ No hand signals - retired bus driver
- ⊕ If being driven courteously please call 999 and report stolen.
- ⊕ I wish my wife was as dirty as this van ...and written below... She is, mate!

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### Highways

Cutting of grass verges around the village in 2002 – Highways have asked for reports of any verges which need urgent attention for safety reasons during the growing season. Resolved to ask the Clerk to put a notice to this effect in the Chronicle, asking people to comment if they feel there is a problem.

The implications of the proposed Weedon Hill housing development on traffic flow on Lines Hill were discussed. It was felt that the proposed development will inevitably lead to a substantial increase in traffic through the village, and the possibility of traffic calming measures was discussed briefly.

### Recreation Ground

Safety check – children's play area – nothing to report.

### Accounts

The appointment of an Internal Auditor was discussed.

### Date Of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th April 2002 at 8 pm in the Church Room.

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~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk



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Many of you will have heard or read the press reports about British Waterways' ambitious project to construct a new canal. However, some of you may be unaware that this venture once had a local connection.

The route mentioned in the recent press reports—the favoured one of nine options—will link the River Great Ouse in Bedford with Three Locks near Soulbury. This is not the first time such a scheme has been proposed. Brewer and MP Samuel Whitbread tried to get just such a link constructed in 1810 but the plan foundered for lack of investment. Another attempt in 1892 also was abandoned for similar reasons. If this project goes ahead it will cost between £80m and £150m and it will be the first new canal construction in Britain for 100 years.

If it seems a little bizarre to be building canals in the 21<sup>st</sup> century then let me assure you that there is a method behind this madness. It is projected that the new canal will create some 500 permanent jobs in the tourist and recreational industries as it attracts an expected 1.5 million additional visitors to the area. This is in addition to the 280-440 temporary jobs created during the construction phase.

It is not just the creation of jobs that is important. There is the obvious environmental benefit of a substantial new wildlife haven that will become a welcome natural habitat for waterfowl and the many other creatures that usually rely upon rivers and streams. Conservationists are getting excited about the possibility of attracting the red vole back to the area, whilst pond-owners (like myself) are somewhat less enthusiastic about the probable increase in the heron population!

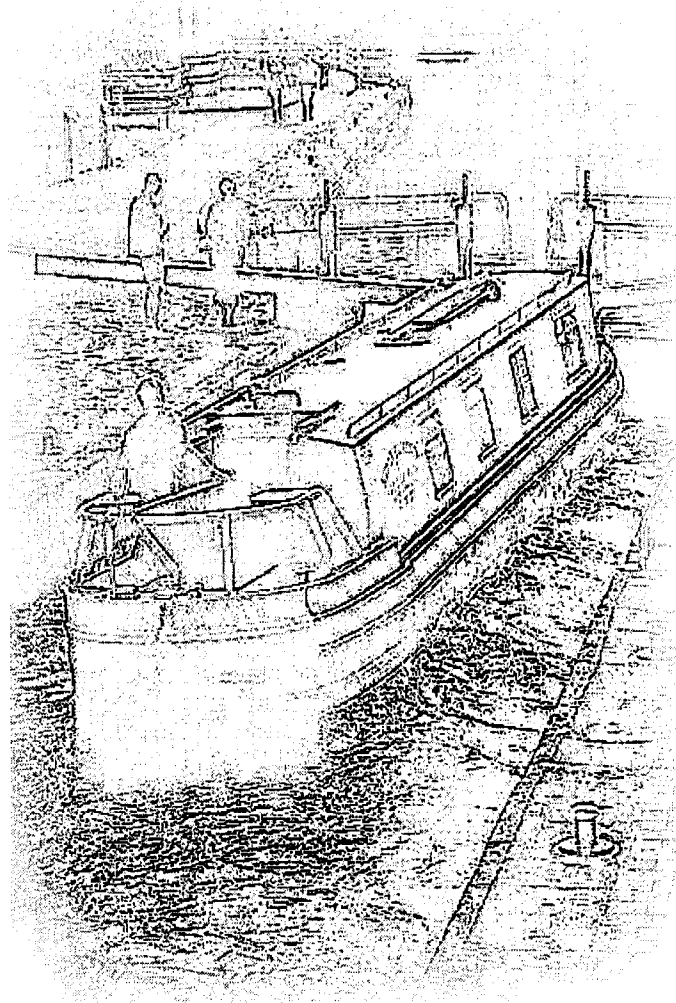
The 20-mile route will pass through both Beds and Bucks countryside and involve some 13 locks, all of traditional wood and brick construction. This is where the story gets an interesting twist. In Beds a lock can have a maximum depth (the height between the upper and lower pounds) of 11 feet 8 inches, whilst in Bucks a byelaw enacted in 1823 restricts canal locks (those on man-made canals, not locks on canalised rivers) to just 7 feet and 4

inches. This is not of any great significance on the favoured route, but it had a major impact on the original, bolder plan.

When Patrick Cunnel, British Waterways' constructional director, first put the idea of a new canal to the British Waterways board in 1993, his original proposal was for a canal some 14 miles longer than currently proposed. This would have linked directly from Bedford to Aylesbury. It was not going to be just a tourist attraction; being broader than the current Aylesbury arm it would also have had commercial significance as a working waterway.

A first attempt at planning the route had to be abandoned because it fell foul of a major government-backed housing scheme that was then under discussion, but eventually a tentative route was settled upon and this would have seen the canal come closer to home than many of you might expect. The original plan followed much the same route as is currently planned from the River Great Ouse to Three Locks, but then it would have continued southwest passing between Soulbury and Wing, finally passing north of Aston Abbots on its way to Aylesbury.

This is where the problem with lock depths scuppered the plan. Cunnel appealed three times to Buckinghamshire County Council for a repeal of the byelaw limiting lock depths in Bucks, but without success. Being forced to restrict lock depths to a maximum of just 7 foot 4 inches meant that after passing between The Abbey and Norduck Farm a system of at least 19 locks would have had to have been constructed down Lines Hill before the canal finally terminated in the lake at Watermead. Environmental impact fears and spiralling costs effectively killed the scheme, although it would have been the most imaginative engineering project



in Aylesbury this century.

So British Waterways fell back upon the current more achievable plan and the opportunity to attract tourism to Aston Abbots was lost. However, it would have been a much longer-term project with the canal eventually opening, coincidentally, exactly fifteen years after the official publication date of this issue of *The Chronicle*. So that would have been on the first day of April in 2017 then. A little too far in the future perhaps.

If you want to know more about the Bedford to Milton Keynes canal project you can contact British Waterways on 01923 208736 or see their website which is you will find maps of the proposed routes and summaries of the feasibility studies on the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust website - [www.b-mkwaterway.org.uk](http://www.b-mkwaterway.org.uk)

~ Phil Spooner

"If it wasn't for pick-pockets and frisking at airports I'd have no sex life at all."  
~ Rodney Dangerfield

"It's so long since I've had sex, I've forgotten who ties up whom."  
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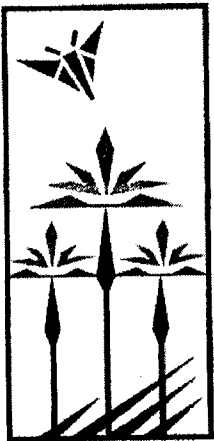
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## Designed By A Man!

Putting it bluntly, I'm not the world's most enthusiastic housewife. It could be said that I am a founder member of Sluts Anonymous. I just can't see the point of spending my entire life chasing every last speck of dust since the day after I die it will all be getting dirty again. There are far more rewarding ways of spending my time with longer lasting results to show for my efforts. My house is clean enough to be healthy and messy enough to be home.

Why spend all day making the place look spotless and uncomfortably tidy when none of the other occupants will even notice? And within five minutes of their return home there will be a trail of crisp packets, mud, newspapers, empty coke cans, briefcases, dirty clothes, washing up etc. everywhere they go. So why bother?

You could say that this behaviour shows that I've failed as a mother as well. I should have brought them up to care about such things and to appreciate my efforts to provide them with a beautifully tidy and scrupulously hygienic environment, but at least this way we have remained friends. And the house has often been full of their friends who feel comfortable here (and have added considerably to the "lived in" feel of the place). To be honest, I'd rather have the fun of their company than an empty show home.

However, once in a while I get a rush of blood to the head and I have this uncontrollable urge to deal with some of the scruffier parts of my home, and everything goes hang while I perch precariously on ladders with paint and brushes. To me a room is only clean when the paint is still wet. With three men and two dogs in my life I know better than to expect it to last longer than it takes to wash out the brushes.

Usually I enjoy this activity but not when I decide to attack the kitchen because that has to be a really thorough job — not just the walls, ceiling, doors and windows, but the insides of all the cupboards and all the contents. It can take days while all the work surfaces are covered with the contents of the cupboards and gradually my irritation turns to anger then to full blown fury as I clean each item thoroughly before putting it away. "Why?" I hear you ask.

Well, whenever I use an item I give it a wipe over before putting it away but inevitably the grime does build up in those hard to reach places. And there are so many hard to reach places on the average piece of kitchen equipment, and most of them are **TOTALLY UNNECESSARY**.

As anyone with half a brain knows, kitchens are supposed to be hygienic. It is also well known that, unlike other rooms, they do not just collect dust — the very nature of cooking means that the atmosphere deposits grease and moisture on every surface and into every nook and cranny, gluing the dust to everything in the process. So, logically speaking, you would expect designers of kitchen equipment to bear in mind that some poor mug has got to keep it all clean — well, clean enough to avoid food poisoning at least. You would expect them to try to make everything easy to clean in order to minimise the risks of mass epidemics of Delhi Belly.

But, oh no, quite the opposite. If they can find a way of introducing another nook onto an electric kettle, they will. They obviously think that a toaster won't do the job properly unless it beats the existing world record for crannies. Have a good look at your appliances and marvel at the designer's triumph of elegant but unhygienic imagination. Aren't there a

whole load of unnecessary moulded grooves which are supposed to make it look more attractive — the equivalent of "go faster stripes" on a car — but are totally stomach churning when you notice the lines of black dirt wedged into the corners? Dirt that will need hours of chiselling with a knife and scrubbing with an old tooth brush to remove?

Obviously, electrical appliances must have knobs and switches but it cannot be beyond the wit of man to design them without the totally inaccessible area tucked behind them. And it must be possible, given the advanced state of plastics technology, to design a fridge door handle, which is a smooth, flowing line curving out from the door — moulded all of a piece with the door — no right angle corners, no decorative trim, no unnecessary dirt traps.

I realise that the slots in the casing of a hand held mixer are important for ventilation, but they get filthy and one can hardly give them a long soak in hot soapy water as sluicing electric motors is not a desperately good idea. And which complete moron designed a toasted sandwich maker with cooking plates that cannot be removed for cleaning? The brilliance of that one leaves me speechless at times. Even a waste bin is a miracle of inaccessible crevices which collect — well, I won't continue on that topic as I don't want to upset any delicate stomachs.

But there is one final *bête noir* for me. Who, may I ask, invented that dimpled, orange peel effect that is used for so many things from work surfaces to kettles? Did they never think that wiping the surface with a damp cloth would just embed the dirt into the minute crevices, turning the item firstly gunge grey and then bacteria black?

Now, to bring the relevance of the title of this piece to bear upon the text, let me explain that the majority of work in the average kitchen, even in this age of enlightenment, is done by women. Furthermore, it is patently obvious that the majority of designers of kitchenware do not actually use it on a daily basis, let alone clean it. Therefore, it follows as night follows day, kitchenware designers are men.

~ Clare Shorrock

## More New Homes

Bucks County Council have to provide some 48,000 new homes by 2016, under a government regional planning guidance report.

At the end of March the County Council will seek views about where these homes should be built from residents via a newsletter that will be circulated to 180,000 residents. However, deputy council leader Bill Chappell recognises that the responses will be tainted by quite a bit of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) and a certain amount of BANANA (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody).

~ Phil Spooner

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## A Reserved Seat!

Whilst we (Andy and Rita) were enjoying an evening out with Peter, Clare, Liz and Ivan, discussing village life, holidays and such like, I happen to say a trip on the Orient Express would be a nice thing to do. Immediately Liz said tickets could be arranged for the 6<sup>th</sup> March, so the deal was made for Liz, her friend Tracy, Clare and myself.

An early morning start was planned for the journey to London where we encountered our first insight into "train rage" by a male traveller who objected to a seat being saved for me with the others. After a slight disagreement we all ignored him. It needs to be pointed out he had two seats all the way to London, one for himself the other for his mac !

Once at Victoria we were soon settled on the Orient Express in our own compartment for four. Breakfast was served, first course being two glasses of Bucks Fizz each, followed by coffee, Danish pastries, fruit salad and a cooked meal of scrambled egg, crumpet and smoked salmon, very tasty.

We were heading for York where we would join coaches to take us for a tour round Harewood House and grounds. We spent a pleasant couple of hours, firstly round the house which had an abundance of Chippendale furniture, paintings and portraits, beautiful decorative ceilings, all in all a grand house but not over the top – in my humble opinion. By the way Ivan, Liz admired an item in the shop, you may be making another trip! Clare bought things for her "present drawer" so someone is going to be lucky.

I must admit it was a bit chilly outside but we did walk round the bird sanctuary which housed many different species.

A little later we arrived back at York station and boarded the train. Settled in our very comfortable seats we were soon having our glasses topped up with champagne. The following four course dinner was delicious which we tucked into, as we were, by 6.30 p.m. a mite peckish. This was washed down with ample amounts of wine. We all agreed the stewards were polite, good-humoured and generally helpful which added to a really enjoyable day.

If you don't get on the Orient Express but are in the York area, a visit to Harewood House is worthwhile.

Thanks Liz for the organisation. We didn't come across "Murder on the Orient Express" but it could have been "Constriction on the Commuter Line !!!

~ Rita Robinson

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## Not So Famous Quotes...

(On the difference between men and women:) "On the one hand, we'll never experience childbirth. On the other hand, we can open all our own jars." ~ Bruce Willis

"Honesty is the key to a relationship. If you can fake that, you're in." ~ Courtney Cox (Monica in "Friends")

"I read somewhere that 77 percent of all the mentally ill live in poverty. Actually, I'm more intrigued by the 23 percent who are apparently doing quite well for themselves." ~ Jerry Garcia (Grateful Dead)

"And God said: 'Let there be Satan, so that people, don't blame everything on me. And let there be lawyers, so that people, don't blame everything on Satan.'" ~ George Burns

"Clinton lied. A man might forget where he parks or where he lives, but he never forgets oral sex, no matter how bad it is." ~ Barbara Bush (Former US First Lady)

"Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake whole relationships." ~ Sharon Stone

"Hockey is a sport for white men. Basketball is a sport for black men. Golf is a sport for white men dressed like black pimps." ~ Tiger Woods

(On going to war over religion) "You're basically killing each other to see who's got the better imaginary friend." ~ Yasir Arafat (PLO leader)

"My girlfriend always laughs during sex - no matter what she's reading." ~ Steve Jobs (Founder: Apple Computers)

"My cousin just died. He was only 19. He got stung by a bee - the natural enemy of a tightrope walker." ~ Dan Rather (News anchorman)

"I saw a large woman wearing a sweatshirt with 'Guess' on it. I said, 'Thyroid problem?'" ~ Arnold Schwarzenegger

~ Submitted by Dickie Dicken

## Only In America

According to witnesses, Kevin Rodriguez, 11, choked to death in January 2000 in his Broward County, Fla., school cafeteria after a hey-watch-this exhibition in which he shoved a large part of a hot dog into his mouth. In December 2001, Rodriguez's family filed a lawsuit against the school board because cafeteria and other personnel were not able to save Kevin's life and because hot dogs are too dangerous to serve to 11-year-old kids. [Miami Herald, 12-28-01]

In January, the brother of one of the seven people killed in October when a deranged man attacked the driver of a Greyhound bus in Tennessee filed a lawsuit against Greyhound and the driver. Apparently, the brother believes that the company should have hired a driver who could safely drive at 60 mph while fending off a knife-wielding psychopath (or else train drivers better to do that). [Atlanta Journal-Constitution-AP, 1-4-02]

School Zone: Dale Rooks, a crossing guard at Suter Elementary School in Pensacola, Fla., made news when he tried to fool speeding motorists into slowing down by wrapping an old hair dryer with black electrical tape to make it look like a radar gun. Inspired, a group of fifth-graders at the school set up a lemonade stand and used the proceeds to buy Rooks a real radar gun. "It looks just like a hair dryer," he said. (AP)

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## **A Sundream Holiday—The Concluding Part**

**Tuesday 27th November**

After a night of 'rock and roll' (nothing to do with Bill Haley – just the ship 'hitting' some rough weather), we were pleased to see the sun rise at 6.35. An early breakfast on the sun deck coincided with our sailing into Nassau harbour, berthing once again alongside the cruise ship 'Fantasy'. Leaving the ship at 10.00, we, and about 200 other passengers had to walk a good mile through the docks before boarding another ship called 'Calypso'. This was to take us to Blue Lagoon Island.. It was a journey which was to prove to take only 30 minutes but was made very enjoyable by a 3 man steel band called 'Calypso Experience' who played for us throughout the trip.

The Bahamas is made up of some 700 islands but only 16 are inhabited. Arriving at our destination we disembarked onto what most people would instantly recognise as a typical desert island with white sands, clear blue sea, date and coconut palms. There were 'double' hammocks to relax in and a variety of water sports of every kind for the 'energetic'. There was a beach bar built under the shade of the coconut palms and large open air restaurant which provided us with a lunch of barbecue chicken, sweet potatoes, salads and chips. After lunch our tour guide organised skittles, table tennis, baseball and basket ball.

The island is about four miles by half a mile wide. We walked across the island and saw considerable damage done by hurricane 'Michelle' but also came across a dolphin centre where people and dolphins swam and played together. We often hear that dolphins are amazing creatures and to see the way in which they were reacting to the people in the pools made us realise just how true this must be. We had to leave the island by mid afternoon but the journey back to Nassau on board the 'Calypso' was extremely enjoyable with everyone singing and clapping to the tunes played by the calypso band.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Spent at sea

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Had a leisurely breakfast on deck whilst sailing past the island of Haiti; we are due back in Jamaica early tomorrow. The afternoon was spent in an equally leisurely fashion, sailing around the south coast of Cuba. That evening, after dinner, a few of us went along to the 'South Pacific' lounge where we all had a great time watching the cabaret and afterwards endeavouring to exercise the 'grey cells' by taking part in a quiz and the playing Bingo.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Sailed into Ocho Rias at 6.30 am. and two hours later were boarding mini buses which were to take us to 'Prospect Plantation'. The plantation has been owned by just two English families during it's hundred year history. Our transport was to be a 'Jinty' which turned out to be a road train pulled by a Ford tractor. Our driver Daniel and guide Neal showed us around the plantation, stopping to point out the wide variety of plants and trees and to explain their uses. There were Pimento, banana, Lime, and banyan trees as well as rows of pineapples and coffee bushes. At one point a local man shinned up a coconut palm and brought one down; splitting it open, offering the 'milk' to members of our group in plastic cups. The scenery was beautiful and very lush. The journey around the plantation took about an hour, during which time our driver and guide kept us laughing from beginning to end.

Following the inevitable visit to a shopping mall; this one specialising in tee shirts and expensive watches, we were taken off to see one of Jamaica's major attractions, the Dunn's Falls. From the beach to the top of the falls is some 100 feet. They can be climbed but you need a guide and to hire special shoes called 'sticky feet'. Of course you get soaking wet. I decided to look after the possessions of those people who wanted to do the climb whilst Andrew videoed it all. It was a wonderful place and one of the high lights of a great holiday.

Returning to the ship, it was sadly time to think about starting to pack for the journey home. Our last evening meal with our dining companions was very special; enhanced with the waiters serenading us with songs such as 'Leaving on a jet plane' and 'Auld Lang Syne'. The evening concluded with a special evenings entertainment in the 'South Pacific lounge, after which it was time to put the last few 'bits' in the cases and leave them outside the cabin door for collection.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

Breakfast, and a little time left for chatting to the friends we had made; a last lunch on board and we disembarked to be taken to Montego Bay airport. It was hard to leave, especially as the weather was so nice and hot. How cold and wet will it be back in England? Clearing the usual airport formalities we 'took off' at 4.00 pm. landing back at Gatwick at 6.30 the following morning.

My nephew was there to meet us and drive us home from the airport. All the family arrived for lunch and took great delight in telling me that I now had a new baby grandson. What a perfect ending to a wonderful holiday

*~ Shirley Ford*

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## **The Friends Of Whitchurch Surgery**

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There are purchases planned including a fridge for vaccines, ECG machine accessories and an Ophthalmoscope. We will continue to be guided by the doctors in utilising funds and we are also open to suggestions from patients and any ideas will be considered.

*~ Bob Derbyshire*

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## **Cancer Help**

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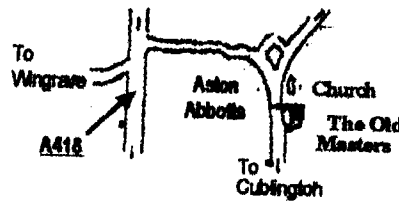
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## Boys' Toys

don't think I'm the only chap in the village who enjoys high tech gadgetry. It's my particular male vice. Cars? Take 'em or leave 'em. Cricket? Yawn! Football? Oh sorry - did I drop off for a moment there? But show me a gleaming chunk of high-tech electronic gadgetry with flashing coloured lights and a remote control the size of a paperback book—then you can be sure of my full and undivided attention.

Recently someone mentioned to me how at one time he would go to the Bull on a Friday night, nip home at ten to watch Frasier, and then pop back to the pub. Now this is what video recorders are for. But let's face it, how many of you reading this can actually program the timer on your video? What can you actually do if a program you want to see is on when you just can't watch it? I suspect most of you would be faced with two alternatives in this situation: attempt to decipher the video's instruction book, if you didn't throw it out with the packaging, or bribe a tame 6 year old to program it for you. Sorry folks—those of you with an IQ of less than 130 and no young children are going to miss the program.

The video in our house always has been strictly my preserve. Mrs Ed leaves it to me to tame and control the complicated apparatus and also to sort out the required tape from the untidy pile of poorly labelled cassettes that surround the TV like perpetual presents around a Christmas tree. If she wants to watch a recorded program, I cue up the tape and remind her which combination of buttons to press on the eight remote control handsets that seem to inhabit every horizontal surface in our living room. I pride myself that as an electronics engineer with some twenty years practice of using VCRs I can actually program the damn thing. Usually I can disdainfully pass off the frequent incorrect recordings or missed program endings as a being down to a last minute change in the broadcasters schedules. But there has to be a better way, doesn't there?

Yes there is a better way. Two products that came onto the market last year can revolutionise the way you watch TV. Tivo and Sky+ are personal video recorders intended to allow you to see the programs you want to watch when you want to watch them. No tapes to rewind, label or lose - all the recordings are stored inside the box. Setting a program to record is just a matter of selecting the program in the onscreen TV guide and pressing the 'R' button. To playback, select the program name from the onscreen menu and press play. It's so simple that even an adult can do it!

But there's more. The quality of recording is far better than clunky old VHS tape. You can playback a program and record another at the same time. You can start playback before the recording has finished, if you just want to delay the start by a few minutes. You can set a season pass on favourite programs and then all future episodes in the series will be recorded automatically.

However, one of the best features is the ability to pause 'live' TV. Have you ever been engrossed in watching a good program and then the phone rings? Just press the pause button on the handset - the picture onscreen will freeze and the rest of the program will be recorded automatically. When you've finished the phone call, whether it is two minutes or twenty, just press play and you can carry on watching from where you were. No need ever again to ever miss a crucial row in Eastenders because of a caller.

When you have filled up the recording store in the box (about

20 hours) the oldest recordings you have watched will be erased to make room for new ones. If you want to keep a program you can either mark it to be kept, or record it off onto an old fashioned VCR.

There are two types of personal video recorder available. Tivo works with normal TV, digital terrestrial or satellite. Sky+ works just with Sky Digital, but offers a more integrated solution with its built-in satellite receiver and is probably a better bet if you are happy to subscribe to Sky. Sky+ also overcomes the old satellite TV problem of allowing you to record one program whilst watching another, whilst Tivo can even automatically record programs that it thinks you might like.

Of course, all this high-tech wizardry comes at a cost. Around £250-300 for the box, possibly an installation fee and a subscription or payment for the program listings all adds up, but the system does work. It does exactly what it says on the box. Its no longer a hassle to time-shift a program and you do end up watching the programs you want when you want to see them.

So have they got it right? Well, watching Mrs Ed set programs for record, then locate and play them back, and listening to her enthusiastically espousing the virtues of our Sky+ system at a dinner party the other night, I am forced to conclude that they have. This is a gadget that anybody can use and it allows you to pick and choose what you want to watch and when you want to watch it. And what's more, it's not just a toy for the boys.

~ Phil Spooner

**Q:** What do you call a psychic midget who just escaped from jail? **A:** A small medium at large!

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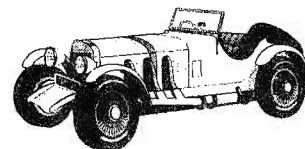
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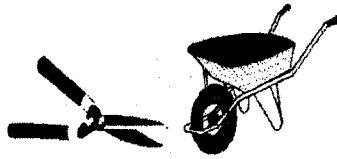


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Last month's article was about people calling at your door. You may be faced with callers offering to repair or improve your home. Many of these are quite reputable, but some are not what they appear to be. They may claim to have noticed a fault in your roof or walls, or offer to resurface a path or drive. They are skilled craftsmen and will almost always sound genuine, offering cut-price service usually for cash.

The following advice will help you establish whether such workmen are genuine.

- Ask to see their credentials - most genuine traders have a business card.
- Ask them to call again. In the meantime check their reputation. Don't be pressured; if they are genuine, they won't mind waiting a few days.
- Ask for a written quotation - not an estimate, which is only a guess at the cost involved.
- Ask if the guarantee is still valid if the company goes into liquidation before it expires. Check on their story and check all agreements. (The local Citizens' Advice Bureau will help you.)

Remember a 'cheap' job may cost you thousands of pounds more in the long run.

Never allow unqualified or uninsured builders or tradesmen to work on your property.

Get other quotations for the work involved - from reputable local tradesmen. If in doubt, and the job is large, pay for an independent survey of your property including the fault.

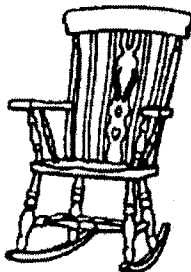
Consult the relevant professional body, who will recommend a suitable contractor. For example consult the Building Employers Confederation (BEC), Federation of Master Builders for building work, the Guild of Master Craftsmen for skilled work such as Joinery and the Electrical Contractors Association (ECA) or the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC) for electrical work.

Report any suspicious callers to the Police - you may save someone else from being cheated!

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Uncle was so proud of Brewster he entered him in the County Fair. Brewster was an overnight sensation.

The judges not only awarded him the No Bell Prize, but also the Pullet Surprise.

A local man was found dead in his home in Brooklyn, NY, this weekend.

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## Rectors Report

From time to time I get the opportunity to read what my fellow clergy are writing to their parishioners. As you can imagine there are Parish Magazines and Parish Magazines. Some clergy are writing in a Magazine that will only go to Church people, whilst others are writing for a wider audience.

I was recently flicking through a "Church" Magazine, and my eye was caught by an entry on the Diary page. "29<sup>th</sup> Mar. Good Friday – Who is this? The Vicar."

It wasn't until I had read the rest of the Magazine that I discovered that this was not what I had first imagined. Instead it was just a short notice for a Service on Good Friday at which the Vicar was to preach on the subject "Who is this?" – (presumably reflecting on the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus).

But, by that time I had already started to explore some of the other possible interpretations. These varied from being part of a series based on various occupations – (Who is this? The Doctor, the Butcher, the Plumber, etc.), through to the curious yet commonly held assumption that the Church somehow belongs to the Vicar.

Somewhere along the line I came to imagine the question to be – "Who does he think he is? The Vicar". Of course, the meaning changes again if the question mark is moved to the end – "Who is this, the Vicar?" Or it might even be "Who does the Vicar think he is?"

But however many ways in which the question is examined we end up looking at much the same answer – The question is about who we think we are and how and where we relate to the

community. Perhaps that was what that particular Vicar was going to use as his starting point.

We take time to work out who we are and so on, but do we explore our relationship with Jesus. Looking at who he was and is, and what he has done for us by dying on the Cross and by rising to new life.

The hard part is looking beyond the messenger and concentrating on the message and its implications.

A very Happy (and thoughtful) Easter!

~ Bob Willmott.

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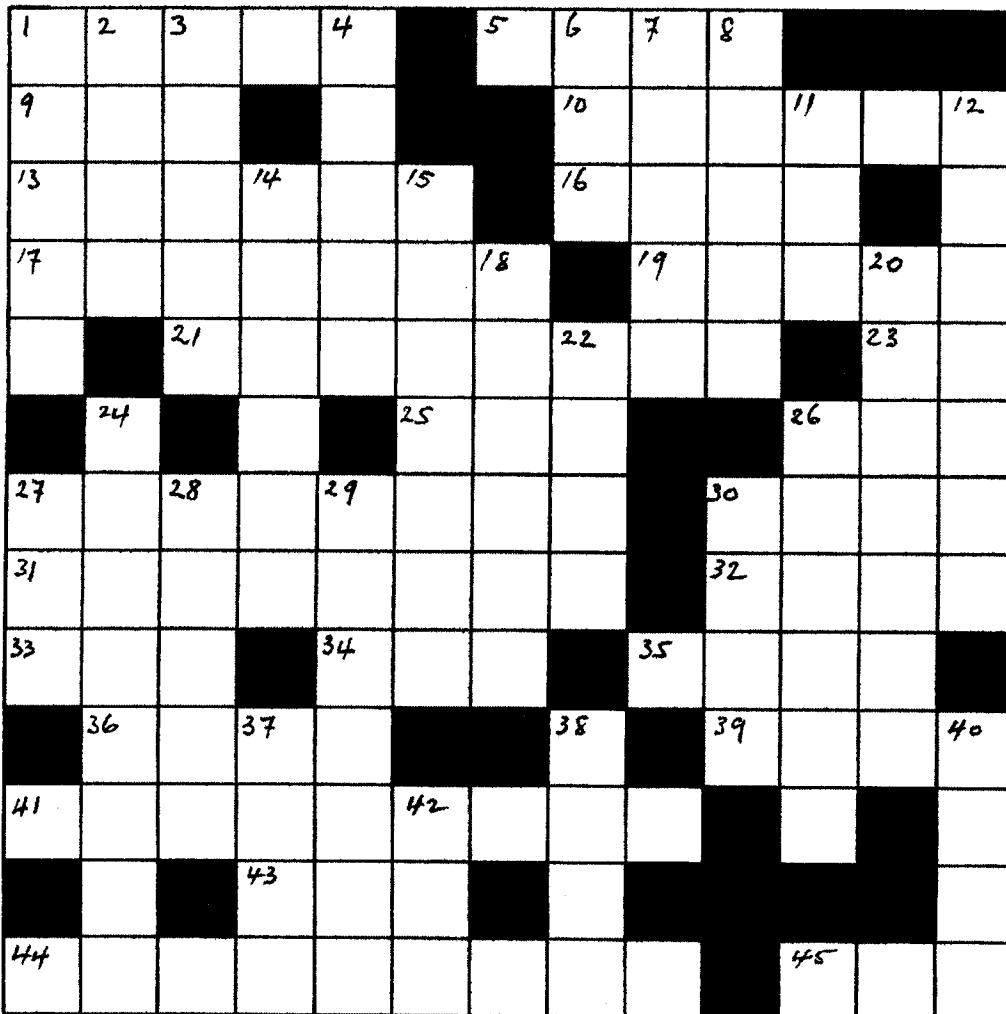
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# The Chronicle Crossword

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**Answers to March:**

ACROSS: 1&8down Steeple Claydon. 6 Runic. 10 Air. 11 Snapdragon. 14 Marsala. 15 Sway. 18 Peel. 20 Lid. 21 Hid. 22 Religion. 25 Memo. 26 Allergy. 27 Turin

29 Basin. 30 Old. 32 MOT. 34 Rings. 36 Carrion. 38 Sit. 40 Cain. 41 Gone. 44 Present. 45 Boa. 46 Ada. 47 Tenement

DOWN: 2 Ten. 3 Enamelled. 4 Espalier. 5 Pads. 6 Rio. 7 Urns. 10 Again. 11 Soprano. 12 RA. 13 Alloy. 16 Wheron 17 Aiming. 19 Eel. 23 Grimace. 24 Ignorant. 25 Musing. 27 Taro. 31 Laird. 33 Trite. 35 Sweat. 37 In. 38 Spa. 39 Tea. 42 OBE. 43 Non.

**ACROSS:**

- 1. Actor's words (5)
- 5. Tor (4)
- 9. Before (3)
- 10. Simpleton (6)
- 13. Posted (6)
- 16. Unit of speed (4)
- 17. Continuing (7)
- 19. To follow (5)
- 21. HOARY RON (an 8)
- 23. Nota bene (abb. 2)
- 25. Label (3)

- 26. Sheep's bleat (3)
- 27. MICE DINE (an 8)
- 30. A poster (4)
- 31. PUT CORDS (an 8)
- 32. Used in fencing (4)
- 33. Rested (3)
- 34. --- O'Connor (3)
- 35. Job (4)
- 36. Foolish person (4)
- 39. Require (4)
- 41. Cannot be erased (9)
- 43. An economic group (abb)
- 44. Burned slowly (9)

- 45. Bounder (3)
- DOWN: 1. A fruit (5)
- 2. Country in M.E. (4)
- 3. Horses do (5)
- 4. Large mug (5)
- 6. Writing fluid (3)
- 7. Solitary person (5)
- 8. Silly person (5)
- 11. Chronic alcoholism (ab 3)
- 12. Part of head (7)
- 14. OLD OIL (an 3 & 3)
- 15. DICE NOT (an. 1&6)
- 18. Allows (6)

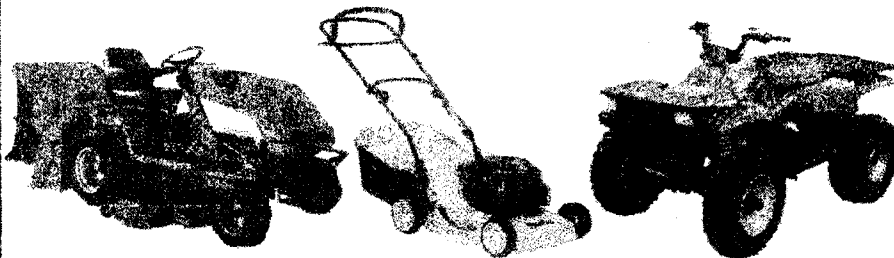
- 20. Dissimilar (7)
- 22. A long time (4)
- 24. Yearly (3&5)
- 26. Prejudiced (6)
- 27. Tony Blair is one of them
- 28. Was excessively fond (5)
- 29. Fondly embraced (7)
- 30. BARN (an 4)
- 37. Scottish dance (4)
- 38. Otherwise (4)
- 40. Act (4)
- 42. Frozen water (3)

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	10.00 Wingrave	Easter Communion
	Aston Abbots	Easter Communion (Check Time)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Morning Worship
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	19.30 Aston Abbots	Annual Church Meeting
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	People's Praise
	10.00 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	15.00 Cublington	Annual Church Meeting
	18.00 Cublington	Evensong
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Morning Service

## Sunday Readings

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Easter 2	1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter 3	1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Easter 4	1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter 5	1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Easter 6	1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

## Church Sidesmen

7th April	Mr A Ford
14th	Mr G Kemp
21st	Mr C Higgs
28th	Mr J Hartnett

## Church Flowers

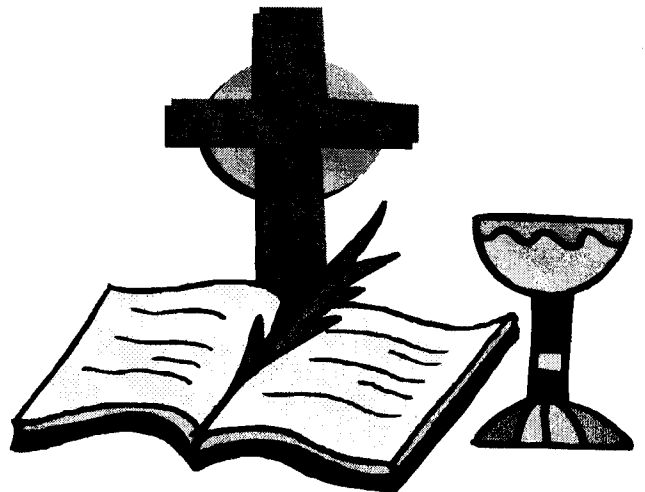
6/7th April	Wedding
13/14th	Mrs Dicken
20/21st	Mrs Ford
27/28th	Mrs Bean

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<b>Thursday 4th</b>	Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	Mobile Library. The Green and Wingrave Road <i>also ~</i> Fete/Festival Meeting. The Old House. 8 pm
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	Parish Council Meeting, Church Room. 8 pm
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	Parish Communion. 10 am— <i>Note Change!</i>
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	Road Safety Meeting at Winslow. 6 pm. Any highway matters to Richard or Colin.
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	Rambling Club members meet at Woburn. 2 pm.
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	St Georges Day <i>also ~</i> Mobile Library. The Green and Wingrave Road
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	Annual Parish Meeting. Church Room. 8 pm. This is a public meeting and everybody is welcome.
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	British Legion Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	Parish Communion. 10 am— <i>Note Change!</i> <i>also ~</i> Village Footpath Walk. Meet at The Green at 2 pm.
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm

## BOOK THESE DATES

**Wednesday 24th April.** The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 8 pm in the Church Room. This a public meeting.

**Monday 6th May.** Coach trip to Tower Bridge. Departs from the Bull and Butcher at 12 noon. Book with Colin on 681343.

**Friday 10th May.** The Queen visits Aylesbury.

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**Saturday 13th July.** Astonbury!! Ticket details will be printed in The Chronicle as soon as they are known.

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April 18 <sup>th</sup>	A visit from Miss Whipps
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Barry Oxley, RSPB "Red Kites"
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Etherly Gutteridge "Portraiture"
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Peter Vernon "Australia, Ayres Rock"
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Club Outing
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party

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11.10	Tesco Aylesbury to AA
11.45	Waitrose Leighton Buzzard to AA
15.00	Friars Square to AA (not Mondays)
15.40	Cottesloe School to AA
15.55	Wingrave School to AA
18.45	Cheddington Station (BR) to AA
19.55	Cheddington Station (BR) to AA

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09.15	AA to Cheddington Station (BR)
09.45	AA to Wendover Station (BR)
10.30	AA to Cheddington Station (BR)
11.10	AA to Tesco Aylesbury
11.35	AA to Friars Square
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