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CONGRATULATIONS Tony and Margaret Hinds

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Editorial

Car Crime

We are quite lucky here in Aston Abbots. We have little crime, but every now and again there is a small outbreak.

Late in April there were a number of car crimes with many taking place, I believe, on the same night.

In one incident thieves broke into a four wheel drive vehicle parked on its owner's driveway and stole a car radio. Undeterred by the alarm they entered with minimal damage and made off with their prize. This incident is believed to have happened at 3.10 am.

On the same night they also broke into a car, once again parked on its owner's drive. A boot-mounted CD player and a set of golf clubs were taken. Although the drive was illuminated with an automatic security light, the audacious thieves walked up to the house and put a bin bag over the light.

Then a car was stolen from the village, possibly on the same night. A week prior to these incidents someone on The Green had petrol siphoned from their tank

Firstly, I send my commiserations to all those who lost property in this spate of thefts. Secondly, can I urge you all to keep an eye out for suspicious characters or incidents in the village. Finally, PC Mike Buckle's article this month is on the subject of car crime. You will find it on page 21.

Jubilee Party

After rather a long period of apathy some heroines have come forward and are proposing a village picnic party on the Recreation ground to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Well done girls. You'll find details on page 9. Although this is not going to be a formally organised event, just a casual get together for everybody, it might be nice to have some organised games for the youngsters. If anybody has any ideas for this, or could even help organise them, then why not give Clare Shorrock a call. Her number is in the notice on page 9.

Early Chronicle Deadline for June

We have a very early deadline for next month's issue. This is necessary to get the June issue printed before the school printers have half-term. Please let me have your contributions by

Friday 17th May 2002

Enjoy this month's Chronicle!

Phil

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In your May Magazine ~

- Flower Vandals
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- Car crime advice

and much, much more.....

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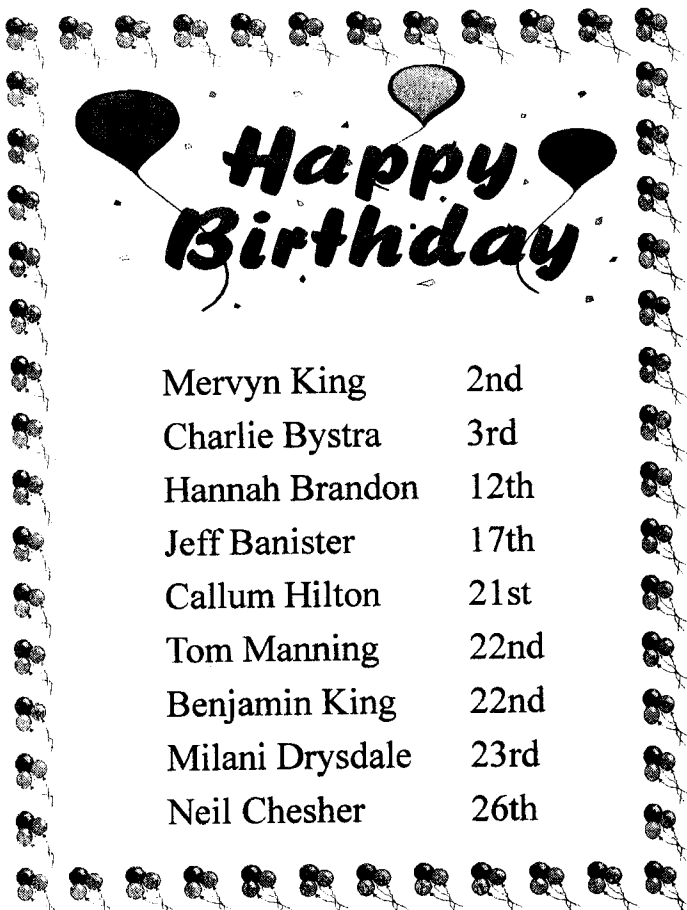
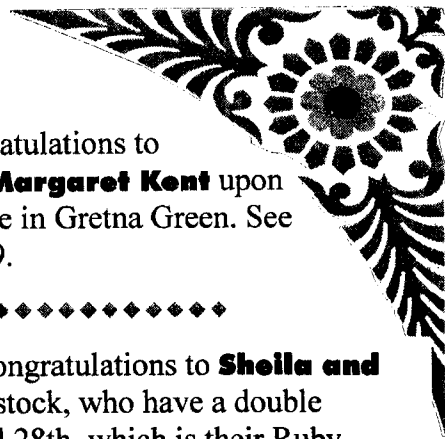
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Friday 17th May 2002

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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The Peoples Page



Happy Birthday

Mervyn King	2nd
Charlie Bystra	3rd
Hannah Brandon	12th
Jeff Banister	17th
Callum Hilton	21st
Tom Manning	22nd
Benjamin King	22nd
Milani Drysdale	23rd
Neil Cheshier	26th

Our very best congratulations to **Tony Hinds and Margaret Kent** upon their recent marriage in Gretna Green. See the article on page 9.



And our warmest congratulations to **Sheila and Roy Smith** of Bricstock, who have a double celebration on April 28th, which is their Ruby wedding anniversary and also Sheila's 60th birthday.

Sheila and Roy were married 40 years ago at Heath and Reach Methodist Church. Leighton Buzzard. They are celebrating with a family party and we hope they have a wonderful day.



A very warm welcome to two families new to the village in the past month.

Kevin and Jane Copping, along with their sons **Charlie and Jack** have moved into Home Farm.

And **Tony and Jane Bradley**, with their boys **James and Oliver** have moved into Rose Cottage.

We welcome you all to Aston Abbots and hope that you enjoy living here.



Another new arrival, but of a different type. Our best wishes and congratulations to **Adrian and Vanessa Bystra** on the birth of their son **Harry**, who weighed in at a hefty 9lb 2oz, on April 9th.



Happy First Birthday
Callum Hilton!



Jackie Coates would like to point out to those who thought she had come back here for a wedding that she has left her hat in the village—just in case...



Thank You

We would like to thank all friends who sent cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes to us on our recent marriage.

Tony and Margaret

Bonaparte's Revenge!

If you hadn't noticed, we have been invaded by the French! However, this is a (very) friendly invasion, with many French workmen staying at the Royal Oak—and some at the Bull too I believe— whilst working on house renovations in Aylesbury.

Those of us who have met them in the Oak have found them to be very friendly visitors. We send our warm greetings and hope that you are enjoying living in your temporary Aston Abbots home.



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.



Congratulations to **Tracey Hinds** on winning another radio phone-in competition!



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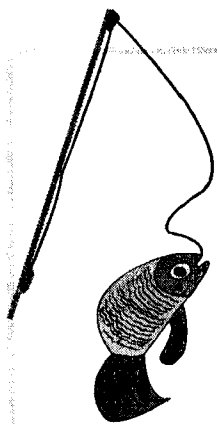
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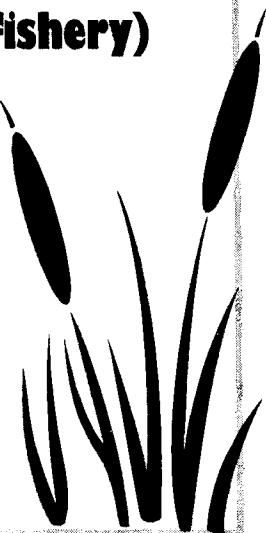
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In The Village

Astonbury Plans

Plans are well under way to make this year's Astonbury music event the best ever. At a planning meeting held in the Bull and Butcher on the 22nd April musical director Neil Cheshier was able to report that he was nearly overwhelmed by the wealth of talent that had come forward expressing a desire to perform. Full details will be revealed in future issues of The Chronicle, but I can tell you that we are hoping to have a pop band, a string quartet and a 'major keyboards experience' amongst this year's acts. And what's more—Bridget is back!

Most of the organisational aspects are well covered with a large team of volunteers each taking responsibility for various areas—and Andi Swain is looking into the toilets. There may be a separate area for gazebos this year, as they obscure the view of the stage if they are erected right at the front.

This year Astonbury will be an all ticket event. Tickets must be bought and paid for in advance. No tickets will be sold on the night, money will not be collected at the gate and entrance will not be allowed without a pre-paid ticket. As the numbers are strictly limited by the size of the venue at Norduck you must apply for your tickets promptly. They will be on sale from John Whyte from June 10th until July 7th. We will print full ticket details in next month's Chronicle.

Remember the date:

Saturday July 13th

Please may we politely request that you clear up your rubbish before leaving the venue after the event. We will have bins available, so please use them. And please remember that cigarette butts are also litter. Last year someone spent over an hour crawling around the site picking them up on the Sunday morning. Thank you.

~ Phil Spooner

Flower Vandals

Unlike some surrounding villages we do not have an awful lot of daffodils growing on the banks and grass verges, but what we do have we like to keep and enjoy. So why do mindless people go round beheading them for nothing better to do?

I keep the old trough in the recreation ground planted in the summer with bedding plants and winter with bulbs, but gain the daffodils are nearly always destroyed. So please, whoever is responsible, if you don't like the daffodils there are plenty of people who do.

~ Margaret Kent

Can I add my voice to Margaret's protest. Its nice to see the flowers growing by the side of the road and it was very miserable of somebody to go around destroying them. To the flower vandal, whoever you are—thanks a bunch! ~ Ed

Dog Quiz

Chilterns Dog Rescue are holding a Quiz Night at Tring's Red Cross Hall on May 11th. It starts at 7.30 pm and the ticket price of £8 includes a hot supper and desert. Tickets from Tring CVS in the High Street in the mornings—or contact Sheila Edwards on 01442 823396 for more information.

Annual Church Council Meeting

The annual parochial church council meeting was held in St James Church in April. It was chaired by the Rev Bob Willmott, who said a prayer for the Rev David Goldie (archdeacon) who had died just previously.

Mrs Shirley Ford was again re-elected as churchwarden and sidesmen are Mr A Ford, Mr J Hartnett, Mr C Higgs, Mr G Kemp (secretary), Miss A Goodman (treasurer).

Mr Kemp reported on the year's meetings and thanked Shirley Ford and Colin Higgs for all their efforts in fund-raising events.

It was noted that donations had been made to St Luke's Hospice and the Farmers' Foot and Mouth Appeal and a gift to the Rev Peter Binns on his 25th anniversary in the ministry.

Services had recently been returned to an earlier time, as it was hoped that this would encourage more people to attend.

The treasurer thanked PCC members and others for their donations, which he hoped they would continue as the parish share for the quota had risen by 12.3 per cent.

~ Colin Higgs

Please note ~ The Bank Holiday week
refuse collection will be on Friday 10th May

Fete 2002

At April's meeting of the Aston Abbots Festival Committee, held at The Old House and chaired by Barbara Bellingham, it was reported that parking arrangements have been confirmed to be at The Old Masters and the vicarage paddock, as the usual area is now scheduled for housing.

Several stalls/side-shows have changed their manpower this year, including plants/groceries, skittles and the coconut shy, and a traction engine will replace the fire engine.

Unfortunately, the Morris dancers are unable to attend this year for the first time ever, but other arrangements were being looked at and would, hopefully, be finalised before the next meeting.

~ Colin Higgs

Plants For The Fete

When you are out and about in your garden please remember the plant stall at the fete. Don't throw away those surplus seedlings - pot them up and name them. Find a plant in the border has sown itself all over the place—pot them up and name them. Herbaceous plant spread too far — chop bits off, pot them up and name them. Trailing shrub rooted itself— chop bits off, pot them up and name them. All contributions will be very gratefully received by Clare Shorrock at Oak Farm House the week before the fete or on the Green on the morning of the fete.

Letter To The Editor

Good Neighbours

We have lived in the village now for six months and have been surprised at just how many people have lived here all their lives and some of their parents before them.

I wonder how many people have actually stayed overnight at the Bull and Butcher as we can claim to have done.

Recently we had a new front door installed and, due to a faulty lock, found ourselves abandoned outside at midnight.

The fact that our house was as safe as Fort Knox was of little consolation. The village appeared to be in virtual darkness except a saving light at the back of the Bull and Butcher where Frank was still up.

Our grateful thanks go to Frank for trying to help us get in and, when this was unsuccessful, he was kind enough to give us a room for the night. This he did as a neighbourly gesture not accepting any payment.

We were forced, the following day, to smash a window to gain access and, in this respect, our thanks go also to Peter, our other neighbour, who kindly lent us a screwdriver and a long arm to reach the inside lock.

Such neighbourliness we have found so often in the six months since we arrived here and we take this opportunity to thank everyone who, in various ways, have made us feel so welcome.

Geoff and April Curnow.

Bend It Like Barlow

As news of Liz's sprained ankle reverberates around the world, the tabloid press has begun to speculate as to the cause of her injury. Reports originating in Yorkshire attributed the injury to a bar room brawl where the jaw of Leeds United player Jonathan Woodgate was broken. The Chronicle can report that this is not true. Liz's injury happened early one Monday morning whilst visiting the post box in Stewkley. More precisely, she sprained her left ankle by falling off the kerb.

An Aston Abbots parish spokeswoman comments that, "It must have been some conflict, we have got people repairing the kerb as far away as the green."

When asked how she was feeling, Liz replied "it will take time for the swelling to go down but I expect to be available to play cricket for Yorkshire later in the season."

Get well soon

~ Your intrepid Chronicle reporter.

Schools Promotions Update

Thank you very much to all those who have supported the school in the various promotions schemes. Here is an update and news of another opportunity for Wingrave School:

Nestle - 270 box top tokens for this round of the scheme were despatched and the school should receive a cheque for £27 as a result. If you still have some tokens left over, please don't discard them as the scheme will resume later in the year.

Walkers - we met our early bird target by collecting 3,150 tokens by 15 April (earning the school an extra 350 tokens) and an order for 20 books was duly placed. The final date for book orders is not until July, so please keep forwarding any remaining tokens either to someone attending school or pop them in my post box.

Tesco - the issuing period for this scheme finished at the beginning of April and at the time of writing we have collected in excess of 10,000 vouchers. Again, please forward any remaining vouchers either to someone attending school or pop them in my post box.

Sainsbury - 8 customers registered for this scheme and our points total at the time of writing is 883.

My previous update missed the last Chronicle copy deadline detailing two further schemes run by The Bucks Herald. The first scheme has now passed but the second commences on 1 May giving the school an opportunity to win computer equipment.

The Bucks Herald & Eurotek - computer for schools - Eurotek Computing located in Aylesbury have teamed up with the Bucks Herald and will give a computer plus printer and scanner to the Aylesbury school that collects the most vouchers over the 5 weeks listed below. The Eurotek competition voucher will be identified by a boy and girl holding a voucher with the name Eurotek and computer for schools printed below. You will be able to read more about the competition in The Bucks Herald the week prior to the competition.

Week 1	1 May	Week 2	8 May
Week 3	15 May	Week 4	22 May
Week 5	29 May		

Please support the school wherever you can by asking friends, neighbours and relatives to collect the vouchers in the forthcoming weeks.

*Sondra Dickason
No 1 Abbey Cottages, Moat Lane
682249*

Do You Want A Jubilee Picnic Bench?

We have a grant of £200 available for a Jubilee project if the Parish Council match it with the same amount. It must be spent on something sustainable for the village—it can't be spent on a party.

What would you like to do with it? The two suggestions put forward are for either a picnic bench next to the children's play area in the recreation ground, or perhaps something for the teenagers of the village. The Parish Council would very much like to hear

your views on how the money would be best spent. Do you think the idea of a picnic bench is a good suggestion?

You can contact the Parish Council to let them know what you think—contact Kate Curry on 681137 or speak to any PC member—or drop a line or email to The Chronicle and give us your thoughts.

Please let us know what you think—either for or against the idea—or any alternative suggestions

~ Phil Spooner

Litterblitz Blitzed

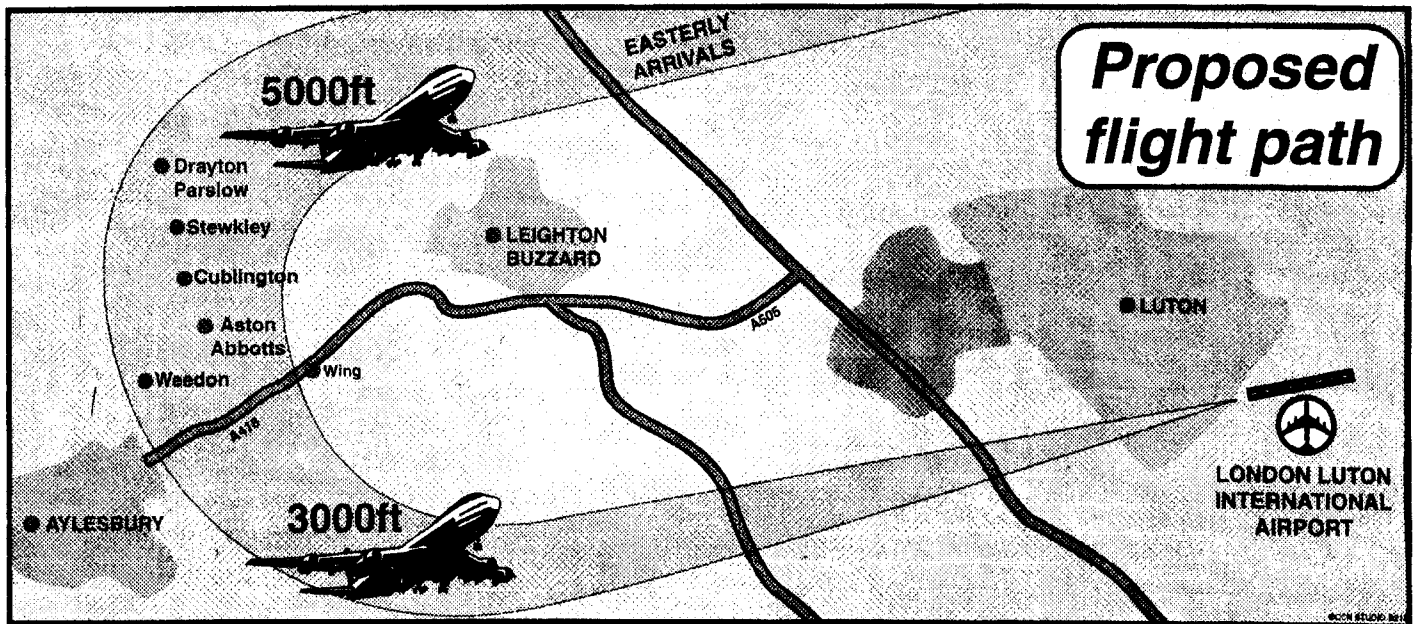
Due to a County-wide shortage of litter-pickers—that's the stick with the grabber on the end, not willing volunteers—there is some uncertainty as to when the Litterblitz can take place.

When the equipment has been obtained we will let you know, either through the Chronicle or via brightly coloured signs put up around the village.

The first round the the Best Kept Village judging takes place at the end of May, so it is hoped to have the Litterblitz before then.

~ Phil Spooner

Aston Abbotts On The Flightpath!



Up to 110 aircraft a day could fly directly over Aston Abbotts at just 3500 feet on their descent into Luton Airport if new flight path proposals go ahead as they have been reported in the Bucks Herald.

Although the plan must go through public discussions before being implemented early next year, it is understood to be the favourite route. If it were to be approved then planes will fly overhead on days when the wind is from the East—that's about one day in three or four. Currently there are about 110 flights into Luton each day, but this is expected to increase significantly over the next few years.

The Chronicle's aviation correspondent Dave Lewis told us, "You will definitely hear them at that height. It won't be like the noise they make when climbing, but it will be noticeable." Dave points out that Luton is a 24-hour airport and that could

mean incoming flights throughout the night—not just during the day. "Nobody wants it in their backyard and I don't want it in my backyard, but we all want cheap flights and the aircraft have to go somewhere. Although from a safety point of view, this new proposal is a great improvement over the current scheme".

Luton airport want a new approach route as a slow descent will achieve much better fuel economy than the current method of stacking planes vertically near the airport, which also concentrates noise around the Luton area. AVDC cabinet members have pledged to object to flight path changes that cause inconvenience to Vale residents, but a previous Airport plan to have the aircraft approach over Leighton Buzzard was rejected and this new plan is probably being put forward as it avoids major population centres.

However, District Councillor Peter

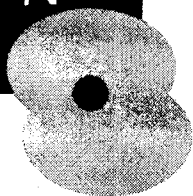
Cooper thinks perhaps we shouldn't be too alarmed. At the Aston Abbotts Annual Parish Meeting he explained that he had made some enquiries on our behalf and had been told aircraft would probably pass over Aston Abbotts at around 4,500 feet. Currently we have some aircraft passing overhead at 5,500 feet. He felt that perhaps the papers *might* be making more of a fuss about the plan than they should.

If you wish to take part in the consultation or make representations then either contact the Parish Council or write to Andrew Harrison, Airfields Operations Manager, London Luton Airport, Percival House, Percival Way, Luton, LU2 9LY.

An action group to fight the proposals has already been formed in Cublington. Anybody who wishes to add their voice to the campaign can call Susie Woodward on 01296 688361.

~ Phil Spooner

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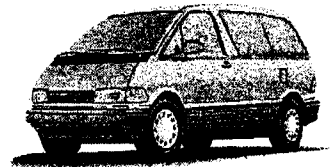
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Keeping their plans secret for many months they slipped quietly back up to Scotland and tied the knot at the end of March, with friends from the Lake District attending as witnesses.

Born in New Zealand Cottages, Tony has lived in Aston Abbots all of his life. The eldest of six Hinds children, he attended the village school and since then has worked as a butcher around the Aylesbury area.

Margaret came to Aston Abbots in 1953 to follow her passion for farming and worked at Norduck Farm for many years.

The couple got together some nineteen years ago, some time after Margaret's first husband Ray passed away. Tony was staying with his sister Sharon and Margaret invited them around for a wine



Newlywed after nineteen years - and now the wife beating starts...

tasting. Tony couldn't believe his luck— he had found someone he really liked and she made home-made wine!

All their many friends and family in Aston

Abbots send Congratulations to Tony and Margaret and wish them every future happiness together.

~ Phil Spooner

It's NOT quite a Street Party...

It's NOT quite a Jubilee Party...

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The Aston Abbots Rec Party

In the absence of any other suggestions The Whole Village is invited to a Rec. Party starting at 2.00 p.m. on Monday June 3rd.

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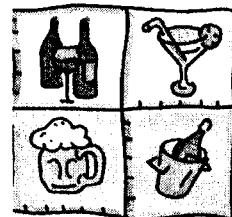
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Alison Lewis' Birthday Party

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What was happening? Had Dave set up a new departure terminal for his helipad? Was this a temporary alpaca-shearing station? No! Alison Lewis was having a very big birthday!

Husband Dave threw a big party for her, with some 80+ friends, family and villagers attending. Francesca Bean took charge of the catering and, of course, it was delicious.

Lol Hinds was working the decks to ensure that a great selection of party sounds had people dancing through until the early hours of the morning.

Everybody had a great time and I think Alison enjoyed her party as much as we did. Thanks for the great time folks!

~ Phil Spooner



Alison Lewis, Deirdre Whyte and Bridget Brandon get down on the dance floor. That was the easy bit—getting back up seemed to defeat them for a while though

Chiltern Railways

Chiltern Railways have a Group Save scheme running at present. If three of four adults travel together, you'll only have to pay the price of two—and you can take up to two children per adult for just £1 each.

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The Unicorn

The Unicorn in Cublington has been under new management for some time now, so Carol and I decided to pop along one Saturday night to try out their menu. We ate in the bar, as it had a nice 'buzz' and the separate restaurant area was empty when we arrived.

A fairly standard (but varied) pub menu of steaks, steak and kidney pie, sausage and mash, and curries is supplemented by a board displaying the 'specials'. We ate 'off the board' with Carol choosing salmon in a sauce and me plumping for the Thai Green Beef. Prices are reasonable with an 8 oz rump steak at £7.95 and my Thai Beef clocking in at a few pence over nine quid. By the way. Its worth mentioning that the standard menu offers sandwiches and baguettes for lunchtime or, presumably, evening snacks.

I thoroughly enjoyed my Thai Green Beef, although perhaps it should have come with a warning. After six mouthfuls my lips were numb and after another two dozen I was having trouble formulating words [*not unusual for him after he's been down the 630 club ~ Mrs Ed*]. It would have been a bit hot for Carol, but I can certainly recommend it if you like Thai Curry.

All in all a very pleasant meal. No doubt we shall be popping back there again.

~ Phil Spooner

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The Carpenters Arms

We visited the Carpenters Arms at Stewkley with Jeff and Mandy and were very pleasantly surprised. It offered good quality pub food which also included a special menu. The prices were extremely favourable, portions were very generous and the hospitality of Ian and Paula made you feel very much at home.

Background music was unobtrusive and enabled us to chat without having to do sign language or shout!! Don't forget to take the coupon for the free bottle of wine for two (Tuesday to Thursday only). Definitely worth a visit. Telephone - 01525 240272.

~ Ray and Jackie Coates

We also went there recently and found a warm welcoming atmosphere. As Jackie said, the prices are very reasonable. Paula is a vegetarian and so they offer vegetarian versions of some of the items on the menu. And don't forget ~

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~ Phil Spooner

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Held In The Church Room On Thursday 21st March 2002

Present

Cllrs. J. Sansome (Chairman), T. Manning, M. Kent, G. Kempster, R. Clarke and Mrs K. Curry (Clerk). Forty-five members of the public attended. Apologies were received from District Councillor Peter Cooper, Vic and Christine Scott and Clare and Peter Shorrocks.

Planning

To discuss the following revised application:

APPLICATION 01/03062/AOP – The Bull and Butcher, 83, The Green, Aston Abbots. Residential development comprising conversion of public house to six flats and erection of four dwellings and provision of mini roundabout at site access.

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the amendments to the original planning application (namely the introduction of a mini-roundabout) and opened the discussion to the floor. The following points were made / raised:

- It was suggested that a mini-roundabout would be a good idea as a traffic calming device
- A 'blob of paint' type of roundabout would not be a traffic calming device
- The roundabout would prevent parking outside The Old House (also the village shop)
- Would there need to be extra street lighting for the roundabout?
- Because of the nature of the proposed development more cars would be parked on the road, and the roundabout would make this difficult
- What would happen to the footpaths (pavements) at the junction?
- It would change the look of the centre of the village
- Do people care how the village looks?
- The roundabout would be in front of one of the oldest houses in the village
- Although traffic needs 'calming' around the village, is this really the way to go about it?
- It would constitute 'visual vandalism'
- It would change the character of the village
- Traffic calming should be treated as a separate issue
- There would be serious traffic implications for HGV's using the road
- Could a 'one-way' system be implemented around The Green?
- Parking inside the site would encourage car crime because of the design of the site (Police should be consulted)
- The Parish Council needs to simply say, 'This is not good enough.'
- We should still address the development of the site of the Bull and Butcher (too many houses proposed)
- Traffic from the A418 would be channelled around the

back of The Green, where there are no footpaths, children at play and dog walkers gaining access to the Recreation Ground

- Where would the Bottle Bank go?
- The roundabout would be of no benefit to the village, and shouldn't be put there just to humour developers

The members of the Parish Council were unanimously opposed to the amended plans, and it was RESOLVED to write to the planning department opposing them, and the installation of the mini-roundabout in particular.

~ Kate Curry

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

Aston Abbots Parish Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for its Councillors. The Code is available for inspection by appointment with the Clerk to the Council.

Further Tails from Portugal

Greetings to all our four footed friends and to the two legged lot as well!! Life continues to be very good - weather until the last couple of days has been wonderful.

We were abandoned by our mum and dad for two weeks as they had to return to England and they stayed at AA. However, we were indulged, cosseted and pampered by Elaine and Ben and we enjoyed every second. Its amazing what a sad, soulful look can achieve - extra pats, cuddles and biscuits!! We caught up with all the gossip from AA, listening to our mum and dad chatting.

Our kennel did grind to a halt because the bore hole had to be drilled for water. This has now been done so it should be all systems go. We have allowed the humans to indulge in a flutter on the Grand National. The wonders of technology enabled the 40 runners to be obtained from the Internet and a sweep stake was organised between eight people. Ben got the first and second horse, dad got the third (so we could be lucky and get extra goodies). We continue with our daily moggy patrol, Jacko is a bit miffed because there are not many pine cones now as they are collected and kept for kindling. However he manages to find grotty bits of wood etc. which keeps him happy.

Well barks and licks to you all and we will put paws to keyboard again soon.

~ Nelson and Jacko Coates

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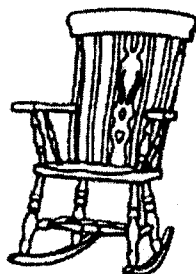
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 10th April 2002

The meeting was chaired by Cllr John Sansome. Present were Councillors G. Kempster, R. Clarke, T. Manning, M. Kent and Mrs K. Curry (Parish Clerk) Cllr P. Cooper sent apologies. Four members of the public attended the meeting. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

Clerk's Report

Two site meetings have now taken place regarding the strip of land on the Recreation Ground donated by the developers of Nash's Farm, with a view to the Parish Council formally adopting it.

The Refuse Vehicle from the Village Freighter Service will visit the village on Monday 13th May and Monday 18th November.

We will be entering the Best Kept competition again this year.

County Council , District Council And Police Matters

County Councillor Brenda Jennings: Apologised for not attending meetings on a more regular basis – asked PC to encourage people to respond to the 'Shaping the Future' leaflets, to try to protect rural areas around Aylesbury from future development – said she was trying to chase the clearing of the lay-by at Rowsham. The Chairman asked Mrs. Jennings to find out from Highways what research they plan to do with regard to increased traffic flow from the proposed Weedon Hill development. She recommended the PC takes advice from the Highways Dept. on traffic calming measures.

P.C. Mike Buckle: Informed the meeting that the numbers of police at Wing, presently reduced from eight to four officers, will eventually be back up to seven – he also reported that con-men have been operating in the village, selling fake 'bonemeal' to gardeners.

The Parish Councils Code Of Conduct

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the model Code of Conduct.

Comments From The Floor

Comments were received regarding the poor state of the roads around the village, and the fact that the promised footway for Wingrave Road has not yet been installed.

Planning

02/00121/APP 1, Longmoor Barns, Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts.

Single storey rear extension. This application has been refused. 02/00703/ATC 29, The Green, Aston Abbotts – Works to one horse chestnut tree. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

02/00759/APP 55, The Green, Aston Abbotts – Erection of shed to rear. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

Highways

The litterblitz will take place on April 16th or 17th provided the equipment and bags can be procured by then.

The Green is now having kerbing laid.

Home Farm Development

Cllr. Kempster proposed we approach the developers of Home Farm with a request to name the new houses after the Chapman family. Resolved to approach the developers, when it is known who they are.

Recreation Ground

Safety check – children's play area – Cllr. Clarke has tightened the loose bolt – there was nothing else to report.

Resolved to continue to support the Bucks Playing Fields Association.

Golden Jubilee Grant – this will be placed on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Minor Authority Governor Nomination

No candidate has yet been found to fill this position.

Perfect Village Sunday Tour

Resolved to enter a bid to host this event.

Accounts

Resolved to appoint Nigel Palmer as Internal Auditor to the Parish Council.

Dates Of Next Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 8pm in the Church Room.

The next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council (the Annual Parish Council Meeting) will be on Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm in the Church Room.

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~ Kate Curry

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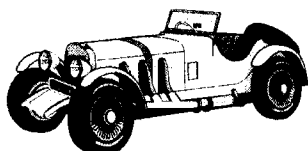
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9:30 am - OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVOURITE!
9:40 am - OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVOURITE!
10:30 am - OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVOURITE!
11:30 am - OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVOURITE!
12:00 noon - OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVOURITE!
1:00 pm - OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVOURITE!
4:00 pm - OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVOURITE!
5:00 PM - OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVOURITE!
5:30 PM - OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVOURITE!

Day number 181

8:00 am - OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVOURITE!
9:30 am - OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVOURITE!
9:40 am - OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVOURITE!
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1:30 pm - ooooooo. bath. bummer.
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5:30 PM - OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVOURITE!

Submitted by Adam Storrock

Excerpts From A Cat's Diary

DAY 752 - My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture. Tomorrow I may eat another houseplant.

DAY 761 - Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded, must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favourite chair...must try this on their bed.

DAY 765 - Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was... Hmmm. Not working according to plan.

DAY 768 - I am finally aware of how sadistic they are. For no good reason I was chosen for the water torture. This time however it included a burning foamy chemical called "shampoo." What sick minds could invent such a liquid? My only consolation is the piece of thumb still stuck between my teeth.

DAY 771 - There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the foul odour of the glass tubes they call "beer". More importantly I overheard that my confinement was due to MY power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

DAY 774 - I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird on the other hand has got to be an informant, and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room his safety is assured. But I can wait; it is only a matter of time...

Family Fortunes

The following are ACTUAL answers given by contestants on the "Family Fortunes" quiz show.

Q. Name a song with moon in the title
A. Blue Suede Moon

Q. Name a bird with a long neck
A. Naomi Campbell

Q. Name an occupation where you need a torch
A. A burglar

Q. Name a famous brother and sister
A. Bonnie & Clyde

Q. Name a dangerous race
A. The Arabs

Q. Name an item of clothing worn by the Three Musketeers
A. A horse

Q. Name something that floats in the bath
A. Water

Q. Name something Red
A. My cardigan

Q. Name a famous royal
A. Mail

Q. Name a number you have to memorise
A. 7

Q. Name something in the garden that's green
A. Shed

Q. Name something that flies that doesn't have an engine
A. A bicycle with wings

Q. Name a famous bridge
A. The bridge over troubled waters

Q. Name something a cat does
A. Goes to the toilet

Q. Name something you do in the bathroom
A. Decorate

Q. Name an animal you might see at the zoo
A. A dog

Q. Name something associated with the

police

A. Pigs

Q. Name a sign of the zodiac
A. April

Q. Name something slippery
A. A conman

Q. Name a food that can be brown or white
A. Potato

Q. Name a famous Scotsman
A. Jock

Q. Name something with a hole in it
A. Window

Q. Name a non-living object with legs
A. Plant

Q. Name a part of the body beginning with 'N'
A. Knee

Q. Name something you open other than a door
A. Your bowels

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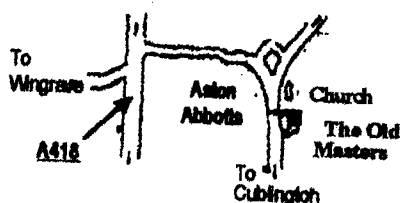
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Around The Vale

- Fears that Stoke Mandeville's Accident and Emergency department might close surfaced in mid-March. Although the rumours were strongly denied by the hospital, Aylesbury MP David Liddington vowed to fight what he feared might be a real possibility. Any closure would see Wycombe General taking over as A&E for the Aylesbury area.
- It's now known that the Queen's visit to Aylesbury on May 10th will be for just 30 minutes. 630 Club members expressed disappointment, fearing that Her Majesty would no longer have the time to pop into the Bull for a pint.
- Despite a nearly 14% rise in the police's share of our council tax Aylesbury will see no extra policemen to look after the increase in population that will result from the town growing by a third in the next decade. There will be new officers in the next 18 months to counter short staffing, but the new estates to be built will have to be looked after by the current force. However, work has started on expanding Wing Police Station by 50 per cent and an extra officer has been transferred there. We understand that there is a plan to bring this station back up to its previous strength and also improve the telephone contact facilities there.
- The Bucks best kept village competition *will* receive its annual grant from AVDC after all, following a u-turn by the Council who initially rejected the application.
- Developers have lodged an appeal against a planning application refusal over a plan to demolish a pub in Stone and build four houses.

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do it. Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya'

Only In America

Chaddrick Dickson, 25, was hospitalized briefly in Monroe, La., in December, after being wounded by the .22-caliber bullet he was fooling around with. Dickson said he was trying to remove the gunpowder by smashing the bullet's casing against the floor. He said he needed the gunpowder because he wanted to mix it into his dog's food to make the dog meaner. [Seattle Times, 12-30-01]

In January, only days after outgoing Cleveland mayor Michael R. White left the city on what he said was "solid financial footing" with an \$11.8 million surplus, the incoming mayor found that White's finance director Kelly Clark had never bothered to balance the books and in fact had no idea how she came up with the \$11.8 million figure. According to the incoming team, Clark actually admitted being unaware that reconciling the books was a prerequisite to declaring a surplus. [Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1-18-02]

A brown bag holding cremated ashes crashed through the backyard deck of James and Jane McDonald in Grand Forks, N.D., on Dec. 29, leaving an 18-inch hole. According to a local environmental health official, the most likely explanation is that someone was attempting to scatter the remains over the countryside from an airplane window but accidentally dropped the whole bag. [Grand Forks Herald, 1-12-02]

And Down Under..

Paul Andrew Jackson was awarded about \$31,000 (U.S.) in March in his lawsuit against the provincial Roads and Traffic Authority after hurting his back at a bicycle bridge near Wollongong, Australia. Jackson, a 35-year-old surfer, had stepped over a guardrail in the dark to relieve himself but underestimated the drop-off (after a self-reported six-beer night), falling 40 feet down and momentarily knocking himself unconscious. [Sunday Times (Perth), 3-4-02]

What Am I Riddle Answer

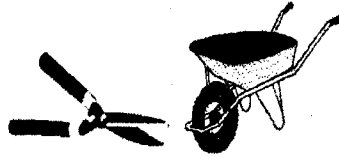
I am of course the letter 'e'

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Father Patrick explained, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya' tell me the dog was Catholic?"

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The hunter asked, "How could a little bloke like you kill a huge beast like that?"

Said the pigmy: "I killed it with my club."

The astonished hunter asked: "How big is your club?"

The pigmy replied: "There's about 260 of us."

Golden Jubilee Tattoo

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Rectors Report

Our thoughts this month will be focussing on the coming Golden Jubilee celebrations. For those who feel that the Monarchy is an outdated institution, this may seem an opportunity to fly the flag for a Republic. For those without those sympathies, there will be an air of gratitude for all that our Queen has done for this country during the past fifty years.

A few weeks ago I think that there was a sense of apathy towards the Monarchy. Nothing very specific, just a lack of interest. But the death of the late Queen Mother has shown that there is still a great deal of sympathy towards the Royal Family.

It is like the bubbling up from deep within ourselves of something that we find difficult to put into words.

There are times when some of the members of the Royal Family seem to be out of touch with events and their attitudes and actions irritate us. But, would there not be exactly the same feelings towards those who

were our leaders in a Republic? Human beings do not always behave as we want them to all the time – and even the archangel Gabriel might have difficulty at times in being and doing all that we demanded.

It has been suggested that the Royal Family are living in the past. Perhaps it would be truer to say that they remind us of some of the values of the past that we are sometimes inclined to think no longer matter.

Yet, when events give us the opportunity to think again about those qualities and values, we discover that they are far too precious for us to simply throw aside.

The Golden Jubilee is a time to celebrate with pride the many things that have been achieved in our national life over the past fifty years – and to commit ourselves to continue that development into the future.

~ Bob Willmott

While taxiing, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. The irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C's and D's, but get it right!"

Continuing her tirade to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God, you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally the ground control frequency went terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to engage the irate ground controller in her current state. Tension in every cockpit at LGA was running high.

Then an unknown pilot broke the silence and asked, "Wasn't I married to you once?"

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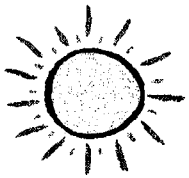
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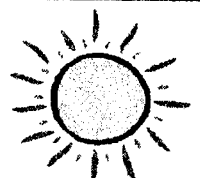
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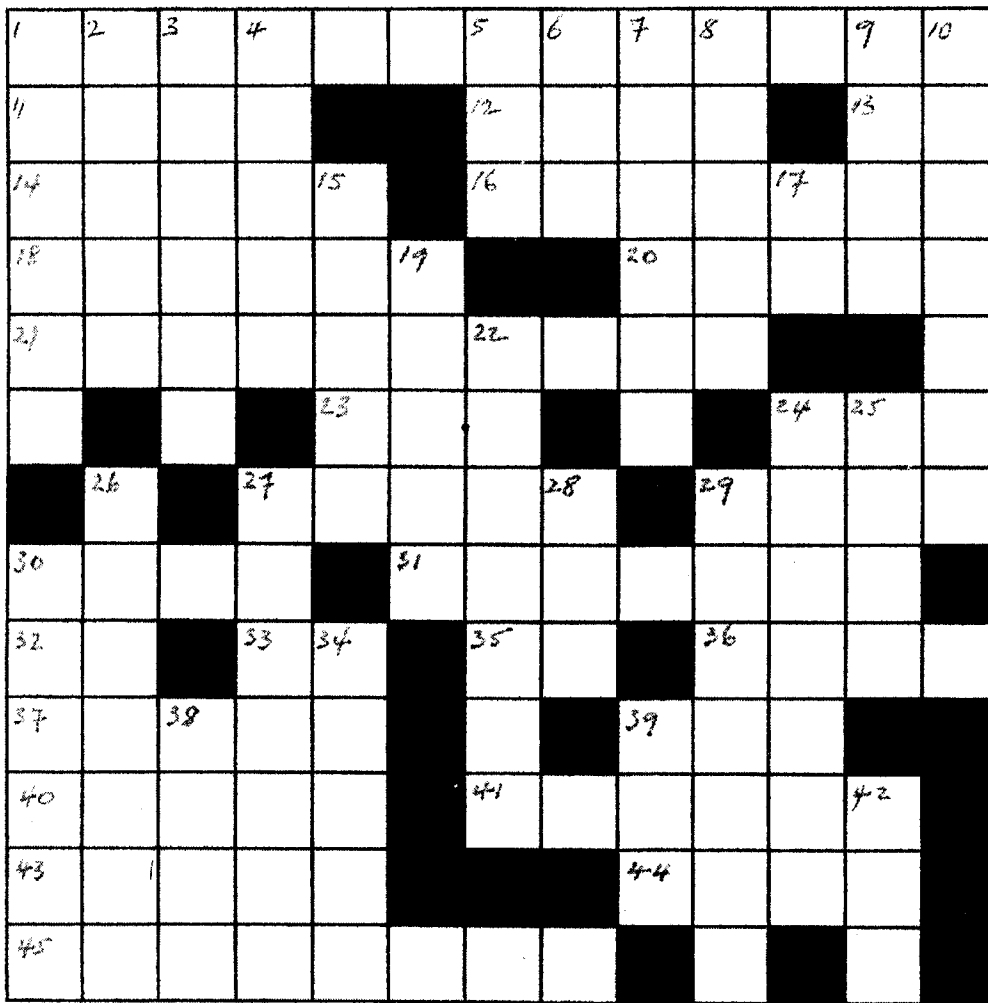
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The Chronicle Crossword

May 2002



Answers to April

ACROSS: 1 Lincs. 5 Hill. 9 Ere. 10 Noodle. 13 Mailed. 16 Knot. 17 Ongoing. 19 Ensue. 21 Honorary. 23 NB. 25 Tag. 26 Baa. 27 Medicine. 30 Bill. 31 Products. 32 Rall. 33 Sat. 34 Des. 35 Task. 36 Need. 41 Indelible. 43 EEC. 44 Smoldered. 45 Cad.

DOWN: 1 Lemon. 2 Iran. 33 Neigh. 4 Stein. 6 Ink. 7 Loner. 8 Loony. 11 DTS. 12 Eyeball. 14 Loo lid. 15 D Notice. 18 Grants. 20 Unlike. 22 Ages. 24 Per annum. 26 Biased. 27 MPS. 28 Doted. 29 Cuddled. 30 Bran. 37 Reel. 38 Else. 40 Deed. 42 Ice.

ACROSS

- 1. Nearby town (13)
- 11. Region (4)
- 12. American State (4)
- 13. -- peep (2)
- 14 Saltpetre (5)
- 16. Spots (7)
- 18. CAME IN (anag 6)
- 20. Food (5)
- 21. ALARMS DEAN (10)
- 23. Eggs (3)
- 24. Consumed (3)
- 27. Scoundrel (5)

- 29. Always (4)
- 30. Hill in Jerusalem (4)
- 31. Fat in sheepswool (7)
- 32. Et - - (2)
- 33. Bible part (abbr. 2)
- 35. Symbol for radium (2)
- 36. Simple (4)
- 37. Iced (5)
- 39. Deed (3)
- 40. Shelves (5)
- 41. Sir Isaac ----- (6)
- 43. GREET (anag. 5)
- 44. Folk ---- (Beliefs 4)

45. Public House ?? (8)

DOWN

- 1. Expel (6)
- 2. Small shrub (5)
- 3. Restate (6)
- 4. Destiny (5)
- 5. Floor cleaner (3)
- 6. Greek letter (3)
- 7. Boil slowly (6)
- 8. Hard drinker (5)
- 9. Aid; assist (4)
- 10. Set of documents (7)
- 15. Boy's name (5)
- 17. US town (abbr. 2)

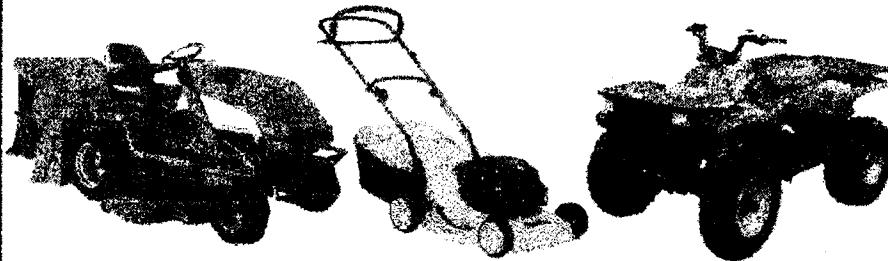
- 19. Of ships (5)
- 22. Mutton casserole (7)
- 24. Pilot (7)
- 25. Numbers (4)
- 26. Plunder; loot (7)
- 27. On most doors (7)
- 28. -- Sharples (3)
- 29. Voter (7)
- 30. Yugoslav city (6)
- 34. Tries out (5)
- 38. Area (4)
- 39. Pointed tool (3)
- 42. Unused (3)

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Church Services

5 th May	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Morning Worship
9 th	20.00 Aston Abbotts	Ascension Day Service
12 th	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	People's Praise
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
19 th	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
26 th	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
2 nd June	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Jubilee Service
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Jubilee Morning Service
	18.00 Cublington	Jubilee Evensong

Church Sidesmen

5th	Mr. A Ford
12th	Mr C. Higgs
19th	Mr. G Kemp
26th	Mr. J Hartnett

Recently Mis-heard:

"The school will shortly be doing a nudist play at the back of Church".

It should have been:

"The school will shortly be doing a new display at the back of Church".

Sunday Readings

5 th May	Easter 6	1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21
12 th	Easter 7	1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11; John 17.1-11
19 th	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23
26 th	Trinity	2 Cor 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

From The Registers

Marriage 30 th March	Ian Ashton & Kate Walker at Aston Abbotts
Funeral 2 nd April	Jean Bracey-Wright at Wingrave
8 th April	Phil Dean at Wingrave & Amersham

Church Flowers

4th/5th	Mrs Parker
11th/12th	Mrs Hartnett
18th/19th	Mr C Higgs
25th/26th	Donated

ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Bob Willmott	681623
Gordon Kemp	681763
Shirley Ford	681865
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The Aston Abbots Telephone List

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A418 Committee	Tom Manning	682455	Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229
Astonbury	Andi Swain	682651	NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47
AVDC	Switchboard	585858	Old Masters Restaurant	Juan and Bridget Gutierrez	681432
Bingo	Doris Scutchings	681243	Parish Clerk	Kate Curry	681137
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Church Mowing Rota	Gordon Kemp	681763	Rector	Reverend Bob Willmott	681623
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Fete Coordinator	Barbara Bellingham	681689	Wingrave Stores	Andy & Helen Hall	681696
Floral Class	Colin Higgs	681343	Whist Club	Colin Higgs	681343
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Sat 4th	Rambling Club Members meet Wing Church 10.45 am. (Lunch afterwards)
Mon 6th	(Bank Holiday) Coach trip to London Tower Bridge (to Book phone 681343) Depart Bull & Butcher 12.00 noon – Fare £6.50.
Tues 7th	Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
Fri 10th	Refuse day (Not Thurs)
Sun 12th	Rambling Club members 'Annual Spider Walk' Commences – Cublington crossroads 2.30pm. Everyone welcome and there will be 'tea' at the Church Room afterwards.
Monday 13th	Refuse freighter at the Bull and Butcher car park between 12 noon and 3.30.
Thurs 16th	Whist Drive in the Church Room 7.30 pm.
Tues 21st	Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm <i>also ~</i> Aylesbury Vale Transport meeting – Buckingham 2.00 pm. – Train & bus queries to Colin please.
Wed 22nd	Annual Parish Council Meeting Church Room 8.00 pm.
Monday 27th	Coach leaves Bull & Butcher 8.30 sharp for Whitby Week
Thurs 30th	Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm.
Sun 2nd June	Rambling Club members meet at The Galleon pub. Old Wolverton 2.00pm.

BOOK THESE DATES

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.

Sunday 16th June. Open Gardens Day 2.00 - 6.00 pm. Teas in the Church Room 2.30 - 5.30 pm.

Saturday 13th July. Astonbury!! Admission by pre-paid ticket only—details in the next issue.

Saturday 13th July. Royal British Legion day trip to Southend. Contact John Dixon on 681626.


Saturday 20th July. Aston Abbots Fete and Festival.

Thursday 29th August. Bucks County Show.

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~ PROGRAMME FOR 2002 ~

May 2 nd	Mr Barry Oxley, RSPB "Red Kites"
May 16 th	Etherly Gutteridge "Portraiture"
May 30 th	Mr Peter Vernon "Australia, Ayres Rock"
June 13 th	Club Outing
June 27 th	Garden Party

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A Great Big Thank You

Alison and I wish to convey A Big Thank You to everyone in the village who contributed to her 50th birthday present and made the day so special.

I also send great thanks to Francesca for providing such a terrific spread of food and managing all things catering.

Clare for spending many hours on the decorations and their setting up.

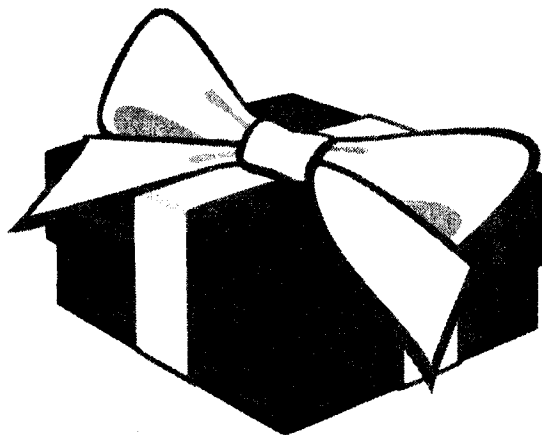
Deirdre, Bridget & Anne for providing some of the food dishes.

Lol for making the evening rock.

Also the last minute helpers who on the day saved me from the last minute dash to the shops. I'll keep your names out as Alison thinks I managed all the rest by myself, and you know who you are.

Lastly thanks to you all for coming and making the evening one we shall never forget.

Dave Lewis



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