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Congratulations to Bob and Elsie Higgs on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

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Editorial

Ssshhhhh.

All in all, it's been a pretty good summer. We've had quite a lot of sunshine and I'm sure I'm not the only one who took the occasional opportunity of sitting out in the garden to enjoy the sun. Sometimes it can be so peaceful..... just the sound of the insects buzzing, birds twittering, and the gentle clucking of next door's fowl.

All that could change if Luton Airport get their way. This time next year we could have jet aircraft flying directly overhead. Luton Airport's proposal could see jets fly up the Cublington Road, over the Bull and Butcher, and down the Wingrave Road, on a slow turn as they make their final descent into the airport.

Currently aircraft fly over the area at heights in excess of 6000 ft—usually not directly overhead. The new flight path must be substantially below these flights and it will bring aircraft much lower—as low as 3500 ft. Therefore they will create much more noise. The route will be used one day in three or four—24 hours a day.

Luton airport have been carrying out a low key (and possibly flawed) consultation process. Details and maps have been hard to find and the airport have refused to issue noise footprints or noise measurements. We just don't know how bad this could be. If this proposal goes ahead it (and it is the favoured option) it will be permanent, not a trial. Once the air space is open Luton Airport can do what they like with it!

There is a deadline of 27th September for objections. We have an article from PAVAN on page 11 and the next PC meet on September 11th will discuss the plan.

If you are unsure as to whether you should be concerned about this, then I ask you to consider the following simple fact:

Aircraft will be able to fly directly overhead throughout the night

A previous Chronicle article about this proposal went largely ignored. Well wake up Aston Abbotts—or forever be woken up by the sound of low-flying aircraft directly overhead!

The Future Of Our Church

Don't let me panic anyone! No one is suggesting that our Church is in imminent danger of closure, but it's time to realise there maybe a threat, however distant.

Our local Church faces a number of problems, but these really boil down to just two fundamentals: "bums on seats" and economics.

Don't worry, as an extremely irregular churchgoer myself I'm not going to harangue you over Church attendance. That's a matter of personal choice, spiritual conviction, conscience and lifestyle. However, I believe there is a lot of affection for the Church within the village and I'm sure many people would be sorry to see it go. We have an important article by Bob Wilmott on page 9 and I would ask that you might have a look at it, as there may be little ways in which you could help.



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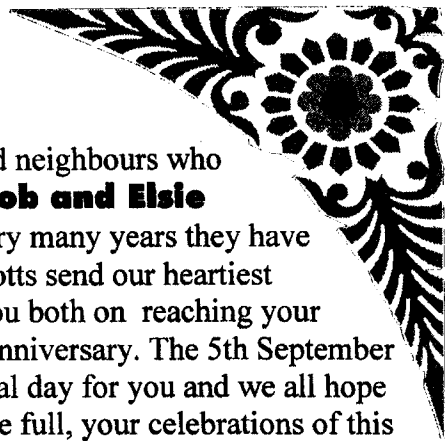
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11th at 8 pm

In The Church Room

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We were so very sorry to hear that **Doris Turner** was rushed into hospital at the end of August. Our thoughts are with you and Jack at this time.



Anne, Dickie, Rob and Amanda would like to thank the Astonbury Committee for their excellent organisation in preparing for the evening and especially the operation to clean up the rubbish the following morning. Also, thanks to he who shall be nameless for the wonderful weather! Many thanks to all.



A warm Aston Abbots welcome to **Pat and Jackie McGuire** and their children **Gemma and Callum**, who have moved into 12 Bricstock. We hope you enjoy living here in Aston Abbots.



Our best wishes to **Bridget Brandon**, who has moved from 12 Bricstock to 5 The Green. We *know* you enjoy living here in Aston Abbots.



Well done to **Sally Turnham** who raised a magnificent £150 for the Fete Fund by serving breakfasts in The Methodist Chapel on the Sunday after the fete. (See report on page 5)



We would like to thank all those at the **Annual Parish Meeting** for awarding **The Chronicle** 12.5% of the fete proceeds. All of this money is spent on the printing and distribution and it helps to ensure that The Chronicle is distributed free of charge throughout the village.



Just as we go to press we hear that **Juan at The Old Masters** has been taken into hospital with appendicitis. We send him our best wishes and hope to see him up and about again soon.

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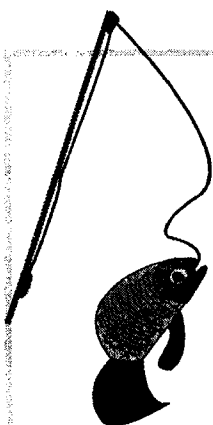
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In The Village

Breakfast At The Chapel

When we heard Sally, who lives at the converted Methodist chapel, was doing a variety of cooked breakfasts on the Sunday morning after the village fete we immediately booked to go - partly for the pleasure of a good fry-up and partly out of curiosity to see how a chapel could be converted to a home.

We were not disappointed on either score. Tables had been laid out in the main living area and Sally and her helpers served a delicious and very reasonably priced breakfast, which was much enjoyed, followed by coffee and toast.

The chapel itself holds many memories: some sad, many happy. All my children were christened there and attended Sunday school under the guidance of Ken Rumens, who also played the organ. The highlight of the year was the Sunday school anniversary in May where all the children said or sang their pieces and received their prizes, then they and we adults sang, standing on a platform. The chapel was packed full on these occasions and the singing nearly raised the roof, as it did at harvest festivals when it was beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers, which were auctioned the next night.

Meetings also took place in the chapel—like the Women's Fellowship and the Guild. Esther Kent kept the place neat and tidy, assisted by Win Rumens. Many years ago before other heating was installed they had to light the old tortoise stove to heat the place.

A wrought-iron staircase now leads to an upper floor and it was nice to see two of the old pews still there, and also the hymn board. The old school room is now partly extra rooms, the kitchen much the same but modernised, and leading from the kitchen what was just concrete with overgrown bushes is now a delightful patio—a complete suntrap!

So thank you Sally for letting us see your home and well done to you and your helpers who have made such a good job of converting a chapel into a home without losing any of its unique character.

~ Margaret Kent (Hinds)

Home Farm Listed

Home Farm, known to many villagers as "Dickie Chapman's" and now the Home of Kevin and Jane Copping, has become a Grade II Listed building. It is currently undergoing sympathetic restoration by Kevin and Jane.

Ye Old Jug

It is a well known fact that Americans love anything quaint and Olde Worlde, so when my sister and her American family came over to visit, we decided to take them to Ye Old Jug. We have always enjoyed the food and the interior exudes a cosy glow. Approximately 300 ceramic jugs are hung from the low ceilings, whilst the walls are adorned with decorative plates. There is an entirely separate restaurant area on one side and the bar/pub area on the other. Having tried it out again recently, all 7 of us including 3 very fussy teenagers arrived on a Tuesday evening only to discover the pub had changed hands and we were the first bookings! So with some trepidation we ordered. Service was good and the welcome was warm. We all enjoyed

630 Club Canal Boat Trip

Something had to be done!! The Merry Mower's had long been expressing concern that their efforts to keep the churchyard grass in the 'pristine condition' expected by the rest of the village was being hampered by not being able to easily trim away those 'grassy fringes' around tombstones and other edges. They really are a bunch of perfectionists!!

The obvious solution was to buy a strimmer but how to raise the cash?

630 members suggested an evening canal trip and dinner so this was arranged for Sat 3rd Aug.

Thirty seven booked and once again Pete Harvey agreed to organise and drive the bus. The only problem was the it would require two trips.

All went well for the first trip but where were our 'guests of honour', El. Supremo & Master of the Merry Mowers, Gordon and his good lady Anne? A quick phone call confirmed they were on their way. The bus arrived for the second trip and, full of ale taken at the 'Bull', and in anticipation of sampling the draught beer placed on board the boat by the 630 Club, off we went at great speed. On passing the Mentmore Stag we realised Anne & Gordon were not on board. A phone call established they arrived at the 'Bull' just as we were leaving. Eventually they arrived at the boatyard in their own car; how embarrassing??

Once on board all went well. The boat is a huge (double width) 'barge' propelled by electric motors and consequently glides soundlessly along the canal, barely disturbing wildlife at all. It's a very tranquil experience and when combined with the very pleasant on-board meal served by the staff of Grebe Canal Cruises, ensured everyone enjoyed the evening.

The purpose was of course to obtain some of the £300 needed to buy a strimmer. This cruise achieved exactly half of this, leaving the remainder to be raised. However, subsequent discussion with that 'nice Mr Clarke' (of RGC fame) resulted in his company offering a 'Bucks Show' discount on the model we needed, and this, coupled with a generous cash 'top-up' from the Astonbury 'lads & lasses' has resulted in the strimmer having been purchased. Very many thanks to all concerned on behalf of 'The Merry Mowers'.

Well done and thanks to Andy Bystra for arranging a most enjoyable evening whilst raising funds. Thanks also to the 630 Club ~ Ed



our meals, even the "Burgers and chips brigade" liked the scampi and salmon dishes. I had a lovely steak, preceded by orange and avocado salad, the others had mango chicken and beef medallions, preceded by mozzarella salad. We all thoroughly enjoyed the excellent fresh fruit pavlovas.

The Americans were so impressed they returned soon after for a ploughman's lunch and more pavlovas. That is true praise indeed.

The Jug is situated in the pretty hamlet of Hardwick, telephone no. is 641303. Good luck to the new owners, we will certainly be back again before too long.

~ Carol Spooner

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The Cost Of Vandalism In Aston Abbotts

The Parish Council has asked me to publish the following costs, all of which have been met entirely from the precept (the part of your Council Tax bill which goes to the Parish Council). The precept for the year 2000 was £4150, and it remained the same in 2001. This year it was necessary to put it up to £4500.

Apr 2001	Repairs to vandalised shed on Rec.	£390
Nov 2001	Replacement windows for bus shelter in Wingrave Road	£35
Nov 2001	More windows for bus shelter in Wingrave Road	£30
Mar 2002	Refurbishment of vandalised fingerpost on The Green	£1156
Jun 2002	Increase to Insurance premium to insure shed/fingerpost	£100
July 2002	Insurance excess for repairs to vandalised shed on Rec.	£75
July 2002	Estimate for boarding up bus shelter windows (fed up with replacing them!)	£115
	Total (So Far!)	£1901

As you can see, this represents almost half of an entire year's precept! This money is supposed to pay for maintenance to the Recreation Ground, grass cutting, repairing broken street lights, power, dog bins and other local 'housekeeping' items which help make life more pleasant for us all. Soon the Parish Council will have to decide whether to cut down on some of these items, or dramatically raise the precept in order to accommodate the extra expense incurred through the mindless vandalism of a few. Already one of our bus shelters is to be 'boarded up' because every time the windows are replaced someone smashes them again (on one occasion before we had even had time to pay the repair bill!).

Please look after our village. If you see someone committing an act of vandalism, report it to the police, or at least let a Parish Councillor know so they can take it up. We cannot continue to waste our money in this way.

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

Since that article was written the shed on the recreation ground has had to have yet more vandalism repaired ~ Ed

WINGRAVE CE COMBINED SCHOOL MINOR AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

The parish councils of Aston Abbotts, Cublington and Wingrave with Rowsham have been asked to jointly nominate someone to be our representative on the Governing Body of Wingrave School. The post would run for a four year term.

If you think you may be interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Curry, on 01296 681137 to find out more.

Parochial Church Council Open Meeting

Around 14 people attended an open meeting of the Aston Abbotts Parochial Church Council on the 6th August. The Church is facing an number of important issues and some of these are summarised below.

The electrical installation work required may be less than first feared. The Gate light can be disconnected if the cable proves to be faulty and timers used for the Church heaters will cut costs.

Problems with the damp course drainage have been highlighted and a working party to rectify these is being organised.

Some headstones are unstable and relatives are to be asked to re-fix them. Collapsed headstones, some of which are being damaged by mowing operations, are to be stacked against the back wall of the Old Masters if relatives cannot be contacted. Other headstones, which are leaning badly, will be checked urgently (a legal requirement).

There is room for another 5-6 years used in the new burial site after which the front part of the churchyard will be used again.

The Church path is in urgent need of repair. There is £782 in a special fund for this (unlikely to be adequate). A number of easier, cheaper alternatives to the current tarmac path were considered. It is possible that a number of the small headstones currently leaning against the old masters wall could be laid into the new path.

It was noted that there is bad erosion of the Tower stonework and in the not-too-distant future the services of a stonemason will be needed to rectify this.

Bob Wilmott highlighted the dire financial situation and poor attendance of the Church. The meeting discussed a number of options for the future use of the Church. Andy Bystra stated that a village community needed such facilities as a shop, pub and Church, but Tim Peacock pointed out that, as with the Bull and Butcher situation, villagers could not complain were the Church to be closed if they did not use it or support it!

There was discussion over the failure to attract new younger membership. Many people endorsed the view that 10 o'clock services were preferable and switching times caused confusion. Anne Goodman suggested that peoples' impressions of the Church were in part dependent upon the musical experience at services. It was wondered whether or not anyone in the village or district could play the organ at services. The use of canned music is under active consideration for Aston Abbotts. The musical experience idea was further expanded, to suggest holding more musical concerts at the Church as a way of attracting more people. These have been proved to be very effective in the past.

Ray Wilkinson suggested that the best way of highlighting the problems would be to go public in the Chronicle (please see Bob Wilmott's article on Page 9). The format of the Harvest Supper was discussed, but a proposal to have a harvest tea and sale in the Church room was rejected as it felt it would be attended only by those in the Church and the conviviality and fun generated by the pub setting would be lost, damaging proceeds of the sale.

Tim Peacock agreed to explore the possibility of his Buckingham Choir contacts putting on a concert in the Church.

~ Phil Spooner (based upon the meeting minutes)

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Future Direction of our Church

For several years now, the Church in Aston Abbots does not appear to have been thriving. Many strategies have been tried to try to turn things round, but without success.

The Church of England is struggling financially as it tries to provide a comprehensive package of Ministry. Since 1998, the people who normally come to Church have had to meet the cost of the Clergy and their pensions.

This burden is increasing year on year – and the number of people associated with our Church makes this more of a problem than it might be.

In very rough and blunt terms our regular income is about £2000 a year. We receive about another £2000 from the Fete and other Special events. From this £4000, we need to pay at least £3000 to the Diocese as our contribution towards the costs of the Clergy and central Church costs. At least a further £2000 is needed to insure the Church and to pay the everyday bills.

This £1000 regular deficit is met from various sources – such as Wedding Fees, Baptism Collections, Reclaimed Tax on money given under Gift Aid etc.. The situation has been very precarious for many years. And we have no reserves to meet unexpected repairs (like the Electrical work currently needed).

There are very many other parishes that are in a similar or worse condition, and the Diocese is seriously concerned about their future. It is uncertain for how much longer the Church in Aston Abbots can survive as it is at present.

As we are currently without either an Archdeacon or a Parish Development Adviser, my request for advice has been passed to the Deanery Pastoral Committee. Their role, as I see it, is to try to think strategically about the Deanery. To explore possible ways of bringing Aston Abbots Church back to life (if they can think of any). To look at possible future uses to which the Church could be put (assuming that it were no longer a Parish Church). To consider whether this downturn is likely to be “permanent” or whether (as in the case of Pitstone), there may be a future somewhere down the line, and the church should be “mothballed”. And, inevitably, to decide how the £3000 a year that we are no longer able to pay should be found.

As these discussions are inevitably very sensitive and will take some time to sort out and for decisions to be made, it is not

helpful if we have also to deal with gossip, speculation and adverse publicity. Whilst any threat to Aston Abbots Church affects us, we need to remember that there are many, many other churches who in the next few years will be facing the same rather frightening choices.

This was the information issued at a recent Open Meeting of the PCC. The trouble is that we need to be forced to face the possible fact of closure before we can start to think of some of the other potential ways forward. The Church is not currently under threat, but, as the saying goes, “You never know”! The time has come for some “Brainstorming”. We all have the opportunity to have our say – to toss ideas around – even if they prove to be red herrings. Sometimes it is from a very ridiculous idea that a very practical solution emerges.

~ Bob Wilmott

There is a summary of the minutes from the Parochial Church Council meeting on page 7 ~ Ed

What Can I Do To Help?

- Support Church functions such as the harvest festival (in October), open days, other festivals, etc.
- Attend the special services. These are usually mentioned on the What's On page in the Chronicle. The Carol Service is always well attended, but there are others throughout the year.
- If you are an occasional churchgoer but have trouble fitting it in to a modern lifestyle, then perhaps now is the time to reconsider priorities.
- If you have any suggestions or ideas that you feel might help the Church in its current situation then please either phone Bob Wilmott on 681623 or drop a line to The Chronicle
- Us irregular churchgoers could maybe dig a little deeper in our pockets when the collection plate comes around. I'm sure a little more than just loose change would be gratefully received.

Huntingdon Races – August Bank Holiday

Unusually, this year we didn't have to send our stoutest 'lads' to get Alan Kempster out of bed, even though Tony Hinds had insisted the bus left the 'Bull' at 7.45am! The good side of this bleary eyed, belly scratching, and yawningly, ridiculously middle of the night early start however, was that we arrived at St. Ives (Cams) for an early and hearty breakfast (well, for some). This should have kept out the early morning chill, but whether it was the overcast weather or the market traders skills (virtually the entire town centre is a market on August Bank holiday), several of our number acquiesced; buying fleeces and jackets etc. They were of course ridiculed, but it has to be admitted this assortment of garments proved useful later on in the day since it was fairly draughty on the race course.

Percy Humphries Sister, Hilda, and her husband Martin (both of whom used to run the Bull & Butcher many years ago) live nearby so we 'dropped in' and they directed us to a delightful hotel/pub on the river, (the Pike and Eel) where they joined us

for lunch. Well, that was the plan but in the event Martin and I spent so long swapping RAF 'stories' that we missed lunch so they kindly invited me back to their house to share a 'bite' while the rest of our intrepid 'race goer's' left to subsidise the on-course bookies.

Catching up with them in time for the third race was a sound economic move since it doubtless saved me from certain investment losses. However, by the end of the meeting it became clear that most of us had had a few 'successes'.

Arrangements had been made to 'round off' our day at the Races, by having a Curry at the Bull on our return to Aston Abbots. This included 'other halves' who might have been left behind to mow the grass etc. while we were enjoying ourselves!

All in all a very pleasant and full day. Many thanks to Tony for organising it, Pete our driver for not touching 'a drop' until we got home, Frank & Louise for the scrumptious curry and Martin and Hilda for their hospitality.



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New Flightpath Over Aston Abbots

Many of you will have heard about London-Luton Airport's (LLA) plans for a new flightpath over Aylesbury Vale villages. This is known as Option 3 (there are 4 options) and is the one preferred by LLA. What does this mean for Aston Abbots? Our peace and quiet – the very reason we enjoy living in Aston Abbots – could be at an end. Even during the night.

How low will the planes be?

Most of the large planes we hear now are to and from Heathrow at 8-10000 feet above mean sea level. The new flightpath would see planes over Aston Abbots at about 4,000 ft.

How many will there be?

On current volume, there would be over 110 planes a day. This is 1 plane every 10 minutes (average) during the day, more at peak times. However, LLA could grow from 6 to 29 million passengers p.a. That could mean 1 plane every 2 minutes over Aston Abbots.

Will there be planes every day?

There might be. LLA says that planes could approach the runway over Aston Abbots when the wind is "easterly" (roughly, north round to south). The Met Office says this is over 1/2 the time in May, and 1/3 of the time in June to August. When the wind switches to westerly, planes could fly over Aston Abbots during take-offs, which are much noisier than landings.

What time of day will they fly?

There are no restrictions on night flying at LLA. We would hear planes throughout the night, especially, noisy cargo flights, which are also set to increase.

Why is LLA doing this?

LLA claims the new airspace is for safety reasons, not commercial. But LLA has failed to back up its claim with any facts, figures, data, anecdotes or sustainable logic.

Will saying no to Option 3 mean the end of cheap flights from Luton?

Not at all. There are other options. Option 3 is the longest of the 4 proposed routes. The other routes fly over areas that are used to low aircraft. People there wouldn't notice much difference in noise levels, unlike in Aston Abbots.

What can I do to make my voice heard?

1. The more people who object, the better our chances of stopping the new flightpath. Write to Bucks County

Councillor Brenda Jennings at 25 The Green, Soulbury, Beds LU7 0DD, or bjennings@buckscc.gov.uk. **THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 27TH.** For other people to write to, call us or visit www.pavan.me.uk.

2. LLA is already routing the occasional plane over Aston Abbots, to "test the water?" If you hear one, contact LLA at noise@london-luton.co.uk or 01582 395382 (24 hours). Tell them the date and time of the flight, your village and post code.
3. Contact PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) for more information and to help anyway you can – deliver leaflets, put up posters, fact-find, fund-raise ... Call Rachel at 01525 240950 or e-mail Rachel@pavan.me.uk

~ Rachel Webb [Rachel is a leading member of PAVAN]

Why Should I Be Concerned About This?

1. Increased noise in Aston Abbots and in the many quiet villages that will now be overflown. We have no way of knowing how bad this will be and Luton Airport refuse to carry out tests and measurements to help us find out.
2. Night flights will disturb sleep.
3. You are signing a blank cheque: no further permission is needed to increase flights, use larger planes, etc.
4. Luton Airport (LLA) will expand very significantly and flights will increase.
5. It appears that LLA have not undertaken studies to determine the environmental impact of the new route.
6. LLA have refused to release noise footprints or noise measurements. Why?
7. LLA apparently refuse to communicate with the public on this issue, insisting that responses should be via elected bodies such as the Parish Council. Yet very little time has been given for this "consultation".
8. Increased pollution.
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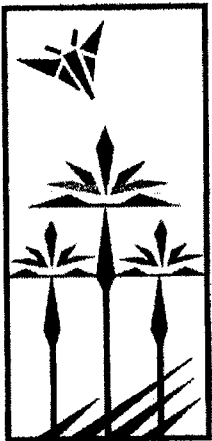
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Astonbury 2002

The expression on Neil Chesher's face was a picture. His mouth dropped open and his jaw hit the ground with a resounding thud.

Its 9.30 am on Saturday July 13th A motley collection of slightly hungover Astoni.... - sorry, I mean a well disciplined and eager local road crew - had gathered at Norduck to set up the equipment for this year's Astonbury event. Seriously, a good number of willing helpers gave up their Saturday morning to set up the equipment and it was a good thing that they did! We all knew that it would be different this year, but we had no idea just how different. Andy Stefanczyk had generously volunteered to lend audio visual equipment from his company EventsStuff for the night. When three huge vans packed to the roof with equipment arrived, Astonbury organiser Neil Chesher just could not believe his eyes.

However, the volunteers set to with enthusiasm and by lunchtime a sizeable stage had been erected and levelled, a proper lighting gantry set up and large speaker stacks on either side of the stage were wired back to a professional mixing desk sited remotely behind the audience area. The heavy work done the helpers departed, leaving EventsStuff's guys and our performers to carry out rehearsals and sound checks.

Fortunately this year the Weather God smiled upon us. From 7 o'clock onwards the sunny garden at Norduck started to fill up with garden chairs, gazebos, rugs, picnic baskets and excited partygoers. At 8 o'clock the two comperes, Andi Swain and Andy Bystra, leapt forward to introduce the first act. Wiplash, featuring Nick and Jackie Talbot from Talbots Farm got the event off to a grand start with several numbers, despite having to recruit a temporary guitarist at the last moment. Hayley and Donna then gave us three songs, each taking a turn on the lead before finishing with a superb version of All Saints' Never Ever. Next it was the turn of the youngsters studying for a career in music, with a self-composed jazz drum solo from Anthony Palmer and two superbly sung numbers from Christina Tomlin (with Gordon Hughes on piano). Lynn Manning and Louise McManus gave us Proud Mary before, to the surprise and delight of the crowd, their daughters Rosie and Amber took the stage to do their own version of the song. The first half came

to an end as Astonbury newcomer Simon Greswell made an impressive and well-received debut, followed by the powerful voice of Rachel Sutton who closed the first half with River Deep Mountain High.

There is usually an auction in the interval and this year we had two! The first item, a signed shirt belonging to former England cricket captain Alec Stewart was sold to Richard Clark for £60. The second, a Jamiroquai gold disc generously donated by Toby Graffity-Smith was bought, after much excited and spirited

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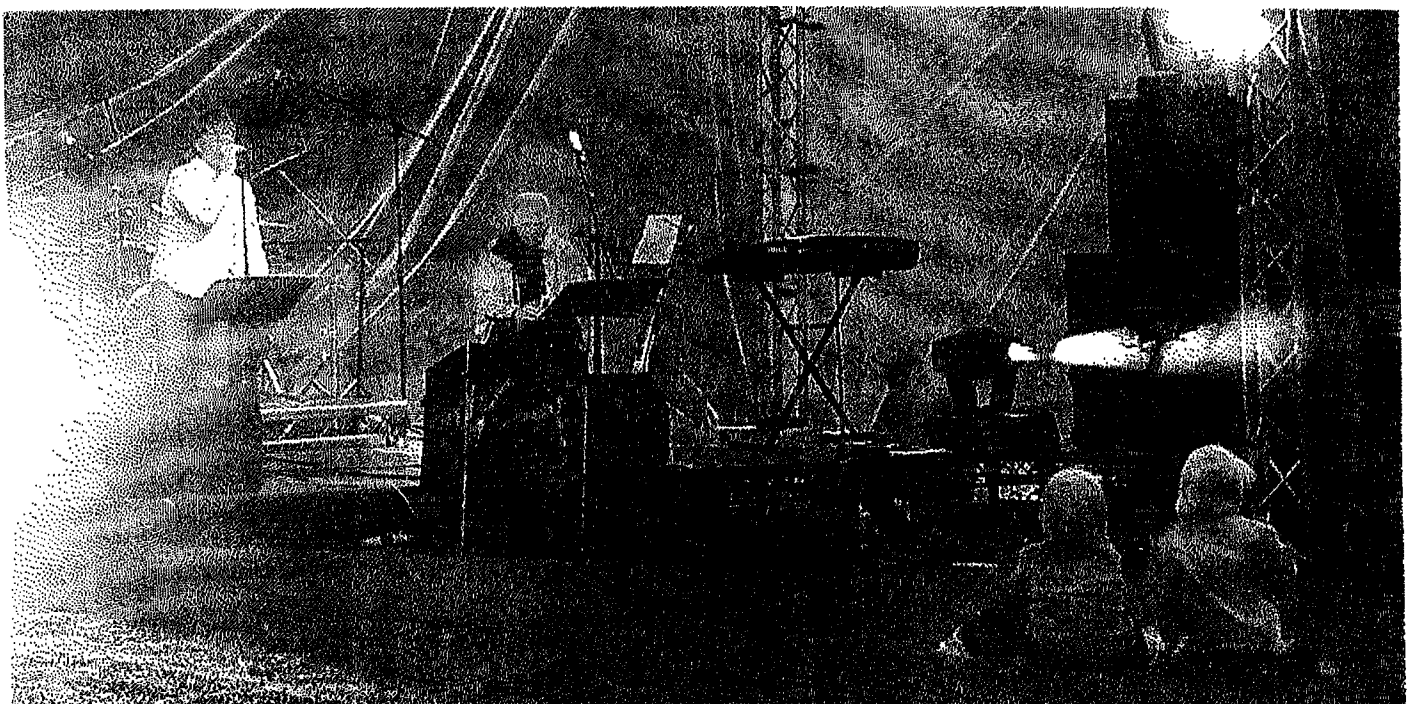
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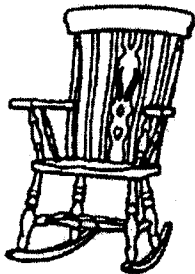
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bidding, for £420 by Mrs Elizabeth McManus who later generously announced that it was to be hung in the Bull and Butcher so that the whole village might enjoy it.

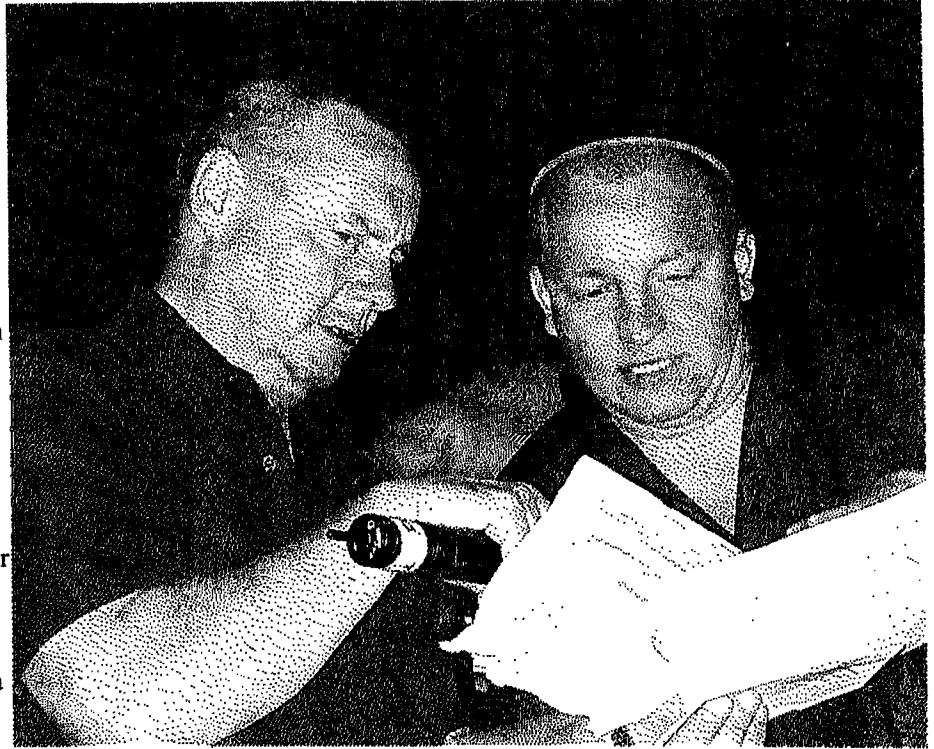
Gerry and the 'Atricks (the vocal talents of Neil Chesher, John Brancker, John Whyte and Nigel Palmer) opened the second half, finishing their set with Eric Clapton's Wonderful Tonight featuring John Whyte on vocals and Jon Chesher on lead guitar.

Bridget Brandon made a very welcome return to Astonbury with the first of her two numbers and then the ever-popular gravel-voiced Tony Reese, having flown in especially from Spain, gave us Desperado. Nigel Palmer and Neil Chesher reprised their version of Nights In A White Satin, first performed at last year's cabaret and featuring Neil on saxophone. Again Tony Reese, then Nigel and Anthony Palmer led a couple of numbers from Jeff Wayne's War Of The Worlds (with manic keyboards from Nigel) before Neil and John Chesher joined them to perform a rising Final Countdown complete with pyrotechnics. Bridget, Tony, Rachel, and Simon returned for further numbers and then all the girls came up on stage to perform Dusty Springfield's I Only Wanna Be With You. Finally Gerry and the 'Atricks returned to close the show with a with a Beatles medley.

After the show had closed Lol Hinds and Dave Lewis started the disco and those partygoers who had retained both sufficient energy and also the ability to stand up continued dancing into the wee hours.

The following morning a somewhat subdued and distinctly hung over group of helpers arrived to dismantle the equipment and clean up the site.

Huge thanks to everybody, not just the performers but those



"Who the hell is supposed to be on next?" Comperes Andy Bystra and Andi Swain compare notes

who helped and especially all those of you who came, partied, and made it such a great evening. I am sure I have missed some names in this article and I apologise if I have done so. There are far too many other names to mention with so many helpers and contributors. However, a most important thank you must go to our sponsors and especially to Andy Stefanczyk and EventsStuff whose generous support of equipment, time and personnel made this year's event so special.

The evening raised £2,213.10. The money will be used to finance village causes, but most of the money probably will be donated to the Village Hall fund at the appropriate time.

~ Phil Spooner

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Fete 2002

It says a great deal for the efficacy of the organisation behind the Fete, that, when the 'great day' arrives, with seemingly minimal fuss, people appear on The Green with all the paraphernalia that goes into creating a wonderfully festive atmosphere, and with them, an almost palpable expectation of financial success. If the fete looked good shortly after it had been set up this year, by 2.00pm when people and sunshine were added it became a great place to be. To share the fun with family and friends, have a go at the games, listen to that Oh! So English Silver Band, buy some trivia which you will probably donate back next year. To feast on a 'Brian Burger', a quick pint snatched at the 'Bull' then back for a selection of irresistible 'Indian gastronomic delights'. What variety? Perhaps a few 'arty types' should get together now to plan and shoot a video of this 'metamorphis' when it takes place, as inevitably it will, again next year.

For my part, I will be there next year; how could I miss such a delightful and quintessentially 'village' event?

~ Andy Bystra



The fete raised a total profit of £2567. Although not surpassing last years all-time record it was a magnificent result and hopefully good reward for all those who worked so hard to make it a success. A full copy of the fete accounts appears over the page.

As usual there are far too many people to thank individually, but this year I need to highlight a couple of names.

Firstly, very special thanks must go to Shirley Ford for her many years of help at fete after fete. Shirley now feels that it is time she stepped down from the fete committee and her

contributions will be sorely missed.

We must also give special thanks to Pam Hewitt for doing the bric-a-brac stall for as long as anyone can remember. Year after year she has run an excellent stall and she will be a hard act to follow for whoever takes it on in the future.

We must not forget to mention fete committee chair person Barbara Bellingham, who took on the job despite having many other family commitments and once again steered the committee and the fete team through to an excellent result. Next year Barbara is stepping down as chairperson, but it is hoped that she may be able to remain on the committee.

With these people mentioned above stepping down from their current roles, an opportunity arises for new blood to come forward and take their places. It is hoped that some of the newer people in the village can be encouraged to take part next year, if only in a small way. If people do not come forward to replace those who have already given many years of service in this, our major fund raising event, then there is a risk that the fete will wither and die. So all of you could perhaps think if, next year, when we appeal for volunteers in the Chronicle, you might just like to become one of the friendly team that plans and stages the event. You will be made more than welcome.

We must of course also mention the many volunteers, whether they helped for just a half-hour on the day or were involved in the planning and setting up, for all of their efforts. But most of all we must thank you who came to the fete, spent your money, bought raffle tickets and hopefully had a wonderful time. Without you - all of you - this fete could not have been the success that it was. Thank you.

~ Phil Spooner

Further Waggy Tails from Portugal

To all canine, feline and equine friends and the humans too. Well I have some sad news to tell you - my brother Nelson is no longer with us. His poor hind legs became very bad and he did not eat or drink for two days. Needless to say we were all very upset, miss him dreadfully and he will be a very hard act to follow particularly as far as his journalistic skills were concerned. However, I will do my very best and hope you will all be very tolerant - I will try not to make too many mistakes!

Well now that I have extra patrolling to do in the garden, keeping those mogs at bay, time isn't my own any more. Whilst Nelson's legs were not too good in the last month, he still managed to become turbo charged when one of those feline creatures appeared and all hell was let loose!!

We also have an addition to the menagerie, a Sparrowhawk, who unfortunately lost part of his wing and cannot fend for himself. I thought at first Ben had gone off his trolley, I could hear his making funny noises and talking quietly (I tried to ignore it for a time), then curiosity got the better of me, I just had to investigate. It was Ben talking to Robo Cop (that is the bird's name). He is starting to look quite nice now, he was rather decrepit initially (the bird that is, not Ben). We often hear the cuckoos that are around, likewise the owl gives a lot of verbals in the middle of the night. Plenty of woodpeckers too.

The kennel is coming on leaps and bounds, garage is up and the electricians, plumbers and heating engineers are beavering away furiously. The front wall and driveway are well on the way and the site will be cleaned up in the next couple of weeks, the rendering and plastering will then take place. The finishing date

looks like end of September, but we will not be holding our breaths.

I have become a bit of a fruit and veg bat. Love the grapes, pears, apples, peaches, nectarines, tomatoes etc. that if I am not given, I manage to purloin from the garden. I have got my beady eyes on the fig tree just waiting for them to get ripe.

Hope Astonbury was a great success and that the weather was kind to you all. Likewise the Fete - Mum said she missed not slaving away in the kitchen helping with the cream teas!! I don't believe her for one moment. Hope you all had a good summer and I will put paws to this computer thing again soon. The humans say hullo and goodbye too!

~ Jacko Coates

PS Elaine says she has withdrawal symptoms on the fact that there was no Chronicle for a month, she has missed Don Bellingham's crossword!!!

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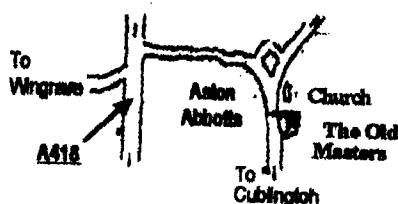
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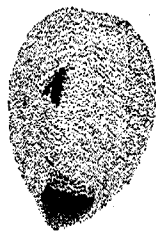
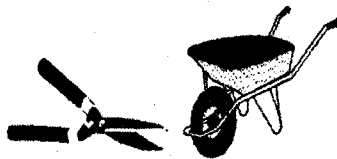
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Do come and finish the baby. That's all. From Little Jo.

*~ submitted by Fred Poulter, who found it in some old family documents.
Fred's sister's name was Josephine.*

Rectors Report

Always think September is an interesting month.

It is a month of beginnings and endings. It marks the end of the Summer Holidays and the start of the new School year. It is the time when the fruit and vegetables in the garden are picked and stored in preparation for the coming Winter. The various Organisations begin their new Season of programmes and so on.

It is a month for looking back at what has been, and looking forward to the things that still lie ahead.

This year we shall probably be bombarded with reminders of the events of last September: particularly the events of September 11th. Those events certainly changed our outlook on the world in which we live. Yet I do not think that we are helped by dwelling upon those events.

There are other serious matters that need our attention. There is the political and economic situation in Southern Africa, for example. What does the future hold for the white farmers of

Zimbabwe? How are the people of Malawi to survive until they can gather their crops in a year's time? Will all the hot air that comes from the politicians at the Earth Summit really make any difference to those whose situations are extremely desperate?

How can we show that we care? Our usual answer of sending money may no longer be the most effective way of helping. Money can be misappropriated, gifts of food can be stolen and sold on the "black" market.

Our attempts at offering help are linked to our struggle with the conflict between good and evil. Our difficulty in finding ways in which we can appropriately offer help remind us that, however hard we try, there will always be those trying to overturn our good deeds.

September is the time when we come to separate the things that are good from the things that are evil. It is an important time.

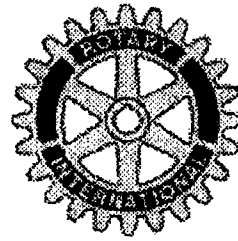
~ Bob Willmott

Housing Plan Rejected

In a surprise move public inquiry inspector Peter Beasley has rejected a AVDC's plans to build 1600 new houses at Broughton and Stocklake. Mr Beasley slammed the plans, branding them as technically suspect, illogical, irrational, and environmentally inappropriate. The news has been welcomed by campaigners in Bierton who feared that their village would be swamped by the new development.

However, Mr Paisley has given the go-ahead to other major developments around Aylesbury including the 850 houses in the Weedon hill development. This has been causing considerable concern to our Parish Council as it is feared that traffic from the new development will use Weedon and Aston Abbotts as a short cut to avoid the congestion blackspots around the Aylesbury ring road. These fears may yet prove to be well grounded as Mr Beasley has also rejected the plan for a northern link road, which would have linked the A 413 and the A 418 providing an alternative route for traffic wishing to cross between these two main roads.

~ Phil Spooner



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"Englishman, 60, died of heart failure whilst making love to his mistress. Hence the enormous smile Inspector", says the Coroner.

The DI is taken to the second dead man. "Scotsman, 25, won a thousand pounds on the lottery, spent it all on whisky. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile."

Nothing unusual here, thinks the DI, and asks to be shown the last body. "Ah," says the coroner, "this is the most unusual one. Japanese Tourist, 30, struck by lightning."

"Why is he smiling then?" inquires the Inspector.

"He thought he was having his picture taken."

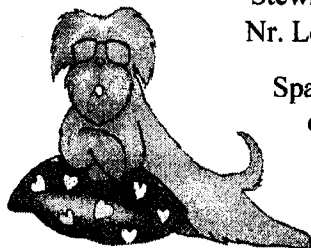


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Aston Abbotts Parish Council Meetings

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 26th June 2002

Present

Cllrs. J. Sansome (Chairman), T. Manning, G.Kempster, R. Clarke and Mrs K. Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Cllr. M.Kent and County Cllr. B.Jennings, and one member of the public attended.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

In Matters Arising Tom Manning said that he is still not sure whether the Police Liaison committee actually exists. The new Police Officer responsible for Aston Abbotts is P.C. Steve McCully.

The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged with AVDC to discuss implications of the proposed Weedon Hill MDA on local traffic.

Comments From The Floor

Following the recent works to sewers in the village, several areas of footpath have sustained damage. It was agreed to let Highways know about this problem.

Planning

02/01164/APP 55, The Green, Aston Abbotts. Two storey rear and single storey front extension. Amended plans. The Parish Council had no comment to make on the plans – all the areas of concern have been addressed.

Highways

The windows of the bus shelter in Wingrave Road have been smashed again. It was agreed to have them boarded up this time, and install a small new window, which can be covered with mesh.

Recreation Ground

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

The storage shed has been vandalised again. The Clerk was asked to get quotes for its repair.

Minor Authority Governor Nomination

A suitable candidate has not yet been found. It was decided to advertise in the Chronicle again in September.

Accounts

Presentation of the year-end accounts for year ended 4.4.2002. Resolved to accept the Accounts, copies of which were duly signed. They will be displayed on the notice board outside Osborne's.

~ Kate Curry

Train

A man and a woman who have never met before find themselves in the same sleeping carriage of a train.

After the initial embarrassment, they both manage to get to sleep, the woman on the top bunk, the man on the lower. In the middle of the night, the woman leans over and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I'm awfully cold and I was wondering if you could possibly pass me another blanket."

The man leans out and, with a glint in his eye, says, "I've got a better idea.....let's pretend we're married."

"Why not," giggles the woman.

"Good", he replies. "Get your own bloody blanket."

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 31st July 2002

Present

Cllrs. J.Sansome (Chairman), T.Manning, R.Clarke, M.Kent, G.Kempster and Mrs K.Curry (Clerk). Three members of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

County/District Council And Police Matters

District Councillor Peter Cooper answered a query about the final cost to the ratepayer of the travellers who used the layby on the A418 by saying he had never received a straight answer from the Council on the matter.

County Councillor Brenda Jennings mentioned the great concern felt by the Council regarding the Government's Green Paper, which would mean the abolishment of County Structural Plans. She also talked about the recently opened Community Leaders' Fund, which may enable her to donate money to causes within the village. There was a discussion about the proposed new rail link which will pass through Bucks and the residential development which could be associated with it. The Chairman informed Mrs. Jennings of some of the current highways issues in the local area, including overgrown hedges (especially on the Cublington Road) and continual flooding along Wingrave Road.

Nobody was present from the police, but a message had been received that PC McCully will attend a meeting as soon as he is able, to introduce himself to the Council.

Planning

02/01641/APP Willowbrook Farm, Bushmead Road, Whitchurch. Change of use of part of agricultural building to retail use and associated parking. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.

01/01802/APP 3, Church Row, Aston Abbotts, Bucks. Single storey front and rear extensions. Concern was expressed that the proposed front extension was rather large, and may detract from the character of the building, which lies in the Conservation Area.

Appeal relating to land adj. Windmill Hill Barns, Moat Lane, Aston Abbotts. No further comments are necessary.

02/01952/APP Norduck Farm, Moat Lane. Conversion of barn to dwelling – amendment to 94/1153/APP The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.

London Luton Airport

Copies of the consultation document regarding the proposed western extension to the Luton Airport controlled airspace have been received. It was agreed that Cllrs Sansome and Kent and the Clerk would attend a meeting at Cublington on August 8th, to discuss the document with other local parish representatives. Meanwhile, the Clerk would write to request an extension to the rather short consultation period.

Recreation Ground

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

Minor Authority Governor Nomination

A suitable candidate has still not been found.

The next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th September at 8 pm in the Church Room.

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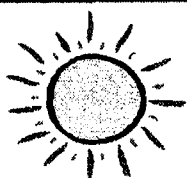
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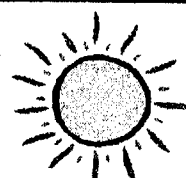
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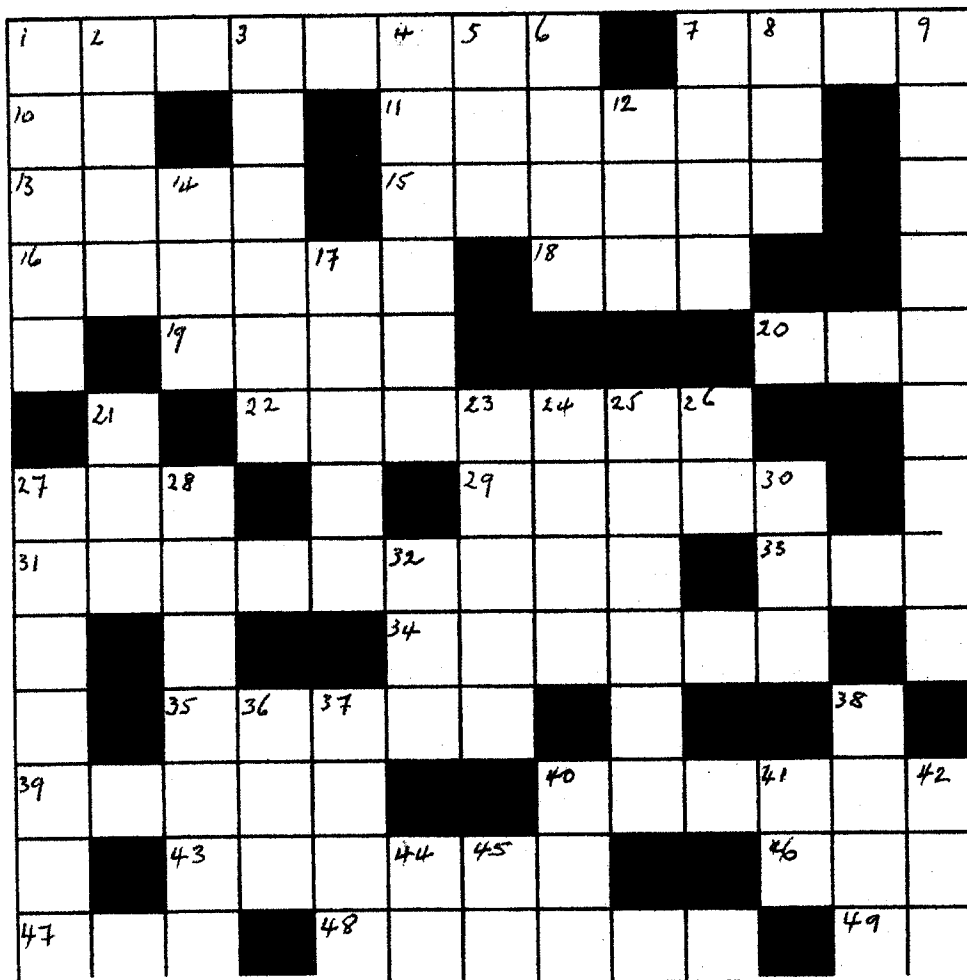
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The Chronicle Crossword

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ACROSS:

- 1. Grand ----- (8)
- 7,10,31. We live here 4,3,9
- 11. Fruit (5)
- 13. Attack (4)
- 15. Dogmas, doctrines (6)
- 16. Russian vehicle (6)
- 18. Self esteem (3)
- 19. Entity; --- trust (4)
- 20. Pig (3)
- 22. Exists always (7)
- 27. ----- West (3)
- 29. Fertile spot (5)
- 33. French friend (3)

- 34. Sanctuary (6)
- 35. Blend, join in (5)
- 39. HE MET (an. 5)
- 40. Jewellery: charm (6)
- 43. Prods gently (6)
- 46. Era (3)
- 47. Mesh (3)
- 48. Brass band sound (6)
- 49. AnnoDomini (2)

DOWN:

- 1&27dn. Local village 5&7)
- 2. Distant (4)
- 3. Antiseptic (6)

- 4. OAT NET (an. 6)
- 5. Beer (3)
- 6. NILE (an. 4)
- 7. Reject (4)
- 8. Donkey (3)
- 9. Vigorous (9)
- 12. Small vegetable (3)
- 14. Debt (3)
- 17. Birds; playthings (5)
- 21. Month (3)
- 23. Awaken (5)
- 24. Not one (coll 4)
- 25. Mental institution (6)

Answers to July/Aug:
ACROSS: 1 Woburn Sands. 10 Oxen. 11 Aston. 13 AA. 14 Efts. 15 Annoys. 17 BA. 15 Rial. 19 Emerged. 23 Doc. 25 Eel. 27 Oil. 29 Untamed. 33 Now. 34 Enemy. 35 Enos. 38 Twee. 39 Irate. 41 Duo. 43 Dam-busters. 47 RN. 48 On. 49 Reaumur. 50 Vest. 51 En-nui.

DOWN: 1 Woebegone. 2 Oxfam. 3 Bet. 4 Unsure. 5 Naive. 6 Sonic. 7 Anna. 8 Day. 9 SAS. 12 Tar. 16 Old. 20 Eelworm. 21 Glum. 22 Date. 24 Clinton. 26 REME. 28 Ionian. 30 Anthem. 31 Mew. 32 Dyed. 36 Sabre. 37 Resat. 40 Tues. 42 Urdu. 43 Dog. 44 Tu. 45 Rue. 46 SRN.

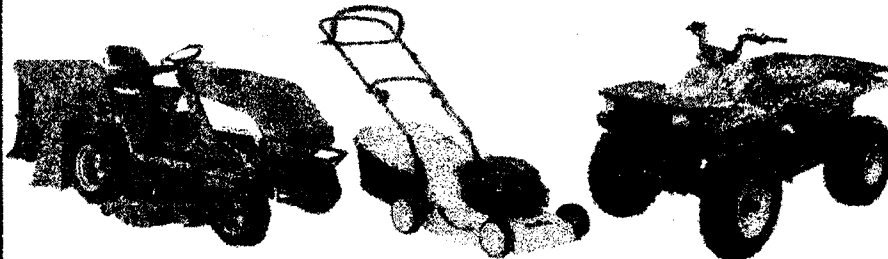
- 26. Chem. symbol lithium (2)
- 28. MEET LEN (an. 7)
- 30. Boy's name (3)
- 32. Sack (3)
- 36. Flightless bird (3)
- 37. Do again (4)
- 38. Enormous (4)
- 40. Snake (3)
- 41. USA town (abb 2)
- 42. Boy's name (3)
- 44. Depart (2)
- 45. Printer's measure (2)

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	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Morning Service
8 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
15 th	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
22 nd	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Morning Service
29 th	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Harvest Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
	18.00 Wingrave	WCT Songs of Praise
6 th Oct	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Harvest Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Morning Service
	18.00 Cublington	Evensong

Church Flowers

31 st /1 st	Mr Belgrove
7/8 th	Mrs Parker
14/15 th	Mrs Dickens
21/22 nd	Ms Goodman
28/29 th	Mrs Ford

Church Sidesmen

1 st September	Mr A Ford
8 th	Mr C Higgs
15 th	Mr G Kemp
22 nd	Mr J Hartnett
29 th	Mr C Higgs

Sunday Readings

1 st Sept	Trinity 14	Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28
8 th	Trinity 15	Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
15 th	Trinity 16	Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
22 nd	Trinity 17	Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16
29 th	Michaelmas	Hebrews 1.5-14; John 1.47-51
6 th Oct	Trinity 19	Philippians 3.4-14; Matthew 21.33-46

From The Registers

Baptism

30th June Bradley Bowden at Aston Abbotts
21st July Jamie Pugh at Wingrave

Marriage

22nd June Rex Richardson & Lesley Heather at Wingrave
20th July Jonathan Richmond & Natasha Johnson
3rd Aug Glen Bunce & Kim Perkins at Wingrave
17th Aug Michael Ward & Jayne Brackley at Wingrave

Blessing

27th July Paul & Erika Nicholson at Aston Abbotts

Funeral

14th June Patricia Butler at Aston Abbotts
21st June George Bunce at Wingrave & Amersham
28th June Bert Oakley at Wingrave
3rd July Betty Thornalley at Wingrave
12th Aug Charles Beasley at Cublington & Milton Keynes
13th Aug Cyril Collings at Aston Abbotts & Amersham

ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Bob Willmott	681623
Gordon Kemp	681763
Shirley Ford	681865
Ann Goodman	681763
Andrew Ford	681865



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County Councillor	Brenda Jennings	01525 270610	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	681011
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Wingrave School	Office	681346
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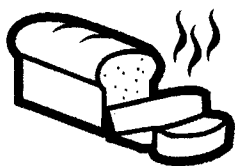
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- Sat 7th** Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride. Forms from Ann Goodman (681763).
- Sun 8th** Village Footpath Walk. Meet on The Green at 2 pm. All welcome.
- Tues 10th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm.
- Wed 11th** Parish Council Meeting. Church Room. 7.30 pm. The PC's response to the proposed Luton flightpath over Aston Abbotts will be discussed. All welcome.
- Sun 15th** Rambling Club Members meet at Wendover Town Car Park 2 pm.
- Thurs 19th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Tues 24th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm.

Horseracing News

Riding the favourite at Cheltenham, a jockey was well ahead of the field.

Suddenly he was hit on the head by a turkey and a string of sausages.

He managed to keep control of his mount and pulled back into the lead, only to be struck by a box of Christmas crackers and a dozen mince pies as he went over the last fence.

With great skill he managed to steer the horse to the front of the field once more when, on the run in, he was struck on the

head by a bottle of sherry and a christmas pud.

Thus distracted, he succeeded in coming in only second.

He immediately went to the stewards to complain that he had been seriously hampered.

Origami News

Sky has just won the rights to screen the World Origami Championships from Tokyo. Unfortunately it's only available on Paper View. It was going to be available on ITV-Digital, but that folded.

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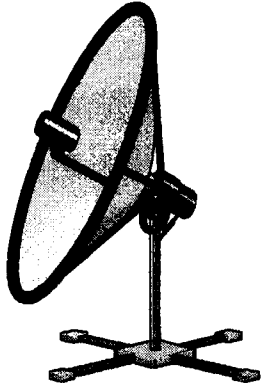
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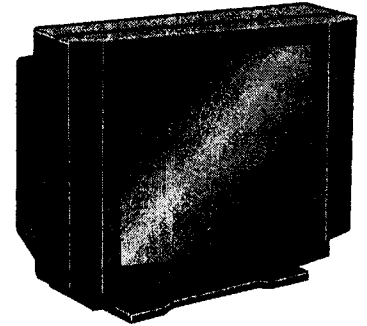
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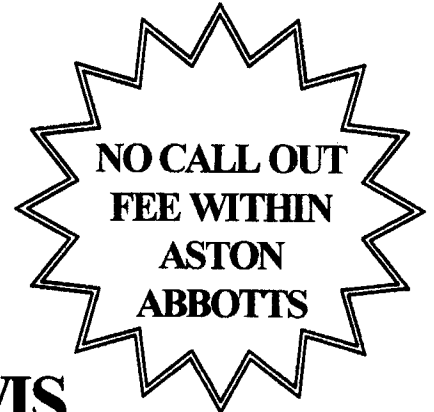
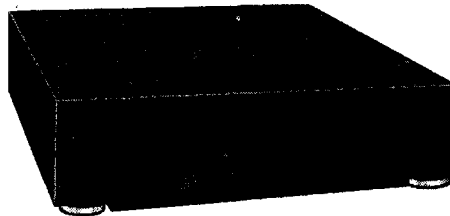
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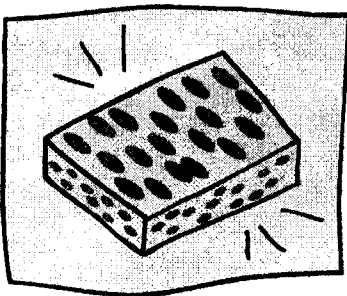
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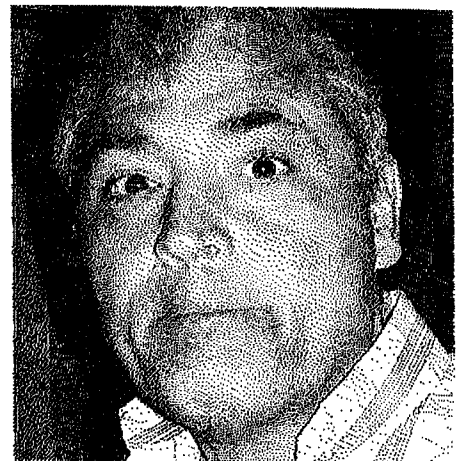
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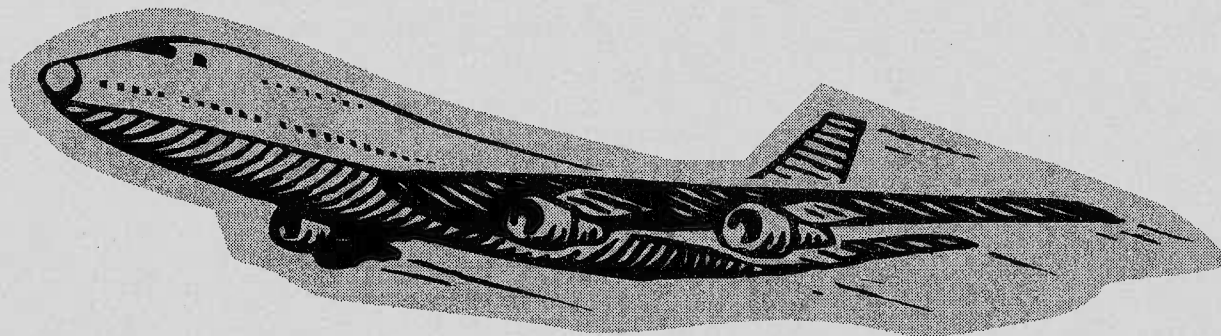


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Say No To Noise!



FACT: Planes will fly over your head at 3–5000 feet above ground level, if Luton Airport has its way. **On present volume, that would be at least 110 planes per day** roaring over Drayton Parslow, Soulbury, Stewkley, Dunton, Cublington, Aston Abbots, Wingrave, Rowsham, and Hulcott. This is known as Option 3 (there are 4 options) and is preferred by Luton Airport.

FACT: SERAS confirms that Luton airport could grow from 6m to 29m passengers per year.

FACT: Luton Airport says it wants the proposed new airspace for planes arriving from the east in an easterly wind. But this airspace could be used when the wind is roughly anywhere east of north. The Met Office says that, on average, this is about 56% of the time in May and about 35% of the time in June, July and August.

FACT: An east wind often means clear blue skies – **the sort of day when you want to be outside.**

FACT: Say hello to **sleepless nights.** There are no restrictions on night flying at Luton Airport.

FACT: Luton could use the new airspace for more and bigger planes – **and for noisier take-offs** – without further consultation. **You are being asked to sign a blank cheque for noise.**

FACT: Luton Airport has not undertaken a **noise and chemical pollution** study for Option 3.

FACT: Option 3 is the longest of the 4 proposed routes, so saying **No to Option 3** will not mean the end of cheap flights from Luton. The other options fly over areas that are used to low aircraft. People there wouldn't notice much difference in noise levels, unlike in the Vale.

IT'S UNFAIR!

- A) WHY SHOULD WE GIVE UP OUR PEACE AND QUIET WHEN WE ALREADY FOREGO CONVENIENCES ENJOYED BY TOWNSFOLK?
- B) LUTON RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE AIRPORT – THE VALE DOESN'T.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write to County Councillor Brenda Jennings, 25 The Green, Soulbury, Beds LU7 0DD, or bjennings@buckscc.gov.uk, explaining why you don't want Option 3.

AND: Contact your friends and neighbours at PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) for more information and assistance. Phone Rachel at 01525 240950 or e-mail rachel@pavan.me.uk

The consultation deadline is September 27th – ACT NOW!