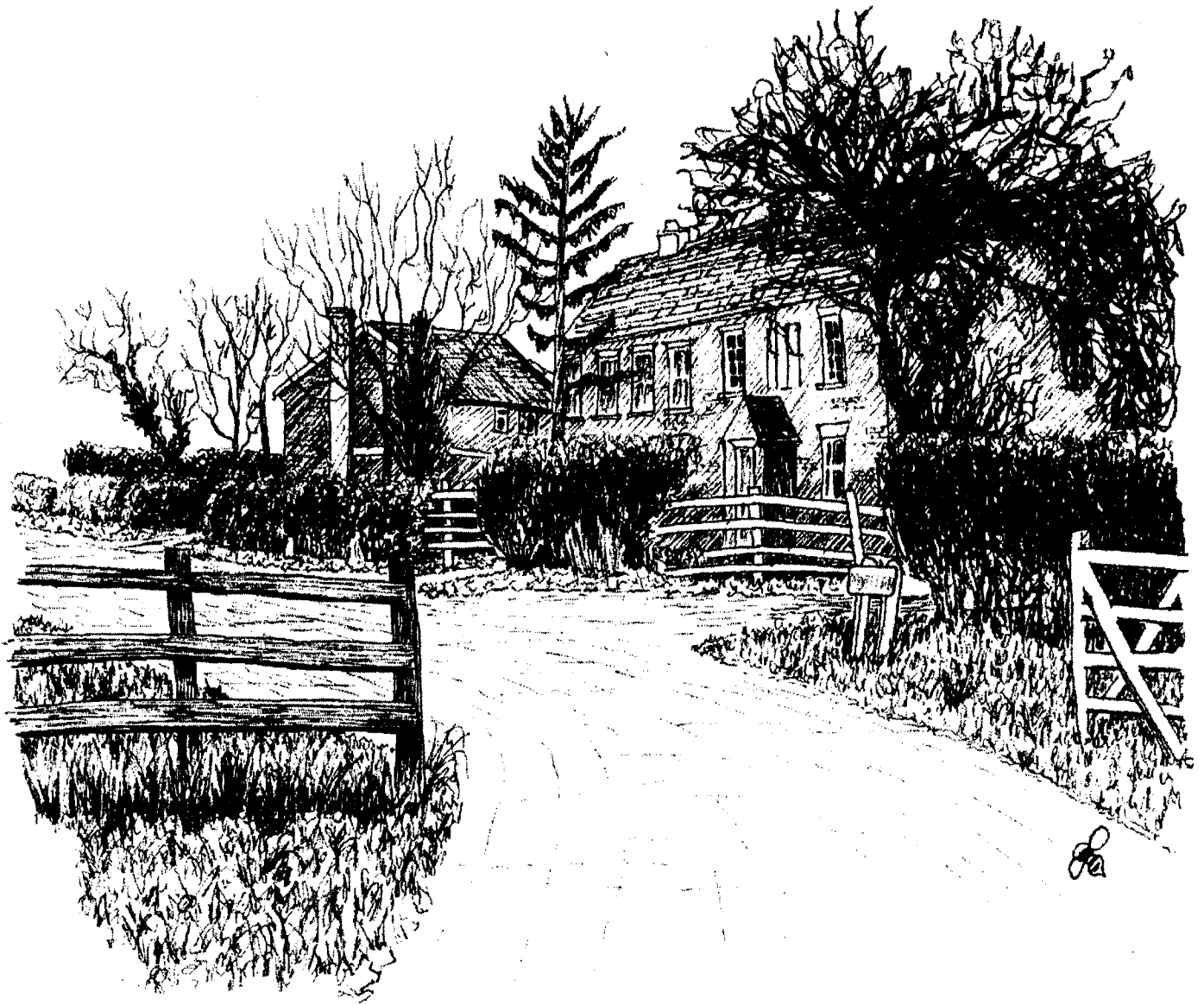


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Editorial

New Blood

As in any other village there is a gradual flow of people moving into and out of the Aston Abbots. This is a friendly village and I do hope that newcomers feel welcome.

When you move into a new place it takes a time before you get to know people and, sometimes, people are a little reticent about coming forward or joining in with events where they think everybody will know each other, but not know them.

Joining in doesn't mean you have to cut the church grass or chair the fete committee. Some have joined in by quietly donating prizes for fund-raising activities, attending coffee mornings and quizzes, or just by enjoying a fun day at the fete. But while we are mentioning the church grass and the fete...

I can't help noticing that in the four years I've lived here the same names appear on the church mowing rota each year (not all of whom are churchgoers). I wonder if anybody else would be prepared to give up a couple of mornings next year? Also, two or three people who have taken major roles in the annual fete for many years have announced they wish to take a very well deserved "retirement" next year. Of course, major roles in fete organisation are a daunting prospect for newcomers and will probably be filled by older residents coming forward, but this will leave smaller voids - e.g helping on a stall for an hour on the day - that will need to be filled. Some new help there will be most welcome when the time comes.

It is by this process of new blood coming forward to replace the old that the activities are continued and the village itself is rejuvenated. If it doesn't happen, the village dies.

Please don't let anybody feel that they are under any pressure to step forward or join in with activities, especially if they would rather keep quietly to themselves. Everybody is welcome here, whether you want to take part or not. It's your call, although myself I feel that the more you put in to village life the more you get out of it. However, if you *are* interested in becoming a little more involved with village life you can be sure that you will be most welcome.

The Village Hall

Lots of people ask me "What's happening with the Church Room redevelopment?". This month we have an update from our legal eagle on page 7. Also, Bob Wilmott's report tackles the subject on page 21 - it's interesting reading!

Fireworks - Be Safe.

Each year fireworks injure many people, often children. Last year saw an increase in injuries in Bucks. If you are having a fireworks display, please take care and be safe. As a safer alternative to having fireworks at home why not come along to the Aston Abbots display on the 5th - details are on page 15.

Phil

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The Peoples Page

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Thomas & Eleanor Farrands 4th
 Bridget Brandon 8th
 John Brancker 7th
 Caroline Hall 7th
 Anna Mogford 8th
 Ray Wilkinson 10th
 Percy Humphries 19th
 John Whyte 23rd
 Olivia Gresswell 23rd

It's a Biggie!

To anyone that was disturbed by the disco that was held on Saturday 19th October at the **Old Masters** we can only apologise and say that they were to stop at 1 a.m, however as we were busy we did not notice the time. Apologises once again. Juan & Brigitte

Kidney Appeal ~ A total of £28.50 was collected for the Kidney Appeal Fund. Many thanks for contributions received. ~ Rita

Congratulations to **Hayley Wilkinson** who turned eighteen at the end of October.

Astonian ex-pats **Ray and Jackie Coates** apologise to any of their many friends who have been unable to get a response from them to emails. Lightning fried their computer a month ago. They hope to have it up and running by the time you read this, but who knows...

We were very pleased to hear that **Ray Wilkinson** was unhurt when he was involved in a nasty car smash just before we went to press.

Doris Turner

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Doris Turner at the end of September and we send our condolences and best wishes to her husband Jack.

Doris Turner was one of the "nicest" women you could ever wish to meet. Some Chronicle readers may exclaim—who was Doris Turner?

Her home of fourteen years was The Green, enveloped by a garden of exquisite colour and beauty.

An indomitable spirit—a munitions worker—on "The Busses" - a partnership with Jack as a publican. And as a near neighbour recalled—"A wicked sense of humour".

She reminded me of a sparrow, a perky determined walk. Never did we hear her speak an unkind word of anyone, and above all she had the gift of making you laugh.

"Always look on the bright side" - we remember you well Doris.

~ Osborns—Aston Abbotts

My deepest appreciation goes to all my friends and neighbours who have consoled me in the loss of my wife Doris.

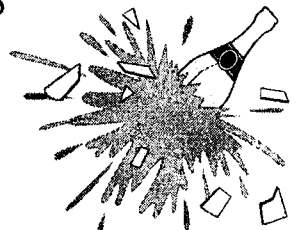
Thank you for your many cards and messages, and assisting with transport and support for the five weeks she remained in a coma.

Again, Thank You.

~ Jack Turner

CORRECTION: It was stated in last month's Chronicle that the late **Mrs Nora Hartnett** lived in Aston Abbotts. She in fact lived in Aylesbury, but attended St James Church.

Many, many happy returns to **John Brancker** who celebrates his sixtieth birthday at the beginning of November. Happy birthday John!



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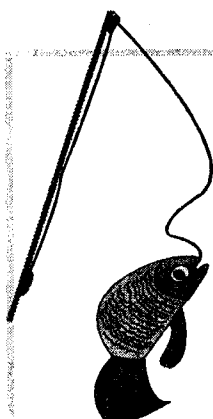
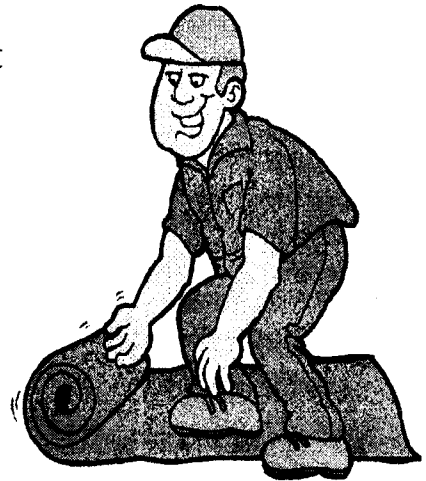
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In The Village

Recreation Ground Vandalism

Yet more vandalism has beset our Rec. The gatepost has been broken and the goal post bent. But worst of all, glass bottles have been thrown against the old mower store in the children's play area, scattering broken glass in the grass where young children play. There can be no excuse for this act of mindless vandalism. Please, please tell a member of the Parish Council if you know who is responsible!

Richard Clarke has cleared up the broken glass and removed further bottles from the bin. The Parish Council is obtaining quotes to have the gate repaired and the old mower shed removed. The cost is likely to be around £250, which you can add to the running total of £1901 which this village has spent since April 2001 as a direct result of the antisocial actions of a few, who obviously do not care who they hurt.

~ Kate Curry

The Ladies Club

The 3rd Oct meeting in the church room was the first in our new season. Twenty members were present. Our Chairman, June Brine welcomed everyone, reminding members that the AGM was only a month away and that we would be needing a new treasurer and Programme Secretary. Apologies were received from April Curnow, Etherley Gutteridge and Irene Lowden.

She then introduced Mr. Peter Fells who had come to show us slides of British Columbia, Vancouver, Alaska and the Yukon. June Brine thanked Mr Fells, and tea and biscuits were served. The raffle prize was won by Robin Anson Owen.

~ Shirley Ford

Bull And Butcher Appeal

By the time this Chronicle drops onto your doormats the Bull and Butcher appeal will have been heard. This appeal is taking place too late for inclusion in this month's Chronicle and we don't know when the decision will be announced, but if we have any news we will bring it to you in December.

Refuse Freighter

The refuse freighter was due to be at the Bull on the 18th November between 12 and 3.30, but we have no confirmation that is actually going to be there.

Harvest Festival

The aroma of sweet scented flowers and the displays of fruit and vegetables at St James' Harvest Festival last weekend were a delight on the senses. The Rev Bob Willmott conducted the service, which included a reading by Anita Parker and the organ played by Ivor Belgrove.

The sale of Harvest produce was held at The Royal Oak pub, auctioned by Mr Willmott, and the bidding was brisk. Thanks go to Teri and Gary for hosting the event.

As a result of the auction £100 was raised for church funds; Raffle winners were Mrs Kate, Mr M Price, Mrs Shorrocks, Mrs Price and Mr P Curry.

~ Colin Higgs

The 'Green Party'

No!! Nothing to do with saving the planet. It was just a jolly good party held on the 5th Oct and organised by Tracy and Sheila by way of a 'thank you' to the 'Brooksiders' for summer barbecues past. On the day, and with seemingly only hours to go, the usually 'sleepy' Green became a hive of activity as Lol dashed about setting up sound equipment, great quantities of food were fetched, balloons blown up and the hall decorated.

Lol (with interference—or was it help—from other would-be DJs) provided an 'infectious' selection of 60's to 80's music so unsurprisingly quite a few couldn't resist dancing the night away. However, as with all good Aston Abbots parties, many seemed to gravitate to the kitchen for a 'natter'.

Very many thanks to Lol, Tracy and Sheila for a great time.



Inkjet Cartridge Recycling

If any one is interested in recycling Inkjet printer cartridges, they can be left in the box on the front door of no. 81 The Green.

Pause For Thought...

...as the world waits to see what happens in Iraq...

"A world in which it is wrong to murder an individual civilian and right to drop a thousand tons of high explosive on a residential area does sometimes make me wonder whether this earth of ours is not a loony bin made use of by some other planet." ~ George Orwell, in a letter to the Tribune, published 31st December 1943

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Members of the Wingrave & District Branch of The Royal British Legion will this year be attending the Remembrance Day Service

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The Village Hall - An Update

Our Legal correspondent writes:-

“When on earth is the lease of the Village Hall going to be completed?” and “What the hell are these lawyers doing?!” - these are some of the more printable (this being a family magazine) questions that have been heard around the Village recently. Well, there is good news, and there is bad news.

The first bit of good news is that the Trust Deed setting up the “Aston Abbotts Village Hall Trust” has now been approved by the Charity Commissioners, executed, and stamped, and is now with the Charity Commissioners so that the Trust can be registered as a Charity. By the time you read this, registration may have been completed.

The second bit of good news is that the solicitor who was previously dealing with the lease (or to be precise, not dealing with it) has now passed the file over to her senior partner. As you may imagine, he was not overjoyed to be taking a matter like this over in midstream, but he is doing what is necessary so that progress can be made. The form of the lease itself is agreed, and the copies for signature should soon be circulated.

However the bad news is that - although it was first pointed out to the solicitor who was originally acting for the Church Trustees as long ago as July 2001, that, before the lease could be granted, the Church either needed the consent of the Bishop of Oxford or confirmation that it was not necessary; and (almost certainly) needed the consent of the Charity Commissioners - she had done nothing about getting either consent before she passed the file over. The solicitor now dealing with the matter has contacted both of them, and the solicitors who act for the Bishop have written saying that they will prepare the necessary consent. Having regard to the argument that exists for saying that this consent could be dispensed with, and your correspondent is trying to persuade them that this consent is not in fact needed, in order to save the Village Hall Trust the legal costs that will be incurred if formal consent is granted. No reply had been received from the Charity Commissioners when this article was prepared on 23rd October.

Being an optimist, however, your correspondent believes that the consents will either have been obtained, or confirmation received that they can be dispensed with, before the end of November; and that the lease will be completed before Christmas

~ The Chronicle Legal Correspondent

SLIDE & QUIZ EVENING

Vic and Christine Scott have kindly agreed to run another Slide & Quiz Night. These evenings are always entertaining, tremendous fun, and even on occasions 'educational'. Whatever you do, don't miss out on a very enjoyable evening. Just come along with a few friends or join up with those already there.

All questions are answered as 'a team'. From experience, it helps to bring along a bottle of wine and a couple of glasses to 'lubricate those little grey cells!!!

Slide and Quiz Evening to be held on **8th November**, starting at **7.30 pm** in the **Church Room**

Tickets £3.00 each from **Shirley Ford** phone **681685**



Why No Broadband Internet?

A number of people have voiced disappointment that Aston Abbotts residents are denied broadband internet access.

Broadband internet means much faster connections, allowing faster downloads of files and enabling proper internet access to music, videos and multimedia content. Without a broadband connection internet users are limited to the “slow” speeds of a standard dial-up modem. Anybody who has tried to listen to music online via a modem knows that you can't get high quality sound - and you might as well just forget video. Downloading the latest service pack for Microsoft Windows can take several hours of online time with a conventional dial-up internet account.

Broadband users pay a fee for a connection that is ten times faster than a modem. The increased speed makes internet use a joy and online multimedia content comes to life in a manner that can only be hinted at by modem access.

The problem for villagers is that local exchanges must be upgraded to carry the broadband signals. This requires major investment in infrastructure and, at a time when the company is performing poorly, BT is reluctant to spend the money.

To combat criticism of the slow rollout of broadband access BT have initiated a scheme whereby potential users can register their interest. When there are enough potential customers at an exchange to make an upgrade financially viable the upgrade takes place.

Now for the bad news. Our local exchange is WING and it doesn't even appear on the list of identified target upgrade exchanges! However, if sufficient people express an interest it will be “put on the list”. At the moment 80 Wing exchange users have registered - it takes typically between 350 and 450 before an exchange upgrade is triggered.

To register your interest please visit the BT website www.bt.com/broadband and follow the links on the page. The more people who register the more chance we have of getting the exchange upgraded.

Alternatives to broadband do exist - well they sort of exist. Cable (via cable TV companies) is the cheapest alternative, but there are no cable companies serving Aston Abbotts. On their website BT make much play of alternative technologies such as satellite and wireless (radio) connections, but when you strip away the publicity and hype you soon realise that they are not readily on sale to the public.

So at the end of the day all we can do is wait. If everybody who is interested visits BT's website and follows the links to register their interest it will certainly help. Maybe BT will have a change of heart or a shift in policy and increase the speed of exchange upgrades, but until then Aston Abbotts is stuck in the online slow lane.

~ Phil Spooner

The Aston Abbotts Cabaret

This year's cabaret will take place on Saturday 7th December. It is likely that this year there will be a different stage layout and more changes and surprises.

Tickets, as always, will be like gold dust. Please contact John Whyte and request your tickets as soon as possible if you'd like to go.

~ Phil Spooner

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council Meeting

Official minutes from the meeting held on 23rd October 2002

Present

T.Manning (Chairman), R.Clarke, M.Kent, and Mrs K.Curry (Clerk). Five members of the public attended. Apologies were received from Cllr John Sansome, Cllr Gwen Kempster, County Cllr Brenda Jennings, Shirley Ford and Phil Spooner.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Matters Arising included the news that the flooding on Wingrave Road is apparently due to be addressed by Highways before the end of the current financial year.

County Council, District Council & Police

No one was present from the Police Station at Wing, and Cllr Clarke asked the Clerk to write and request that our new Officer be encouraged to attend a meeting in the near future.

District Council – Peter Cooper expressed his concern and dismay that the Weedon Hill MDA has been given the go ahead, but not the relief road, which would channel traffic away from Aston Abbotts. He also informed the meeting that the cover from Green Goddesses in this area is so poor that, should the Fire-fighters' strike coincide with November 5th, the Bonfire Night ought to be postponed.

Planning

- 02/0251/APP Saddlers Farm, Cublington Road. Change of use from Retail (A1) to Business (B1). Resolved to comment that not enough information has been given by the applicant regarding the proposed increase in traffic movement.
- 02/02519/APP Saddlers Farm, Cublington Road. Change of use from stables to Bed and Breakfast accommodation. Resolved not to comment at all on this application until it is properly advertised as a barn conversion.
- 01/03062/AOP The Bull and Butcher. 85, The Green, Aston Abbotts To discuss the Informal Hearing into Appeal by Smith and Latimer plc, to be held on 30th October 2002 at 10.00am. This will be a public meeting, at which anybody can speak. Cllrs Sansome and Clarke will represent the Parish Council. Peter Cooper said that the developers would certainly be represented. Clare Shorrocks

The Balloonist

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realises he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?"

The man below says: "Yes you're in a hot air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field."

"You must be an engineer," says the balloonist.

"I am," replies the man, "How did you know?"

"Well," says the balloonist, "the information you have given me is precise and technically correct, but it's of no use to anyone."

The man below says, "You must work in management."

"I do," replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "You don't know where you are, and you don't know where you're going, but you expect me to be able to help. You find yourself in the same position as you were before we met, but somehow now it's my fault!"

said she would organise a leaflet drop in the village to inform people and encourage them to attend.

Highways

Various issues were raised, including uncut hedges, damage to the footpath by the contractors working on the sewers and drainage. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways about all these problems.

London Luton Airport

Cllr Manning reported on the Luton Airport Liaison Group meeting, held at Wingrave on 10th October. The Parish Council must respond to the Consultation paper by 2nd December, and all letters received from the public will be attached to that response. Members of the public are therefore urged to copy any letters they write to the Clerk.

Recreation Ground

Cllr Clarke reported that the gatepost of the small gate has been broken. In the children's play area glass bottles have been broken against the old mower store. The cross bar on the goal post has also been damaged. The Parish Council agreed to seek quotes to have the old mower store demolished.

Minor Authority Governor Nomination

A suitable candidate has not yet been found to fill the vacant post at Wingrave School.

The next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4th December at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

See also the article on Thirteen Excuses Not To Be A Parish Councillor on page 23.

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The New Flightpath

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Here are just a few of the many comments from Aston Abbotts' residents to PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) about Luton's plans to lower the airspace base over Aylesbury Vale. If everyone voices an opinion then we can stop this madness and stop Aston Abbotts airspace being used as a motorway for jumbos. Contact your Parish Council today! Deadline for responses is December 2nd. Your Parish Council will respond to Luton's proposals depending on how residents respond to the Council!

(Contact Aston Abbotts Parish Clerk: Kate Curry, 2 Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane, Aston Abbotts, HP18 0HB, norduck@hotmail.com, 01296 681137.)

- ◆ "There's no need for a new flightpath. The current descent over Luton is perfectly safe and is standard all over Europe." (From a commercial pilot)
- ◆ "It was about 8 o'clock this morning and the plane was very loud and very low." (Luton Airport advised that this plane was no lower than 6500 feet. Just think how low and noisy it - and a stream of them - would have been at 3500 feet!)
- ◆ "The consultation paper states unambiguously that the proposed option 3 flightpath is shorter than the existing eastern approach. It is not. Challenged with this fact, LAP now admits that this is a mistake. Yet nothing has been done to advise consultees who have been thus misled that they should place no reliance on one of the central justifications of the proposal."
- ◆ "As part of the application to the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority), an environmental assessment (together with a noise footprint) will have to have been produced. Why is this being withheld from consultees?"
- ◆ "The thought of a plane flying at 4000 feet or less over the quiet and peaceful villages such as Aston Abbotts at a rate of one every 10 minutes is appalling"
- ◆ "...to spoil the peace and tranquillity of the area would be to ruin its character and charm, which are some of the many benefits residents of the Vale and its towns and villages currently enjoy."

Several villages have held open meetings to find out more information and register their feelings. Once all the facts were on the table, every village voted unanimously to object to Luton's proposals. Let Luton know that Aston Abbotts feels the same way.

For more information about the flightpath, and for sample letters of objection, contact PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) at 01525 240 95, or visit www.pavan.me.uk. ~ Rachel Webb, PAVAN

The Parish Council will attach copies of all letters from members of the public to its response to the Consultation document. So people need to send Kate any letters of objection. I need to respond by Dec 2nd, so letters should reach Kate by about Nov 25th. If anyone needs more information, contact Geoff Twiss on geoff@twiss.demon.co.uk (PC Liaison Officer)

Luton Airport Expansion

✓ If I had a pound for every villager who has recently told me "They can't possibly expand Luton airport" I might not actually be a rich man, but I reckon I could have a bloody good evening down the pub. So lets set out a few facts.

The Current Situation

Luton airport is running pretty much at its design capacity of 5 mppa (million passengers per annum). This cannot be increased without development of the airport.

Up To 10 mppa

Two or three years ago the principle of doubling the airport's capacity to 10 mppa was agreed with the Bedfordshire authorities and incorporated in the Bedfordshire Local Structure Plan. This increase is subject to an agreed development process and, of course, the necessary planning consents. The airport has recently published a Development Brief as part of the first stage in that process. This states that no extra runway capacity is needed to achieve 10 mppa, but sets out plans for tackling the four major obstacles of providing adequate aircraft stands, terminal capacity, car parking and public access. This document is available from the Luton Airport website.

Up To 29 mppa

This figure has been bandied around on the radio and in press reports. It appears to come from a recently published government study into airport capacity in the South East of England. It is this report that has fuelled protests against Stanstead expansion and also against a possible new airport at Cliffe in North Kent. The possible options are supported by extensive documentation and my thanks go to Mike Wenble for attending the exhibition and providing a big pile of books and CDs! *This report is only a consultation document—not definite plans.*

The need for new runway capacity if Luton is to increase above 10 mppa is recognised and dealt with in this document. It is not proposed to add a second runway, but two alternative schemes are proposed that could significantly increase the capacity of a single runway. The first of these is a repositioning of the existing runway at a slightly more southerly position. The second is a realignment of the runway to a more North-South aspect. Both of these options would enable a 3000m runway to be constructed, allowing bigger aircraft to use the airport. Increased taxiways would also be provided.

Will It Happen?

This is the \$64k question. The airport's Development Brief signals clear intent by the airport's owners to try and increase the size to 10 mppa, but it is the first stage in a long process and they are a long way from obtaining the necessary planning consents. However, incorporation of expansion to 10 mppa in the Bedfordshire Local Structure plan does not suggest major opposition from the County Council.

As for 29 mppa? Well, the government will make its own plans as it formulates its overall strategy for dealing with an ever-increasing demand for air travel. The Department For Transport reports consider many options and the idea of expanding Luton Airport may well be thrown out. If a Luton expansion plan *is* adopted then no doubt there will be much publicity. However, I must remind you that in an effort to prevent the interminable years of meetings, enquiries, arguments and protests that slow down major development schemes John Prescott has signalled the government's intent to reduce the say of local people in cases like this.

Will Luton expand? Your guess is probably as good as mine, but looking in the medium to long term I'd be very surprised if it remains the same as it is now.

~ Phil Spooner

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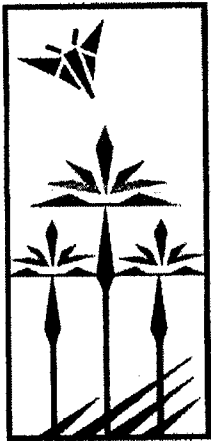
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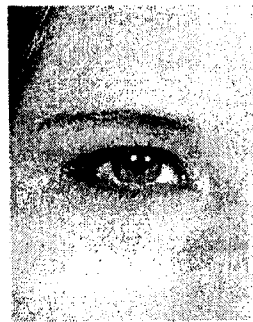
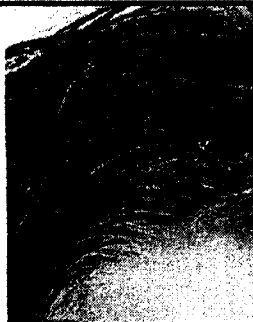
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A Canadian Holiday

Shirley and Andrew Ford are becoming real globetrotters these days. Not content with last year's Caribbean Cruise they set off for Canada this time around. In this first article Shirley tells of their arrival in Canada and first experience of the Rockies.

Our holiday started at 3.13 pm on Thurs 5th October, when we took off from terminal 3, Heathrow, in an Air Canada plane. We flew northwards to Stornaway Scotland, over the middle of Greenland and onto our destination, Calgary, Alberta; landing at 5.15 (teatime). It had taken just 9 hours flying time.

Airport formalities completed, we met up with our Cosmos rep and the 40 other people for the 10 minute coach journey to the Sandman Hotel in Calgary. We only managed to unpack a few items before the 7.30 'getting to know you' meeting in the hotel's wine bar. Our Tour Director, Lynn Brown lived locally and was to look after us for the next 12 days. She had provided a delicious welcome cake to enjoy with our drinks. Following the meeting, entertainment was provided by a 'Cowboy' poet called Doris Daley. Her grandfather had come from Ireland and grandmother from England and shortly after they emigrated to Canada he became one of the first 300 Mounties; later becoming a rancher when land was a penny an acre. Doris writes the most entertaining poetry. Although we 'turned in' at 9.30, we found we were still wide awake due to 'jet lag.

Fri. 6th

During breakfast, our Tour Director explained all the optional tours and general 'do's and don'ts'. At 9.30, after a quick 'freshen up' we left the hotel for a tour of Calgary and a mid-morning break at a local indoor market for a little shopping and coffee. Back on the coach just before midday and an interesting trip around Calgary which included a visit to the site where the 1988 Winter Olympics were held. We saw the ski slopes and the 'Saddle Dome Stadium' which really does look like a horse saddle. Our tour included a visit to the site of the Calgary Stampede and it was explained just how much this event has grown since its inception back in 1912.

Banff National Park was our next 'port of call' and as soon as we entered the park we found the scenery breath taking. The mountains were amazing with fresh

snow on their tops and their sides covered in fir and spruce. Coming into the town of Banff was exciting; so much to see and do and mountains at each end of the High Street. We had a 1 hour stop for lunch then back on the coach for a gondola (cable car) ride up Sulphur Mountain.

Personally, I'm not very comfortable in high places but was 'persuaded to take the trip anyway! The lower terminal was 5194 ft. above sea level and the upper 7486 ft. above sea level. Sitting in a 4-seater cable car was absolutely terrifying for me, but once up there, it was like standing on top of the world. As remote as it might seem, there is quite a lot of wildlife at that height; mostly mountain birds like Clark's Nutcrackers, Canada Jays, Ravens and even Eagles soar by from time to time. Apparently at certain times of year Bighorn Sheep and Golden Mantled Ground Squirrels make regular appearances. It was all so very spectacular; I'm glad I did it. No hanging about on this trip though. An hour later and we were back on the coach to visit some beautiful falls on the Bow river.

That evening we stayed in a hotel in Banff. Arrangements had been made for us to have dinner in a local restaurant called 'Bumpers' and here we met an elderly American couple who were spending 2 months touring Canada in their small motor home before returning home to Ohio.


Sat 7th

Delicious but early buffet breakfast today as Andrew is booked to take a helicopter flight around the Rockies. The weather is not too good though, with cloud hanging around the mountain tops, so it is not too much of a surprise when Lynda arrives to

tell us the flight was being cancelled for safety reasons. We decided to take the local trolleybus into town for a little 'retail therapy' and a visit to the Whyte Museum of Indian Culture and Rocky History; an excellent, modern museum.


After lunch, it absolutely poured down so it was back on the trolleybus to the hotel where at 4.15 we were taken by coach to Lake Minnie Wanka where we boarded motor launches. The cruise lasted for an hour and a half during which our guide (and boat pilot) told us the history of the lake and surrounding mountains. A nice touch was that during the trip, we were served cheese and wine. The cruise lasted for about an hour and a half, after which we were taken to a restaurant called 'Timberline'. It was in a most beautiful setting with views overlooking a valley and mountains. The food was pretty good too with fresh salmon steak and puddings to 'die for'. The entire evening was certainly enhanced by the scenery and the mountains looked so good later on in the twilight. All too soon it was back to the hotel to pack and be ready for an early start next morning.

~ Shirley Ford



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Impressions Of China Part 2

In this second and final part of his article on China Nigel Palmer tells how he introduced the Christmas cabaret to Asia.

We stopped one morning for an excursion up a tributary to see the Lesser Three Gorges on 40 seater narrow boats. After 90 minutes or so we beached on a bank of pebbles to look around. Suddenly a little boy dived into the river and swam diagonally across to our bank. He shook himself off, reached inside his trunks and pulled out a pebble with a picture of a dragon on it which he proceeded to try to sell to us. On our return to the our cruise ship there was a mutiny. Three boatloads of passengers had left our ship and the English and German speaking passengers happily reboarded for lunch. The Chinese speakers stayed put and refused to disembark despite the pleadings of the ship's captain and the local police. It turned out that their complaint was that they had paid for an excursion to see the Lesser Three Gorges, but had seen only two of them. They wanted to return to see the third gorge, far upstream. After an hour of negotiation, suitable compensation was agreed and the mutiny ended.

Each evening the crew provided enthusiastic entertainment. The final evening gave passengers a chance to do a turn. The Germans sang a folk song and put up their ballroom dancing champions. We had karaoke from Hong Kong but what could the British manage? Our five year old, who never stopped talking the whole trip, had an attack of stage fright when singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", so it was left to yours truly to introduce and perform the "Fractured Christmas Carol" by kind permission of the Aston Abbots Christmas Cabaret. Quite surreal, the British killed themselves laughing whilst the Germans sat bemused.

Our cruise ended in Chongquin, home to 100,000 stick men, where we visited a local market which would not have met British hygiene regulations. The fruit & veg were of good quality, but a large quantity of uncovered meat was hanging on one stall. Fish and eels were swimming in tanks and live ducks and chickens sat in cages. It was a quiet place for the old folks to sit and contemplate life. We walked through more streets to see open shops, chefs cooking outdoors using woks, tables of Chinese playing cards, draughts and Mahjong and folk

just sitting waiting.

The Chinese are very commercially aware and never miss a chance to sell to the unsuspecting tourist. Lunch and dinner were invariably accompanied by a tour of the attached shop selling good quality jade, porcelain, crystal, clothes, pottery, pictures, carpets and furniture. Any interest brought a sales assistant to your side offering a special discount. A glance at a highly polished coffee table, inlaid with mother of pearl, and it was almost on its way to Aston Abbots at a knock down price.

X'ian is the home of the life size Terracotta warriors, originally made at the whim of an Emperor, to protect his tomb. Construction took years and restoration looks like taking even longer.

We saw a circle vision film reenacting the battles of yesteryear whilst outside in the gift shop, the farmer who found the site thirty years ago, was personally signing copies of the guide book. There is a whole factory producing replicas of all sizes for sale to the public.

We stayed in two hotels, both of which were of four star quality as good as any in the UK. The standard of the ship was more basic, but the crew helped make the cruise very enjoyable. We became proficient in the use of chop sticks. The Chinese diet is a healthy one and most dishes were acceptable to our palate. Highlights included a Beijing duck dinner and a delicious Dim Sum dinner

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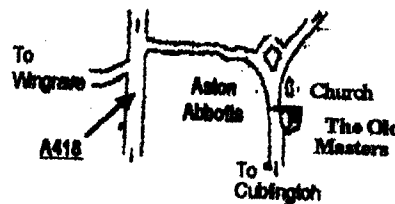
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Get Creative with Persil

"Persil Stars" also collected from now until March 2003 can be exchanged for a wide range of art and craft materials - from basics such as creative paper, paints and crayons to more unusual resources such as modelling packs, bead and sequin kits and glass painting packs. This scheme will run for at least two academic years, which means stars can be banked if preferred.

Leighton Buzzard Observer Target Stamps

Under this scheme the newspaper will reimburse the school for items purchased in exchange for the equivalent number of Target Stamps.

If you, your family or friends are able to support the school by donating any of the above tokens, you can either pass them on to someone attending school, post them in the collection box in the Wingrave shop or post to Sondra Dickason at No 1 Abbey Cottages, Moat Lane. The school has benefited greatly from your support in the past and your continued support will be much appreciated.

*Sondra Dickason & Caroline Daniels on behalf of
Wingrave CE School*

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where at least two dozen assorted trays of dumplings appeared. Most Chinese do not speak English and some of the translation was a little eccentric. "Keep off the Grass" became "Care of the Green. No Entrance" while "Public Conveniences" became "Young Mother and the Urinating Boy". Our guides all spoke good English and certainly smoothed the way for the programme ran like clockwork. We certainly could not have packed as much in if we had attempted to go it alone.

What to do on our last free morning? A visit to the silk market took preference over the high quality department stores. The hotel doorman ran off to locate a taxi and we were off. A bewildering array of colours and we came away clutching goretex jackets and silk ties, having spent our remaining yuan. We now had to get a taxi back to the hotel. Fortunately they had provided us with a card "please take me to..." and a map. Our driver looked doubtfully at the proffered card and promptly turned the wrong way at the traffic lights. After almost a mile he pulled off the road, turned off the engine and, delving into a bag, pulled out spectacles with the thickest lenses you ever did see. Even the light outside the window seemed too dim, but we managed to explain to him that we wanted to go in the other direction. He removed his spectacles, restarted the engine and we were off again. Somehow I managed to direct him within 100 yards of our hotel and we escaped. I doubt that he had a clue where he was. This half hour journey of perhaps 4 or 5 miles cost less than £2.

All in all China is a fascinating country, much more westernised than one might have expected. The population is young and pace of change immense. Communism has been watered down and state officials clearly get a better deal out of life than the masses, but on the surface at least, life is not severely controlled by the state. China has great industrial potential, and far from being third world, is catching up the USA very quickly. China was an enjoyable experience we will remember for some time to come.

~ Nigel Palmer

WANTED - New Leaders For Brownies

It has been ten years since I took over the Wingrave Brownie unit and became Brown Owl. With over 400 meetings, 100 girls enrolled and 8 pack holidays, I feel that it is now time for me to 'hang up my hat', put away my Brownie case and move onto new areas. It has been an excellent ten years with the group, I will miss the children very much but it is the right time to move, with the unit thriving.

Jennifer May who has been our assistant Guider will be leaving at the end of this term so at least two new Guiders will need to be found to take over the unit. Although Jennifer will be leaving at Christmas, I will not leave the Brownies until the end of Summer term 2003. This will give time for a new team of Guiders to be in place for a smooth transfer to a new Brown Owl in September 2003.

The Brownie unit can only remain open if there are at least two trained Guiders. The training is very straightforward, it involves safety aspects, programme planning and administration in running a unit. If you are between 18 and 60, enjoy the company of enthusiastic children and have a few hours each week to spare, then running or assisting a Brownie unit is ideal.

There is no doubt that Brownies is very popular with the girls.

Please consider carefully if you able to take over or assist. Also ask around, as word of mouth and discussion are good ways to bring about volunteers who may be hesitant in making the first move.

If you are interested in any way or know of anyone who may be interested please contact me for a chat. I sincerely hope that we can have new Guiders in place well before next summer so they can learn the ropes in good time.

I feel very passionate about Brownies and I very much hope that new Guiders will come forward so that the unit can continue to thrive.

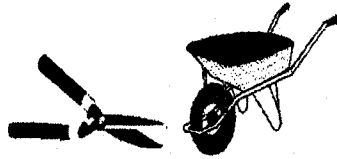
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Rectors Report

We all have a tendency to want to discuss things behind closed doors, although sometimes it helps to bring them into the open.

There has already been one open Church Meeting in Aston Abbots at which we talked about the future of the Church – both congregation and building. Negotiations have been going on, seemingly for ever, about a new Lease for the Church Room. I also know that a considerable amount of money is in hand to make much needed improvements to the Church Room.

One of the possibilities being examined is for the Church to be made available for worship by Young People in the area. This is still very much at the “scribbling on the back of an envelope” stage. “How can we make the building more flexible (so that the young people will happily use it) without completely destroying the surroundings with which the ‘regulars’ are familiar?” This becomes even harder when the Young People are still exploring different styles and ways of worship and do not want to be too specific. “Maybe we’ll just take out some of the front pews for now – or at least make them so that they can be moved”.

“Hang on, I’ve got an idea – Is there any mileage in looking at the two current projects together!” Suppose we are more radical with changing the inside of the Church to make it into a Village Hall that has facilities for regular Sunday worship and for Young People’s worship?

Consultee Status For PAVAN

PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) has been granted consultee status for Luton Airport’s plans to lower its airspace base over Aylesbury Vale. This means that all letters and e-mails from villagers that are sent to PAVAN will be included in the amenity group’s formal objection to Luton Airport’s proposals. The deadline for consultation is 2nd December 2002.

“This will help enormously,” commented Rachel Webb, co-founder of the group. “We now have an official line of communication to Luton Airport and the Directorate of Airspace Policy, a division of the CAA that is the ultimate decision maker in this process. Our voice and the voices of Aylesbury Vale now have another opportunity to be heard.”

PAVAN applied for consultation status at the suggestion of Bucks County Councillor Brenda Jennings, who has a seat on the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee. Councillor Jennings lobbied the Airport on behalf of PAVAN, and a letter of support was sent by MP John Bercow.

Luton Airport has suggested that should any other group wish to be considered for consultee status - which includes Parish Councils - they should write to the Western Extension Development Team at Luton Airport and their request will be considered.

In addition to contacting PAVAN (01525 240 950 / rachel@pavan.me.uk), villagers can also make their views known by contacting their Parish Councillors or Brenda Jennings (bjennings@buckscc.gov.uk).

“A university professor set an examination question in which he asked what is the difference between ignorance and apathy. The professor had to give an A+ to a student who answered: I don’t know and I don’t care.” ~ *Richard Pratt*

I can see one very big snag with this – It looks like the Church trying to hijack both the money that has been raised and to retain control of the available premises. Right from the very beginning of its life, there appears to have been a power struggle over the Church Room – does it really belong to the Village or the Church? No matter how much the Church makes it available to the Community, it is still ultimately under the control of the Church. But, then again, that is an argument from history, and we must not allow ourselves to be swayed by history when we are trying to look to and plan for the future needs of our Community. It might work – until we explore the possibilities and ask the questions we shall never know!

At the moment we have two buildings that are both in need of upgrading. We need to listen to people’s opinions – especially when they differ from our own. There doesn’t seem to me to be very much sense in preserving the Church building as it was in Victorian times if the things we want to use it for are very different from the things that Victorians did in Church.

“Light blue touch paper and retire to a safe distance immediately” is what it says on fireworks (or words to that effect). If the Church is to have any future in our villages, then we have to be bold enough to light the fuse and to watch what happens – it could be quite spectacular!

~ *Bob Willmott*

It’s a Mad, Mad World

A jury in New York City recently awarded \$14.1 million to a 38-year-old woman who was badly maimed after she was hit by a subway train after lying down purposefully on an underground track in a probable suicide attempt. According to a New York Law Journal report summarized in a June New York Times story, the jury found that the train conductor, who had already slowed to 15 mph following a report of someone lying on the tracks, should have been going slower. (The judge lowered the award to \$9.9 million after finding that it was 30 percent the woman’s fault.) [New York Times, 25-6-02]

The 60,000 delegates (from 182 countries) to the recent World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, luxuriated not only in four & five-star accommodations but an elegant food and drink layout, including tons of lobster, oysters, filet mignon, salmon, caviar, pate de foie gras, champagne, fine wines and mineral water. (An estimated 60 African children a day die from contaminated water.) The conference center (which cleared out hundreds of nearby trees to accommodate delegates’ limousines) is only a few miles from the squalid neighborhood of Alexandra, one of Africa’s poorest. (Poverty in Africa is up 35 percent since the last such summit, in 1992.) [Daily Telegraph (London), 31-8-02]

An apparently harmless passenger (college student Maxim Segalov) forced an unscheduled landing of an American Airlines flight in Salt Lake City (and his subsequent ejection) when he alarmed the crew by trying to recharge a size-AA battery by heating it with his cigarette-lighter (August). And the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported in July that a passenger was detained at St. Louis’ Lambert Field because for some reason he had packed in his checked luggage (which happened to be chosen for random inspection) his cute, personal alarm clock, which is an old-fashioned clock outfitted with six toy sticks of dynamite. [San Francisco Chronicle, 22-8-02] [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 11-7-02]

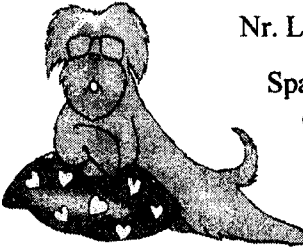
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Thirteen Excuses For Not Joining The Parish Council

1. "I'm too young" *If you are twenty-one you are old enough (and see point 5 below.)*
2. "What's the point of just joining a talking shop, they don't do anything." *Have you ever been to a meeting? Basing your judgement on watching The Vicar of Dibley is definitely not valid.*
3. "I haven't got any planning applications in at the moment" *Putting in for planning has got nothing to do with sitting on the council, whatever may have happened years ago. In fact, if your own application is discussed by the council, you must leave the room.*
4. "I'm too busy, and couldn't commit to attending every single meeting". *Meetings are rarely more frequent than one evening a month, and missing the occasional one is perfectly acceptable. Most meetings only take a couple of hours.*
5. "I'm concentrating on finding a job or furthering my career." *Being a local councillor is a definite plus point to add to a CV - it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive. Prospective employers will be impressed.*
6. "I haven't lived here very long and don't know the area well" *If you have lived or worked in the parish for a year, you are eligible. Your views as an 'incomer' should be welcomed, as you will probably see things more objectively.*
7. "I'm worried that I won't get many votes, and look silly." *Even if you are not voted on this time, you may well be approached if a vacancy occurs in the future and coopted on.*
8. "Our parish council is full of old fogeys" *Join up and change it then.*
9. "I'd look a fool because I won't know what's going on." *You will be eased in gently; there is help, advice and more formal training available. The clerk is the legal officer to the council, and he or she is the one who will explain the rules.*
10. "I'll have to sign that code of conduct thing that the press keep on about." *The code of conduct is nowhere near as onerous as made out in the press; out of some 80,000 councillors, only 300 have refused to sign. The code stops situations like the planning one above.*
11. "I'll have to let everyone know all about my business and personal affairs." *The declaration of interest asks you to declare business interests within the parish area, to guard against bias when parish issues are debated. As for personal affairs, get real, everyone knows about those already!*
12. "I'm too lazy, and not interested in my community." *An excellent reason for not joining.*
13. "I prefer to let others do the work, and then criticize from the sidelines afterwards". *Also a valid reason for not joining, but do bear in mind, that expounding your views in the pub, rather than the council chamber, will not change a thing in your parish.*

**Local Elections Will Be Held Next Spring
- Watch Out For Details**

A Guide To Car DIY Tools

With high servicing costs these days many people like to "have a go" at jobs on their cars. Car DIY stores are packed with a bewildering plethora of tools all holding out the promise of making the job easier, but do you really know what they are actually used for? Here we present a useful guide to using some of the more common tools.

Hammer : Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

Mechanics knife : Used to slice through the contents of cardboard cartons; works particularly well on boxes containing newly trimmed seats and other expensive soft furnishings.

Electric drill : Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but works better when drilling holes in floor pans, particularly above fuel tanks.

Hacksaw : One of a family of tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course the more dismal your future becomes.

Pliers : Used to round off bolt heads and when nothing else is available, also excellent for transferring intense welding heat to the palm of your hand

Oxyacetylene Torch : Used almost entirely for setting fire to various flammable objects in the garage or vehicle no matter how much care you took to remove everything beforehand.

Drill press : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the garage, splattering it all over that freshly painted part.

Rotary Wire wheel : Cleans rust off old bolts then throws them somewhere under the bench at the speed of light. Also removes flesh in about the time it takes to shout, "Ouc...."

Bolt & Stud extractor : A tool that snaps off in engine blocks and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

Body filler spatula : Theoretically a useful kitchen tool for spreading mayonnaise in sandwiches which seems to end up spreading filler, but mainly useful for scraping doggy poo off your boots.

Timing light : A stroboscopic instrument excellent for illuminating oil and grease build up.

Hydraulic Engine hoist : A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of earth straps, wiring and throttle linkages.

12" Long Screwdriver : A large prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

Battery Electrolyte Tester : A handy tool for transferring sulphuric acid from the battery across the bodywork into the toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.

Inspection Light : The mechanics own tanning booth, it is a good source of Vitamin D, the sunshine vitamin not otherwise found when working under Jaguars. Its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at the same rate as 105 mm howitzer shells in the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

Phillips Screwdriver : Normally used to stab lids of old oil cans and splash oil all over your shirt, but also to round off Phillips screw heads.

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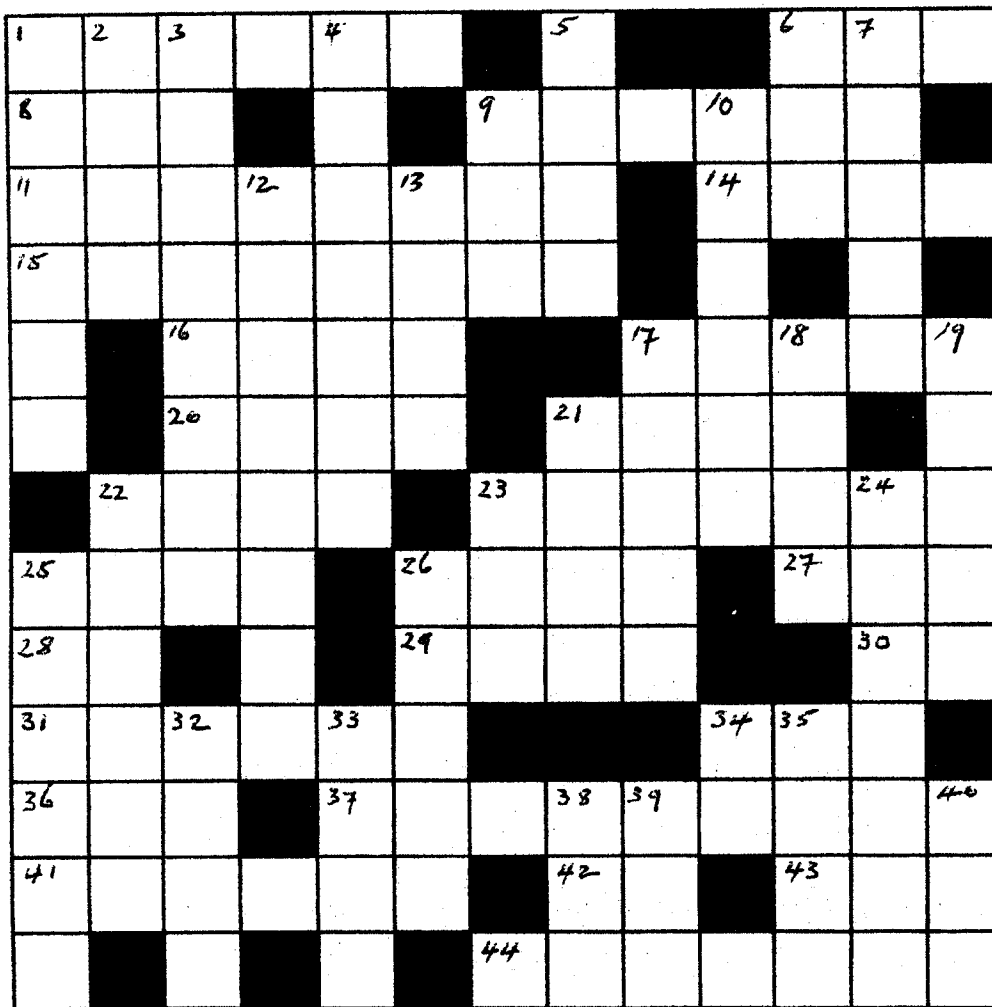
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The Chronicle Crossword

November 2002



Answers to October:
ACROSS:

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DOWN:

1. Monkeys. 2 Lady. 3 Turns. 4 Oboe. 5 Nets. 6 Agate. 7 Becomes. 8 Trike. 9 Eon. 10 Degrade. 15 Top. 18 Terse. 19 Wreckers. 20 Skis. 21 Hee. 23 Trust. 24 Ill. 26 Lucy. 27 Daresay. 29 Desk. 31. Rests. 33 Asp. 34 Biege. 36 Holm. 39 Tot. 40 Sue. 41 NE.

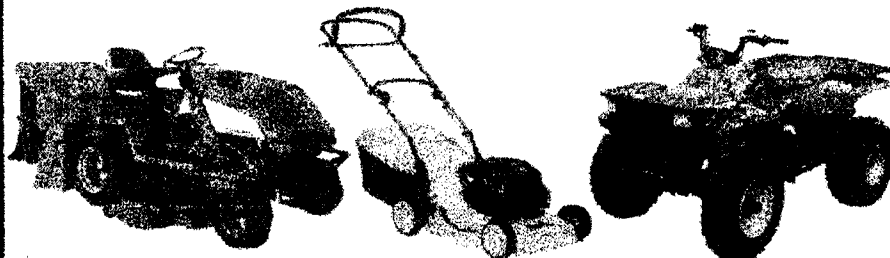
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- 8 Eggs (3) 28. -- a matter of fact (2) 4. Edible mollusc (7) 24. Political party (7)
9. REPORT (anag 6) 29. Skin condition (4) 5. Receptacles for coal (4) 25. Religious festival (6)
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15. Farm machinery (8) 34. High card (3) 9. For each (3) 33. Leg joint (4)
16. South African (4) 36. A number (3) 10. Great fear (6) 34. Reverse of 43 acr (2)
17. Oaks e.g. (5) 37. Bad dream (9) 12. Relating to sound (8) 35. Visit (4)
- 20 Bait (4) 41. Wears away (5) 13. Ripped (4) 38. Seen on envelopes (no stamps 3)
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23. Severely, seriously (7) 44. --- Morris (7) 19. Craftily (5) 21. Boy's name (4)
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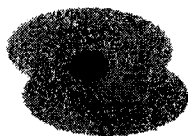
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3 rd Nov	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
10 th	08.00	Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	People's Praise
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	10.45	Aston Abbots	Remembrance Service
17 th	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	10.00	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
24 th	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
1 st Dec	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
	18.00	Wingrave	Advent Carols (Singers)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th November

The Royal British Legion will be parading at Aston Abbots this year. There will be a brief act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Wingrave, following the People's Praise Service, at about 10.50 am



Carol Service

Our ever popular Village Carol Service is to be held on 15th December at St James Church at 3 pm.

Sunday Readings

3 rd Nov	4 < Advent	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14
10 th	3 < Advent	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13
17 th	2 < Advent	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
24 th	Christ the King	Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46
1 st Dec	Advent	1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

From The Registers

Baptism

13th Oct Oliver Megram at Wingrave

Marriage

6th Oct Dermot Leahy & Emma Gadsby at Aston Abbots

Funeral

26th Sept Norah Riley at Amersham

11th Oct Doris Turner at Amersham

Church Flowers

3 rd	Mr C Higgs
10 th	Royal British Legion
17 th	Mr I Belgrove
24 th	Donated

Church Sidesmen

3 rd	Mr A Ford
10 th	Royal British Legion
17 th	Mr G Kemp
24 th	Mr J Hartnett

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- Monday 4th** Mr Victor Scott: Flowers & Fauna in North Bucks evening class. Wingrave School. 8 pm. See the advert on this page
- Tuesday 5th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm.
also Bonfire Night—Aston Abbots Bonfire and Fireworks. See page 15
- Thursday 7th** Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Friday 8th** Vic and Christine Scott's Slide and Quiz Show with Cheese and Wine. Church Room. Tickets from Shirley Ford on 681685.
- Saturday 9th** British Legion Coffee Morning. Church Room. 10-12 Noon.
- Sunday 10th** Remembrance Service. St James Church 10.45 am.
- Thursday 14th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 16th** British Legion Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Sunday 17th** Rambling Club Members Meet. Willen (MK) 2 pm.
- Tuesday 19th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm.
- Saturday 23rd** School Association Christmas Fair. 2pm—Wingrave School.
- Sunday 24th** Village Footpath Walk. The Green. 2pm.
- Tuesday 26th** Floral Class. Church Room. 7pm
- Thursday 28th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 30th** Cubs & Scouts Christmas Bazaar. 1 pm—Wingrave Community Centre
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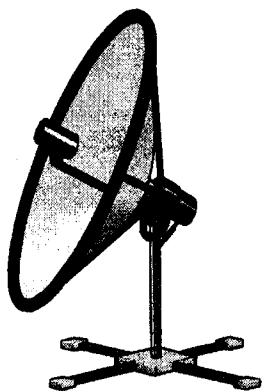
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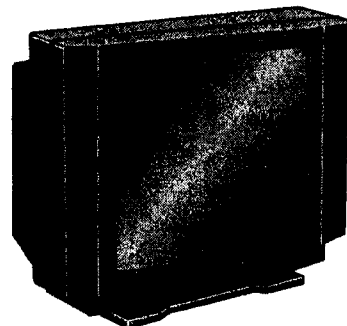
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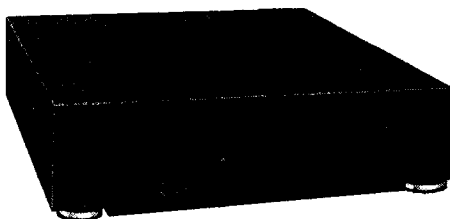


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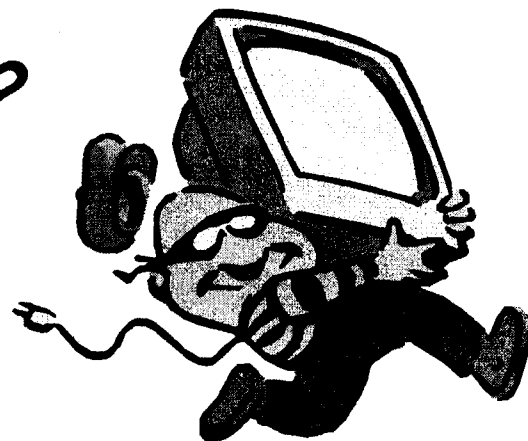
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