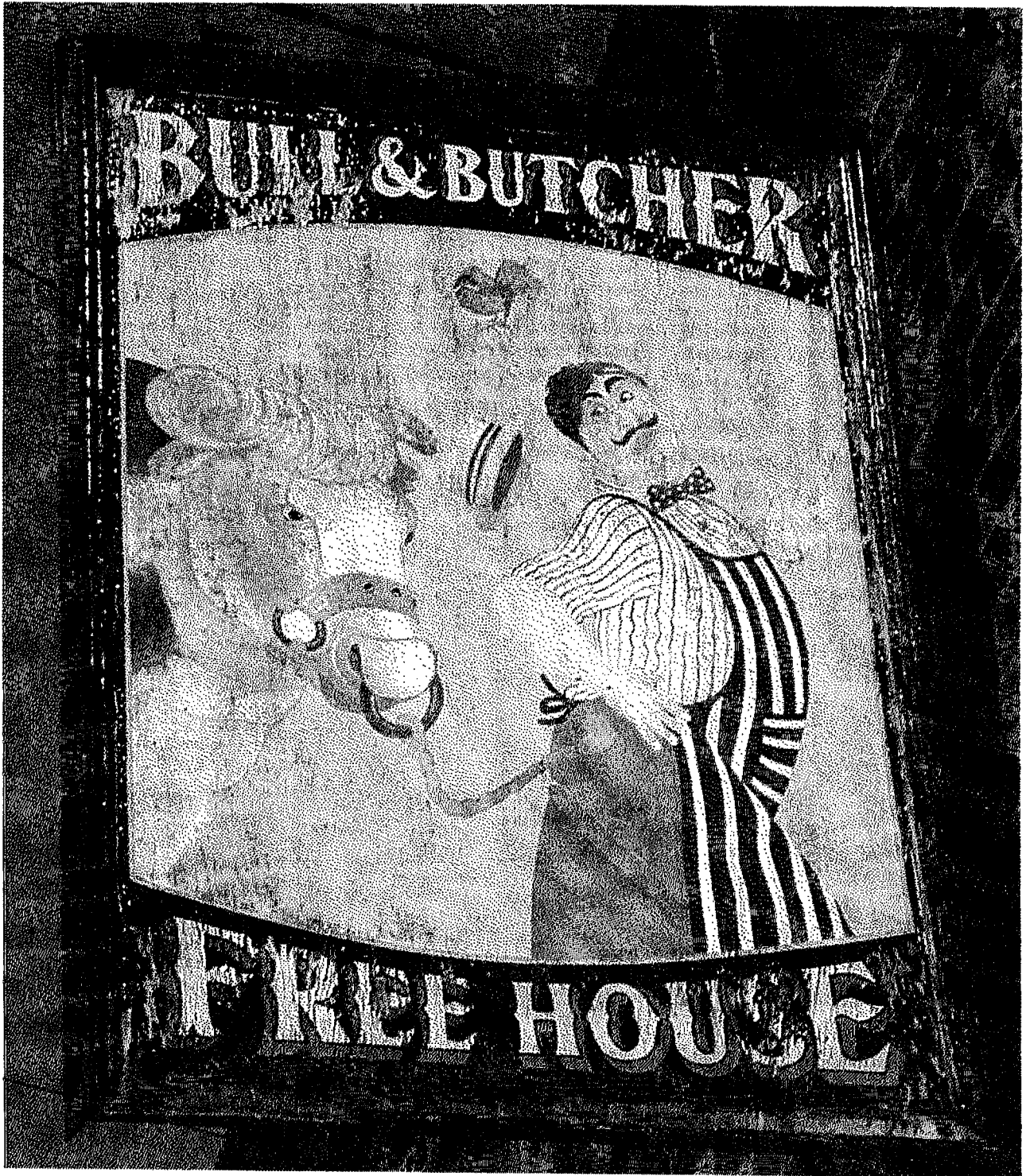


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Editorial

Farewell To The Bull

The end – when it came – was sudden. It seemed to take Frank and Louise by surprise every bit as much as it did the rest of the village.

On Tuesday the 11th of March the news of the Bull's imminent closure circulated. On Wednesday the pub was packed with people from the surrounding area who had used the pub in the past. The following night was much quieter, with a few people enjoying a quiet drink. Then, that evening, Thursday 13th March 2003, the Bull and Butcher, which had served the people of Aston Abbots for the best part of a century, closed its doors for good.

On the Friday Frank and Louise moved out. Neighbours who called to bid them farewell described Frank as "ashen" and Louise as "upset" as they left the pub that had been their home and so much a part of their lives for some ten years.

Closure had been inevitable once planning inspector Terry G Phillimore gave the green light to the residential redevelopment, but villagers were stunned by the sudden departure of Frank and Louise as it had been widely expected they would remain in the village. Perhaps they will return one day? We wish them well.

Several villagers have jotted down some memories of the Bull and Butcher and you can read them on pages 11, 13 and 15.

Here in Aston Abbots we are in a unique position for such a small village as we have always enjoyed the luxury of two pubs. In our dismay at the loss of the Bull and Butcher we must not forget that we still have the excellent Royal Oak. Already they have made the 630 club very welcome in their new "home" and I'm sure they will welcome all displaced Bull regulars. Unlike the Bull, the Oak are open every lunchtime. They also do good home-cooked food six and half days a week. I don't want to use a cliché, but please remember – use it or.... ..

Dangerous Driving

frequently hear people complaining about drivers speeding through the village. This is particularly prevalent during the 'rush-hour' when we are used as a bit of a rat-run by drivers trying to avoid delays on Aylesbury's ring road. This problem can only get worse once the 850 houses are built on the Weedon Hill development, especially as the authorities have not seen fit to invest in the A413-418 link road. Now there's a chance to do something about it. Have a look at the article on page 17.

Ugly Scenes

Let us hope we never again witness ugly, disruptive scenes like those seen in the Church Room as a controversial new charge for residents was voted through a couple of weeks ago. However hot the passions, there is no excuse for this sort of behaviour. We have a full report on page 5.

Phil

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—April 2nd

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The Peoples Page

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Ian Hinds	4th
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April Curnow	22nd
Enid Ludlam	23rd
Janet Biddle	25th
Abbie Lee	26 th
Kate Curry	27th
Diana Picking	28th
Kirsty Peacock	28th

Page 5 Girls

Eagle-eyed Bucks Herald readers would have spotted **Bridget Brandon** and **Deirdre Whyte** in a March issue. Bridget and Deirdre were pictured with two of their Macintyre pupils, who were presenting a collage to the stationmaster at Aylesbury station.

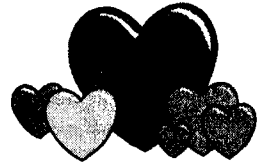


New Home

Members of the 630 club would like to thank **Tori** and **Gary** at the **Royal Oak** for making them feel so welcome in their 'new home'.

Love Is In The Air

Congratulations to **Diana Kent** and **Andy Shillingford** on their engagement. We wish them every happiness for the future.



~ Love Mum and Tony



Marathon Men

We hear that **John Whyte** ran a half-marathon in Reading during March. When I asked him his finishing position he said 'Just behind **Chris Brandon**'. Well done you two!



Farewell

We were all very sorry to find that **Frank, Louise, James** and **Amber** left Aston Abbots before most of us had a chance to say farewell. Many happy times have been shared in the 'Bull' and I am sure that all their customers and friends in and around the village wish them a very happy and healthy future wherever their new home should be.

~ A. Bee



FETE 2003

The next meeting to organise this year's village fete will be held in the Church Room at 8 pm on Monday 14th April.

If you are able to help in any way, either on the day or with the collection and sorting of items for the fete, please either come to the meeting or telephone me on 681182.

Jackie Farrands

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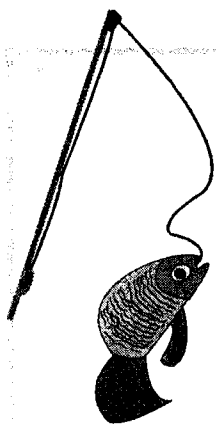
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In The Village

Back To School

Many thanks to Tony Hinds for arranging another 'Cultural Evening' at The Bull (the very last one perhaps?).

It was all very esoteric this time and although the introduction was extremely humorous the main emphasis demonstrated just what can be achieved when figures are manipulated by professionals. Regular attendees to these proceedings thoroughly enjoyed the entire evening; bringing back as it did many happy memories. However, it was very evident that for the younger people attending for the first time, the going got rather hard. A welcome departure this year therefore, was the use of photography to prove the main points being made and to provide a lasting reminder of the statistics demonstrated.



Astonbury 2003

This will be run on July 12th at the usual place. Ann and Dickie together with Amanda and Rob have kindly agreed to host the event for the fourth year on the trot.

For those of you who have been before will know that it is an ideal location and nice weather has been ordered!

Peter Shorrocks has become Chairman of the organising team so if you want to volunteer to help then please contact Peter on 681260. If you want to perform then please contact either Nigel (681152) or Neil (681201).

~Neil Chesher

The Girl's Happy Hour

We are still contemplating a name for the girls night out "club" I can hear all the men muttering about typical women who can't make up their minds! Some of the suggestions were unprintable! Anyway we hope to make a decision next week. We have decided to change the start time to 7.30 rather than 7 pm. as it allows us a bit more time to finish all those jobs...! For anyone who has not read about the "club", it is not exclusive, it is open to all ladies of the village and is held at The Royal Oak on Tuesday evenings. It is essentially a get together for an hour or two and maybe a few bottles, sorry, glasses of wine!

It was nice to see a few new faces over the past three weeks, and we are still getting around nine or ten people in total on average per week. So please feel free to join us, and if anyone can think of a name.....

~ Carol Spooner

A418 Improvements Delay

The plans for the Rowsham bypass have been delayed, due to problems completing the traffic forecast in time. It has also been decided that because of the low benefit/cost ratio it will be included with the Wing bypass in a single A418 Improvements package.

This will be submitted as a bid for government funding in the Local Transport plan for the next period, 2006/7 to 2010/11. Preparation for this plan will start in the second half of 2003 for submission in July 2005 and we will continue to be represented on the focus group.

~ Tom Manning — 682455

New Charge For Residents

Scenes of a very disturbing nature were witnessed at last month's extraordinary meeting in the Church Room, as a controversial new charge was adopted in Aston Abbots and now looks set to become a part of our daily lives.

Despite the meeting receiving its usual publicity on the noticeboard outside of the shop, just 13 members of the public turned up to witness the measure being forced through. It is feared that many more residents are unaware of just what has taken place and will be shocked when the full impact of the charge hits home.

Although continual shouting and barracking from enraged members of the public at times drowned out the debate, the chairman's casting vote carried through the contentious measure in just eleven minutes. There was fury from the floor as desperate pleas to exempt residents of The Green were ignored.

Once the measure comes into force, all motorists travelling or *parking* on any part of the rectangle of roads around The Green - the roads that will soon be marked with a large white 'C' on a red road surface - will be required to pay the full charge of 50 pence per day. Public anger and hostility has been fuelled not by the charge itself, but by the fact that Aston Abbots residents will not be exempt. A spokesman for the protestors described this as, "deeply unfair... a disgrace", predicting that many will leave the village and "jobs will be lost!"

All motorists will now have to stop to pay the Aston Abbots Congestion Charge. The Clerk has been authorised to go to Dixons and buy four Polaroid cameras to photograph motorists who fail to stop. A team of volunteers willing to photograph non-paying motorists or parkers is being recruited. Please get in touch if you would like to help man the cameras.

Although some see this measure as unnecessary urbanisation of our village, it was perhaps inevitable following a visit by village dignitaries to assess the success of Ken Livingston's original London congestion charging scheme.

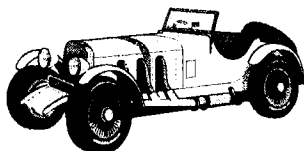
~ Phil Spooner

We have been promised that we will be told the commencement date for the charge before we go to press. See the What's On column on the inside back cover for latest news of the start date.

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Letters To The Editor

Jag Drivers Again

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Dear Sir,

I read with increasing anger and indignation the snobbish, patronising boasting of the "superior" car owner in last month's Chronicle.

I am one of the "underlings" who are constantly harassed by such drivers, but I have reason to be equally proud of my Skoda's (how inferior can you get?) achievements, although my shy and modest nature has so far prevented me from attracting notice to its prowess.

However, when my husband borrowed the car one evening a few weeks ago the vehicle performed so brilliantly that the police actually took its photograph! What is more, the speed was attained and not on an easy, straight motorway, but in a twisty, built up area!!

After such a demonstration of power I am determined never again to give way to a Jag, even when choosing to travel on the outside lane at 50 mph. Furthermore, to prevent my husband from becoming as insufferable as the Jag owner I am considering reserving my car for my own exclusive use.

Yours furiously,

~ Christine Scott

Thank You

Portugal

To all friends in Aston Abbotts, thank you so very much for all the cards and letters of condolences. It was comforting to know that so many of you cared so much. To those of you that contributed your pennies again my thanks, I have bought some fruit trees for the garden.

To those of you who attended Ray's Memorial Service, again my thanks. I was not able to go, but friends that came out the following week to see me told me all about the day.

Aston Abbotts was a great place to live and we both enjoyed our time there - I have wonderful fond memories (some alcoholic ones as you well know). However, Portugal does have the edge, sunny weather, cheap wine and food, I will not say anymore, otherwise you will all be getting envious!! I still get the Chronicle each month, thanks to Andy Pandy, so my beady eyes are on you all.

My fond regards to you all - take care.

~ Jackie and a few barks and licks from Jacko XX

Our apologies for the gremlin that got into the communications between Aston Abbotts and Portugal, preventing this letter from appearing last month ~ Ed

Litterbitz

Help clean up the village!

Meet at the Church Room at 10 am on Saturday
12th April.

Please try and come

Friends of St James

A committee has now been formed with Clare Shorrock as Chairman/Secretary and Gordon Kemp as Treasurer. The other members are Rita Robinson, April Curnow, Colin Higgs, Sally Palmer, Kate Curry and Margaret Hinds. We also have several others who will help out with individual fundraising events.

Our aim is to raise money for repairs, essential maintenance and possibly improvements to Aston Abbotts Church and to this end the PCC will set up a new Bank account to be used solely for these purposes to which the Diocese will not have access. The most immediate item needing expenditure is the rewiring with an estimated cost of £2000.

We have a list of suggested ways of raising money for the church and after some discussion we have decided on the following for the immediate future:

Rita will hold a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale at her house on 12th April at 10.30 a.m. [See the What's On page for details ~ Ed]

A Concert to be held in the Church later in the year.

A market stall in Aylesbury or a stand at the Bucks County Show. A 100 club.

If you have any other suggestions or can help in any other way please contact Clare Shorrock on 681260 or any other member of the committee.

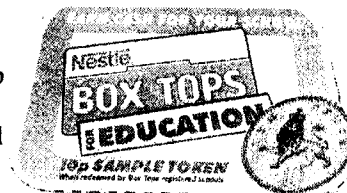
PLEASE COME TO THE COFFEE MORNING

Remember we have lost a pub and a restaurant this year - Lets do what we can to save this village institution!

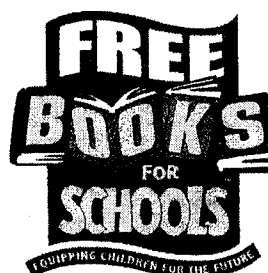
~ Clare Shorrock

Schools Promotions

Nestle - This year's scheme has just finished but if you have any Nestle cereal box top tokens left over, please hang on to them as they can be used in the 2004 scheme. This year we have collected over 500 tokens which will give Wingrave School at least £50 cash.



Tesco - The collection period for this scheme ends on 6 April with orders due by the beginning of July. The school's new computer suite is now up and running and tokens from this year's scheme as well as previously banked tokens will go towards purchasing printers.



Walkers/The Sun - Tokens have recently begun to appear on a variety of crisp packets and will continue to do so in The Sun and News of the World until early July.

Vouchers or tokens can be posted in the collection boxes at school or in the Wingrave shop or to myself at No 1 Abbey Cottages, Moat Lane.

Thank you once again to everyone who has supported the school by donating tokens or vouchers under the various promotions schemes.

~ Sondra Dickason, 682249, on behalf of Wingrave School

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 26th February 2003

Present: T.Manning (Chairman), R.Clarke, J.Farrands and Mrs K.Curry (Clerk). Two members of the public attended. Apologies were received from Peter Shorrock and Margaret Kent.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Matters Arising included the news that the burnt out shed outside the entrance to Badgers Oak Farm has now been removed. The Clerk passed on information on the Ringmaster scheme run by the Police. An update was given on the election on 1st May, and members of the Council were invited to apply to go to this year's Royal Garden Party.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No-one was present from any of the above organisations.

Comments From The Floor

It was reported that cars still persist in parking in the bus stop outside the Bull and Butcher. The Parish Council was asked whether it would be possible to create a No Parking Zone.

Post Office

The meeting discussed the merits of applying to have a part time sub postmaster in the village – It was decided to ask the Post Office for more information regarding the viability of proceeding with such a scheme.

Planning

03/00081/APP The Stables, The Firs, Wingrave Road. Conversion of stables to three dwellings. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

Highways

To consider whether to apply to loan a 'Speed Indicator Device' for use in the village – Resolved to place an article in The Chronicle to see whether volunteers could be found to operate the machine.

To decide on a date for this year's Litterblitz – Resolved to have the Litterblitz on April 12th. As there seems to be so much litter this year it was agreed to try to encourage more people to participate – Gordon Smith offered to do a leaflet drop. We will also approach Cublington PC with a view to co-operating in clearing Cublington Road, which is particularly bad.

Recreation Ground

Safety check – children's play area: up to date.

Quotations for repairs to children's play equipment were discussed, and it was decided to seek advice from the company who did the inspection regarding standards of repairs.

Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th April 2003 at 8pm in the Church Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along .

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

PLANTS PLANTS PLANTS PLANTS

With the sudden arrival of spring, many of you will be giving the garden a once over and sowing seeds. Please remember the plant stall at the fete and as you come across unwanted seedlings, trailing bits of shrubs that have rooted themselves and herbaceous plants that have spread too far -

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Ladies Club

Feb 6th

Twenty one members were present at today's meeting in the Church Room Aston Abbotts. The Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members, minutes were read and signed.

The Club then discussed our Spring Lunch in early March, and where to go on our Summer outing. Members chose Althorp House in Northamptonshire.

Our speaker today was Mr Richard Revels who had brought slides of the wild life on the island of Skokholm off the South coast of Wales. His slides of flowers, lichen and birds were beautiful. He was thanked by Mrs Sheila Read, Avril Bradlay Davis and Audrey Stevenson served tea and biscuits. Raffle prize was won by Jutla Bowie

Feb 20th

Twenty members present at today's Club meeting. Minutes read and signed. Matters arising. Some members are going to Frosts Garden Centre on 27th February to look around, have lunch and buy; we will travel in member's cars.

Plans were finalised for our Spring Luncheon the 6th April in the Church Room, tickets £5 each. Our Summer outings to Althorp House on July 10th.

Business over, our Speaker today gave an excellent talk about a holiday in Peru, she had some lovely handicrafts and photos to show us. She was thanked by April Curnow. Shirley Ford and April served tea and biscuits and Jutla Bowie won the raffle.

6th March – Club Spring Lunch

Once again this event was very well supported by members, their husbands and friends. The lunch began with the Reverend Tunncliffe saying Grace, then people helped themselves to a delicious buffet lunch provided by members. This was followed by a large raffle. The profit of £180.00 will go into Club funds towards our Summer Outing.

20th March

The Club met in the Church Room; 17 members were present. After the business talk was completed we sat back to enjoy a talk on herbal and plant medicine given by Mrs Sarah Bradshaw. She described in detail what illnesses were treated with what plants. Apparently, plant medicine is thousands of years old. She was thanked by Joan Alexander.

Tea and biscuits were served by June Brine and Irene Lowden. Raffle prize won by Mary Morris.

~ Shirley Ford

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Memories Of The Bull And Butcher

Good Times Will Be Missed

I first started going to the Bull and Butcher to get cigarettes and beer for my dad when I was about 12 and Tommy Humphreys was the landlord. I progressed from there to being a customer myself at a later date. After Tommy retired, his son Frank took over and it became a real fun pub with skiffle groups and discos and drinking with the characters of the time such as Richard Manning and Percy Rickard (good times). Good memories of being both darts and pool captain and the fun evenings after a days racing at Newbury, Towcester, or Huntingdon.

My family's weddings anniversaries and funerals took place there, as well as Lol's discos and many parties.

One of the most memorable nights was taking part in the Bull Monty.

I will miss the good times we had, but wish Frank and Louise good luck for the future.

~ Tony Hinds

The Bakery

I'm not sure who started the Bull and Butcher - it might have been Percy's grandfather. Percy's father Tommy Humphreys was an Olympic runner—as indeed was Mary Chapman. Before the war I was too young to drink there. I remember it as a bakery as well as a pub then. Before the war Tommy made ice-cream.

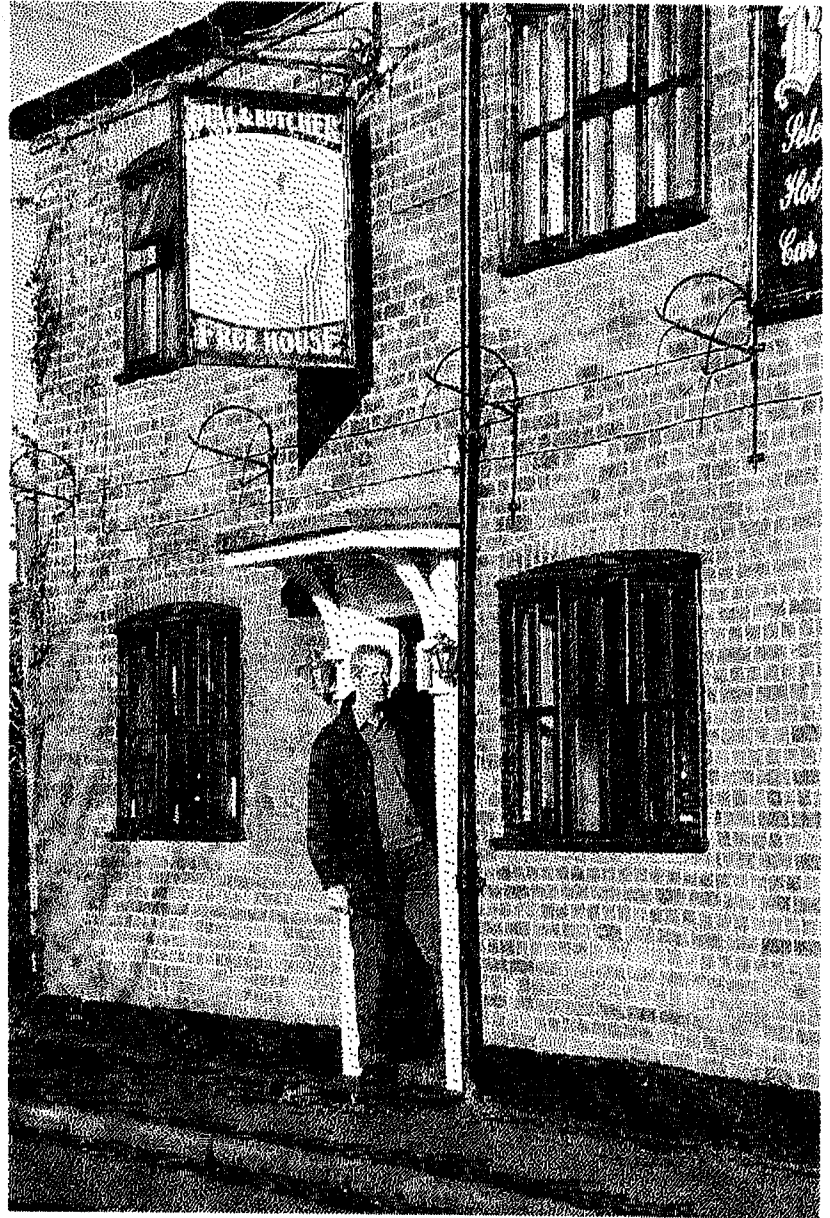
During the war the Czechs stationed at The Abbey went in there and also the airmen from Wing came over to go there. When you went in through the door of the Bull and Butcher the tap room was on the right and the Parlour was on the left. Inside were scrubbed wooden tables and benches. Tommy would have to go down to the cellar through a passage to get the beer. They didn't do the range of drinks in those days, just beer and a bit of scotch. Mrs Humphreys had a sitting room looking out onto the yard. The bakery was at the back. The flour was stored in the loft above the bakery. That's the bit which is the bed and breakfast. There was a trap door to let the flour down to the bakery below.

Tommy's bread was always very good. I remember that the fire for the ovens was in the bakehouse and Percy would fetch in the coal from the shed and plonk it down on the corner of the bakery. Perhaps it was all the dust from the coal which made the bread taste so good.

The bakery did good buns. Friday was cake day and Tommy did cakes and not much bread on a Friday. A small range but very good. 'Tom teas' were famous and often used for things like the cricket club. I think it was Mrs Steele from the Firs who coined the term when she once said at the Ladies Club "Do you think we should have a 'Tom Tea'?"

Ernie and Eileen Naylor ran it for years. They had come from a pub in Wingrave. They did wonderful steaks. The bakery had finished by then. At one time it was run by a couple that kept pet rats. In one way or another the pub remained pretty much the same until Frank and Louise came along and refurbished it.

~ Bernard Osborn



Gutted

I thought I would just share my thoughts with a view of how sad I am at this moment of seeing the Bull and Butcher being gutted and ripped apart inside and out, feeling this way myself—gutted.

I was born in Aston Abbots, as most of you know, and part of my past has gone with the Bull closing. We played dart matches, pool games - it was a place to meet with our friends. There were great disco nights and most of us met for the England football matches in the World Cup. What an atmosphere it all was.

My father and grandfather were part of the Bull and Butcher, the same as Percy's father running the pub and the bakery. Tony and I used to get home from school on a Friday afternoon and Nan would be there. She always gave us half a crown (12½ p) to get a variety of cakes - doughnuts and lovely fresh baked bread - from Tommy's bakery. We have lovely memories of Percy's sister Sheila coming round with the freshly baked bread on her van to all the villagers houses. Wonderful memories, that's all we have left of a school - a Post Office - and now the Bull and Butcher.

With sadness, Sharon Wilkinson

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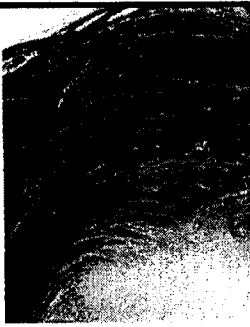
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Bull And Butcher Memories... continued

A Village Meeting Place

My first encounter with the Bull & Butcher was with a local farmer in the mid 1970s when some of his colleagues were attending a "music night" - consisting of Terry Ellis playing a Tea Chest (base), Cliff Kempster on Wash-board with Thimbles, Richard Manning - a Plastic Bucket and Mr. Ellis senior, The Spoons. A man with a Guitar arrived but, after a short time of not finding any rhythm, he left. It was suggested that he did not appreciate their type of music. This "music night" was held on impromptu occasions with various other "Musicians!" joining in.

Wednesday was Fish & Chip night and was very well supported with a mixture of local farmers and tradesmen including builders, electricians, a plumber and garage owner. A lot of local business was secured there as people liked to meet rather than phone to discuss work.

Gardening was always a seasonal topic of conversation and over a few pints one would hear of "large produce", e.g. carrots weighing 1lb each; onions as big as dinner plates; parsnips - so long that

you could plant a tree in the hole it left; marrows - so big you could only move one about in a wheel-barrow and runner beans - so long that two would feed a family of four etc etc.

When a local man, Mr. D. Hewitt, from Wingrave asked if any of the assembled company knew anything about mole catching, he was assured that he was in the company of two of the finest mole catchers in England. They duly arrived at his house the following Wednesday evening in their mole catching outfits - polished high-laced boots, spats, Harris Tweed type jackets and cravats, with a stethoscope and a child's windmill. After a large whiskey with the gent concerned they surveyed the mole hills, inserted the windmill and listened to the ground with the stethoscope. They returned back to the house for another large whiskey and after much banter returned to the Bull & Butcher to discuss what time the three should meet the following week to repeat the procedure. This happened on a regular basis over several weeks - the moles remained very safe!!

On another occasion I witnessed a

volunteer being embalmed with embalming fluid after having most of his clothes removed. The landlord at the time also being an undertaker. Whilst this was being done (it was quite late) another customer left discreetly with the gentleman's clothes. Our volunteer had to borrow a long coat to go home in and you can only imagine what he looked like.

The Bull & Butcher was a great meeting place for many different occasions over the years and unfortunately has now closed for redevelopment - yet another part of rural England lost. It seems that until our villages are completely covered in tarmac and built on, people won't realise what a special thing they have destroyed until it is too late—and Aston Abbots is a special village.

I quote from Margaret Carroll's book Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives "The paradox is that growth can destroy the peace, space and community spirit of a place - the very things that attracted people to it in the first place".

~ Richard Clarke

A Quick Couple

One boxing day I got up late and had a very light breakfast - just a couple of Weetabix. Then I went up to the Bull for quick couple of pints, getting there just after noon, maybe about 12.30. I'm not sure exactly what happened, but I didn't leave until after seven that evening.

About 3 pm I challenged Richard Clarke to a darts match. As he seemed worse than me, we played for money. I think the others were taking side-bets on who would hit the board first. I won £1.50 and he has never forgiven me - nor paid me!

~ John Whyte

Bull Monty

So the Bull & Butcher is closing for good. As I think back over the years since we arrived in Aston Abbots it seems the Bull has played a major role in my village life even though I would not count myself as a regular pub goer.

The best memory has got to be The Bull Monty. The back bar crammed full of people to see the amazing spectacle of local males become strippers for the night. We obtained tickets for some old friends to join us on that night I don't think they could quite believe that such events could occur in such seemingly innocent village.

Also of course the expectant air as the locals gathered in 1998 and again in 2002 (less expectant this time I think) to see England heroically lose at football! Well some things never change.

~ Sally Palmer

Wake Up Aston Abbots

During the 25 years I've been using The Bull & Butcher, it's 'fortunes' have so clearly varied directly in proportion with the enthusiasm of it's various 'landlords'.

However, in general, it has remained a much loved pub and been loyally supported by people living both in and around Aston Abbots. The extent of the outcry when closure was first sought and the following of those who so doggedly continued to give it their support up to the last few days is an indisputable testament to the high value put on this village resource by many.

We all knew the 'Bull' was due to close some time this year but didn't expect the 'awful deed' to take place with such indecent haste. Past and present supporters would I am sure have liked to have had at least the opportunity to meet in the 'Bull' for a last few pints before the doors shut for the last time.

It seems however, there is no such sentiment in business and the 'Bull' no more than a few figures on a balance sheet.

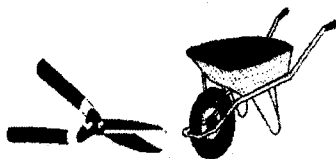
Perhaps this is the nub of the matter! Whilst there are those of us who live and enjoy our recreation in this lovely village, regarding it for what it is and what it means to us; there are others 'out there' for which Aston Abbots means something totally different.

Wake up Aston Abbots - support the few remaining facilities we still have before we lose them—and lose our village as we know it!

~ Andy Bystra

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Bull And Butcher Memories... continued

Sad That The Bull And Butcher Has Fallen

I've been going to The Bull for the last 20 years and it has seen some highs and lows but it has always retained the village pub feeling.

On arriving in the village I ventured in and it was inhabited by true locals such as Percy Rickard who resided in the corner seat and held court with any one that came in. I ended up with Percy and his chums having an erudite conversation about the relative merits of stoats, weasels and ferrets.

The landlord at the time was Ernie Naylor who maintained an empty pub, drank tea and reminisced about having to redecorate bedrooms at the Playboy mansion as they were frequently trashed. He and his wife were known as Button and Bow.

I found the various alleged scandals and chatter in the village too hard to resist so I started an anonymous Chronicle column called 'From the Corner of the Bar'. It was great to go in the day after publication and hear the incredulous discussion going on as to who has done what to whom. However, I had to stop since Percy got upset because some people thought it was him that was writing this scurrilous nonsense.

Then in came Barry and Marilyn who brought life and vigour to the pub, with Barry using the pub bell to emphasise parts of his conversation. Marilyn had a certain lustrable glamour. After that was Barry's brother and then Josh and Kay. The low point were the YTS couple who had their own pet rat that roamed freely over the bar, to our great disgust.

Frank and Louise brought a new vibrancy and direction to the pub. Frank answered the phone one night in front of us all and then, to much swearing, reached for a toilet roll and took it into the toilet. The unlucky person was sat on the loo and, finding there was no paper, he rang Frank using his mobile phone. Frank, ever the gentleman, was only too happy to oblige by lobbing the roll over top of the cubicle.

The Bull has been a part of my social life for those 20 years as a place of refuge, friendship and entertainment. More seriously, it was one sunny June Wednesday evening when the sun was shining through the windows and with a nice pint of beer to hand when the fish and chip van rolled up outside (it used to be a lot earlier in those days). The combination of sun, chips, beer and friendship made me decide there and then not to accept an offer to go to work in Holland simply on the basis that you didn't get these things in Holland.

The ironical thing is that after all the time that Frank has been in the pub he was finally serving a perfect pint of beer!

~ Neil Chesher

Curse That Andi Swain

Having been in the village only four and a half years I guess my memories pale into insignificance against the others in these few pages. However, I will remember the Bull as a central hub of activity where many village events were planned and/or held. Frank was happy for the pub to be used as an unofficial village "office" and it was not unusual to see people with papers meeting in the front bar—not that there was any evidence of abstinence during those meetings, of course.

A little over three years ago Andi Swain enticed me along to a Chronicle meeting in the front bar to see if I could help with the odd article—and look where that got me!

I shall also remember live rock bands... Friday nights... jazz evenings... discos and parties... the comedians and the hypnotist... St Georges nights and Burns suppers... and even the odd hangover!

~ Phil Spooner

Fond Memories

I will retain many fond memories of the Bull & Butcher and am very sad to see its demise.

The B&B was the inspiration for the last Aston Abbots Christmas Show, Startrek. This production included a video shot in the front bar of the scene where a very weary traveller (one J. Brancker in disguise complete with false nose) arrived at some point in the next century in search of that well-known brew, Courage Krapalot. The deadpan manner in which Frank served up the liquid nectar and announced its price (£29.50) was a video clip classic that deserved a wider national audience.

The B&B really came into its own on show and cabaret nights as the cast and audience poured into the bar at the end of the show. The atmosphere was always electric, the audience having hopefully enjoyed the production and the cast charged with adrenalin (or was it sheer relief) having got through the programme yet again.

Watching the agony and ecstasy of World Cup football England versus Argentina – Michael Owen's wonder goal and David Beckham's idle flick of a boot....

...and how could one ever forget the Bull Monty?

~ Nigel Palmer

Some of our readers may not know what the Bull Monty was. It was the fund-raising night when members of the 630 Club stripped off and did their best to prove a little could go a long way ~ Ed.

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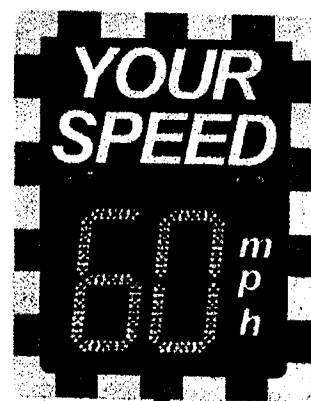
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This would seem to be a good idea for Aston Abbotts, but we need volunteers who will man the device. This need not be for long periods – maybe just 2-3 hours at a time. It is also very simple to

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Animal Quiz

'Canine' refers to dogs; 'feline' refers to cats. Can you identify which animals the following adjectives refer to?

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| 1. Asinine | 9. Viverrine | 17. Strigine | 25. Sturnine |
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| 7. Aquiline | 15. Equine | 23. Passerine | |
| 8. Elephantine | 16. Leonine | 24. Sciurine | |

Thanks to Mike Wenble for sending in this quiz. Answers on page 23.

Our Canadian Holiday

Sept. Friday 13th

Up at 7 am. and on the coach at 7.45 off to the part of Twasson to catch the 9.00 am ferry to Vancouver Island. The ferry carried coaches and cars, motorbikes, pushbikes and pedestrians for a very pleasant hour and a half journey during which we spotted some whales. Once we had disembarked we made our way to the world renown Butchant Gardens near Victoria. Having seen photos of this special garden I was very eager to get there. Words cannot describe how beautiful the gardens were. The weather was sunny and warm. Unfortunately, we were only allowed an hour and a half there when really you needed 3 to 4 hours to see it all. We then drove onto Victoria where we had lunch with two of our holiday friends, spent the afternoon along the sea front and marina. We caught the 6 pm ferry back to Vancouver, arriving back at our hotel at 8.30. At 9.00 we all met up in the hotel before a final get together as some were flying home to U.K. the next day. Others were going on an Alaskan Cruise for 7

days. Andrew and I were doing a 2 day extension. Our brilliant tour director gave a speech of thanks to us and we presented her with a card and poems. She then awarded certificates for those who had achieved something new in their lives. She presented Andrew and I with one for river rafting. We all sang 'We'll meet again' and chatted until it was time for bed.

Sat 14th

Slept in this morning, no rush to get up as we had a day to ourselves. Had a leisurely breakfast and then took a 'Yellow cab' to Stanley Park. Our first stop was the Vancouver Aquarium where we saw a mother White Beluga whale and her 8 weeks old calf. We then saw Dolphins being fed and doing tricks, Seals, Stingrays, Sharks and amazing tropical fish. We then boarded a Stanley Park shuttle bus around the park and got off at Totem Pole Corner to admire the beautifully carved poles and the view of Vancouver Harbour.

At this point in the park there are two

pedestrian lanes, one for walkers and one for cyclists and in line skaters. It was a bit 'hairy' for those who got it wrong! We got back on the shuttle bus to Prospect Point where we enjoyed our lunch looking out over N. Vancouver Bay. There was an excellent gift shop there to buy presents. We returned to the Aquarium where we picked up a taxi to return to our hotel. When we remarked to our taxi driver about the number of Asians, Chinese, Japanese and Koreans in Vancouver, he said they make up 38% of the population. Once back at the hotel we washed, showered and got ready to go out for an evening meal, cruising around Vancouver harbour. This was a very enjoyable evening with the seven people left from our original group. There were about 200 people on board enjoying a meal of Bay Salmon, roast potatoes, salad, followed by Chocolate Gateaux or Bilbury cheese cake and cream; such a nice way to end the day. Tomorrow will be our last full day in Canada.

~ Shirley Ford

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Scams, Hoaxes, Urban Legends And Real Threats

Email has revolutionised communications, but brings with it a whole new set of problems. In the last few years "chain emails" have spread rapidly. These emails prey upon our fears and appeal to our good nature by asking us to pass them on - and as it takes only a few mouse clicks to send them on to everybody in your address book they tend to multiply relentlessly.

I'm not for one moment criticising the many people who have forwarded such emails to me, because they have done it with the very best of motives and I'm grateful for their concern. However, I thought I'd take the opportunity to debunk some of the more common hoaxes, as they have clearly been worrying some villagers recently.

PC Paul Toseland

A year or so ago PC Paul Toseland of Corby Business Anti-Crime Network forwarded an email warning of a potential fraud to a large number of email addresses. His name and position appended to the email added extra gravitas and it spread like wildfire. Since then, a number of similar emails attributed to him have appeared.

His first email described a worrying scam. Someone would knock on your door claiming that their car had broken down and ask to use the phone. After a five-minute phone call they would thank you and leave. It's only when the phone bill arrives you realise that they had phoned a £50-a-minute premium phone line.

This sounds frighteningly simple, but no one has evidence of it ever happening. What is more important to realise is that it is just not possible to phone £50-a-minute premium phone lines in the UK. The maximum charge is £1.50 a minute and then it would hardly be worth anybody's while.

This story probably has its origins in the age-old American area code 809 scam, where people were tricked into phoning a hugely expensive premium rate line in the Caribbean. Such numbers cannot be phoned from the UK.

A second telephone "scam" warns you that somebody might telephone claiming to be an AT&T service technician and ask you to test your line by pressing certain buttons on your phone. After you hang up they will be able to make expensive calls billed to your phone without your knowledge. First, ask

yourself this: why would anybody pretend to be an AT&T service technician when AT&T service technicians do not operate in the UK? It's simply an American story that has crossed the Atlantic and, even then, it has little basis in truth as the sequence of keystrokes apparently have no such effect on residential phones either side of the water.

Other warnings often circulate with those above, sometimes even making the newspapers. They include a warning that women telephoned at work are being tricked into giving their house number and postcode so that burglars know their house is empty. Like the two scams above there are often claims of "many cases", but never any evidence of real occurrences. However, it is definitely good practice never to give out personal information to people you don't know, so it would be wise to heed those warnings.

By the way, Paul Toseland is a genuine policeman and was, without doubt, acting with the best of motives. However, this just goes to show how easy it is to be fooled.

The Goodtimes Virus

This is also known as the Join the Crew, Penpal Greetings, Deeyenda, Irina and Win a Holiday viruses.

Once again this email sounds frightening. It warns of a computer virus with frighteningly dire consequences and pleads with you to warn everybody you know by forwarding on the email. There is no Goodtimes virus. It is a complete hoax. It is perhaps one of the oldest of these "chain letter" emails.

This is not to say that viruses do not spread by email. They do - and they can cause great damage. It's just that these particular ones are hoaxes. See the next virus warning.

The jdbgmgr.exe virus

Like the Goodtimes virus this is a hoax, but it is somewhat less benign.

It tells you to search your computer for the file "jdbgmgr.exe" which will show up with a teddy bear icon and tells you that, if found, you are infected. It then tells you how to delete the file. Congratulations! You have just been

tricked into deleting a part of your Windows operating system! Fortunately for you, it's not an essential part (a Java debug manager, if you must know), but it's a nasty trick as it *could* have been a more important file. If you've fallen for this, then don't worry about it as it will have no adverse effect on normal computer usage.

Real viruses are usually not so easy to find and rarely so easy to eradicate.

The only proper way to protect your computer against viruses is by using a virus checker and keeping it up to date. If you don't do this you might be better off giving up computing and joining the

Dangerous Sports Club.

Use a virus checker!

Craig Shergold

Poor old Craig Shergold is 7/8/9 years old, suffering from a tumour/cancer/leukaemia and trying to get into the Guinness book of Records by collecting the largest number of business/greeting/post cards. The email pleads for your help in collecting cards and sending them to him. Sort of tugs at the heartstrings, doesn't it?

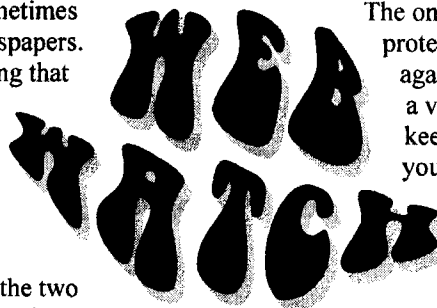
Well, it's true. Or at least, it was back in 1989. Today Craig is in his twenties, cured, and apparently leading a perfectly normal life apart from the huge packets of business/greeting/post cards which keep on turning up in his morning mail.

Craig's original campaign, conducted prior to the modern-day Internet, attracted the attention of an American philanthropist who paid for him to go to the US where a brain tumour was removed. Now, despite repeated appeals to stop, everybody concerned is exasperated by the continuing propagation of this appeal throughout the Internet. Please don't send cards or forward the email.

The Slow Dance Hoax

When Dickie sent me the poem on page 21 for inclusion in these pages he was almost certainly unaware that it has recently been circulating as part of a hoax. It arrives with an email claiming that it was written by a terminally ill girl in a New York Hospital. We're getting

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into Craig Shergold territory here, aren't we? The email goes onto to claim that the American Cancer Society will donate three cents to the girl's treatment every time you forward it on to someone you know.

The American Cancer Society claims this is a hoax. They don't know who the girl is and anyway they have no way of knowing that you forwarded on the email. The doctor who appeared to sign the email knows nothing about it and has had to put a recorded message to that effect on his phone.

The Nigerian Bank Scam

This is a very real and serious fraud that has been perpetrated for years in many forms and has recently has made the transition to the Internet and email. Unlike the previous scams, which prey upon our fears and/or appeal to our good nature, this one appeals to a more basic human instinct - greed.

You receive a letter (these days an email) from someone in Nigeria who explains that various problems prevent him transferring money from Nigeria to the UK. A huge sum of money is involved, and you are promised a percentage of this should you allow him to transfer the money via your UK bank account.

It sounds simple doesn't it - and what could possibly go wrong? After all, they are going to transfer their money in to your account. In fact, this is just a variation on a standard scam known as the "advance fee" or "419" fraud. If you take up the proposition then official-looking documentation will pass backwards and forwards. You may be asked to pay a small amount for some legal fees or similar. This will go smoothly and only serve to build your confidence. Now they have your trust. Just when the endgame is in sight a problem will crop up you will be asked to make a temporary deposits of increasingly larger sums so that the

deal can go ahead. If you do, that's the last you will hear of either your Nigerian contacts or your money.

There are many variations of this scam. Other countries or bogus religious organisations are often involved. It's origins date back to the 1920s, but apparently this fraud still catches many people each year. Whatever the variation - bye-bye money !

Real Threats

Just because some of the above emails are hoaxes, please don't assume that there are no real threats. As the last Nigerian item shows there are criminals out there on the Internet just as there are in real life. There are also dangerous viruses circulating both by email and via discs and programmes passed from machine to machine.

So if you receive emails detailing a threats, please don't strike me out of your address book—forward them on to me. They may turn out to be genuine, but if they are any of the above then I already know about it - and now, so do you.

This article has been but a small sample of the many hoaxes, scams and real threats that spread via email, but I have tried to highlight the most common. There are many sources of further information. Good starting places are www.snopes.com and www.truthorfiction.com where they seek to either confirm or debunk many popular urban legends and myths.

Any computer store should be able to sell you a virus-checking program for around £30. You may have one that was supplied with your computer. However, it is essential to keep it up to date by downloading the latest virus definitions from the internet (there will be update instructions in the program), or else its effectiveness will gradually diminish.

~ Phil Spooner

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids
On a Merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast
Time is short short
The music won't last

Do you run through each day
On the fly?
When you ask, "How are you?"
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?
You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast
Time is short short
The music won't last

Ever told your child
We'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste
Not seen his sorrow?
Ever lost touch
Let a good friendship die
'Cause you never had time
To call and say "Hi"?
You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast
Time is short short
The music won't last

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there
When you worry and hurry through your day
It is like an unopened gift
Thrown away
Life is not a race
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

~ Unknown. Sent in by Dickie Dicken. See also *The Slow Dance Hoax* on page 19.

Two Rules Of Life

1. There is always something you forget.
- 2.

Remembrance

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Cokey" died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for the family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in ...and then the trouble started.....

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Rectors Report

As I write, I feel that I am surrounded by uncertainty on all sides. There is growing pressure, and we do not know whether it will be possible to reach a peaceful solution, or whether (as seems increasingly likely), there will be war with Iraq. But, will it have started by the time this is read – or will it have been short and bloody, but close to a conclusion?

It could be that this present “finger-chewing” delay with the inevitable frustration is a technique that is being used to gain support for military action. At last we shall become so fed up with the hassle and the waiting that we will say – “Let’s get it over! Then we can get on with the rest of our lives”.

But the war with Iraq, and its implications for our lives, is not the only area of concern and uncertainty. We worry about the problems that are faced by our children and young people. We worry about whether our savings and investments will be sufficient to finance our retirement. In a world of so many uncertainties, it is said that only two things are sure – and one of them is death!

The pages of history indicate that our present situation is nothing new. People have always been faced with challenging times – and some have been more traumatic than others. But the evidence suggests that, when times are tough, people tend to turn to the Church.

I find it interesting to note that the Church seems to be approaching a critical period in its life as the generation whose lives were radically changed by the 1939-45 World War are coming to the end of their earthly course. It will be very interesting indeed if, having the rug pulled from under our comfortable feet as a result of a war with Iraq helps us to discover new truths about our lives and new meanings for our existence.

The German theologian Martin Luther was quite right when he declared that, when everything else has been stripped away from us – all our money, our security, our family and friends – God and his love are still there. Whilst we are still surrounded by all the trappings of material comfort, we are tempted to lose sight of God, who, in his love, gave his only Son to die on the Cross for our sins.

In all our present uncertainties, I remain supremely confident that God’s hand is at work, and that he will always be there for us.

~ Bob Wilmott

Animal Quiz Answers (see page 17)

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 19. Pigs | is 'murine') | 1. Asses ('asinine' |
| 20. Sheep | 9. Ferrets | has a secondary |
| 21. Snakes | 10. Fish | meaning of |
| 22. Songbirds | 11. Foxes | 12. 'stupid') |
| 23. Sparrows | 12. Geese ('anserine' | 2. Bears |
| 24. Squirrels | also has a | 3. Birds (more |
| 25. Starlings | secondary meaning | commonly 'avian', |
| 26. Thrushes (no, not | of 'stupid' is there | but 'avine' is in the |
| dung-beetles!) | a theme here?) | dictionary) |
| 27. Tigers | 13. Goats | 4. Cows |
| 28. Wasps | 14. Hares | 5. Crows |
| 29. Wolves | 15. Horses | 6. Deer |
| 30. Zebras (easy one to | 16. Lions | 7. Eagles |
| finish) | 17. Owls | 8. Mice (only kidding |
| | 18. Parrots | The word for mice |

- 0 to 10 : Fair. Go on the next school field trip.
 11 to 20 : Very good. You can clearly tell your ass from your eagle.
 21 to 30 : Excellent. Watch out David Attenborough

Flightpath Process Delayed

— AGAIN

The consultation process for Luton Airport’s proposed new airspace over Vale villages, including Aston Abbots, has been delayed further. The Question and Answer document (Q & A) based on concerns raised by consultees during the initial stage of consultation, was originally expected to be available by mid January 2003, but Luton is now unable to indicate a date before the end of June 2003.

Representations from consultees, which include politicians, councils, community groups including PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise), and other airspace users, have obliged the airport to consider possible changes to the proposed flightpath and the way it is flown. These changes, for which no details are yet public, are subject to further investigation and consultants’ reports. It is now unlikely that the route, if approved by the Directorate of Airspace Policy (a division of the Civil Aviation Authority), could be flown this summer.

Option 3 is earmarked as an arrivals route, and Luton recently confirmed that take-offs over the Vale are not possible owing to confliction with Heathrow and Stansted traffic. However, the airport has refused to rule out any future use of the Vale for take-offs.

Heathrow-size expansion dealt a blow

In a separate but parallel development, the Government has re-issued its revised consultation document on the future of aviation (SERAS), and has dealt a blow to Luton’s proposals to accommodate 500,000 Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) p.a., up from 54,000 (year 2000). (Heathrow Airport currently accommodates 460,000 passengers p.a.) SERAS makes no mention of Luton’s 2-runway proposal. Further, SERAS downgrades the likelihood of even a runway extension at Luton from an “assumption” to an “option,” preferring instead to see maximum use of all runway capacity in the southeast of England before any new runways are constructed.

Luton has planning permission to fly up to 100,000 ATM’s p. a., or 10 million passengers p.a. (6m in year 2000). Maximum use of Luton’s runway with an extension could triple operations.

Rachel Webb of PAVAN said, “We’re not breaking out the champagne just yet. The changes to SERAS are of course welcome, although Luton Airport has confirmed that this does not preclude them from applying for planning permission independent of the report. The primary planning authority is still Luton Borough Council – not the government – and chances are that Luton BC would look kindly on expansion, given that they earn a dividend dependent on the airport’s operations.”

The deadline for public comments on SERAS 2 is June 30th 2003. A copy of the document can be obtained by visiting www.airconsult.gov.uk or by calling 0845 100 5554. PAVAN is liaising with amenity groups from other areas before responding.

More information is available from PAVAN at 01525 240950 or Rachel@pavan.me.uk

~ Rachel Webb, PAVAN

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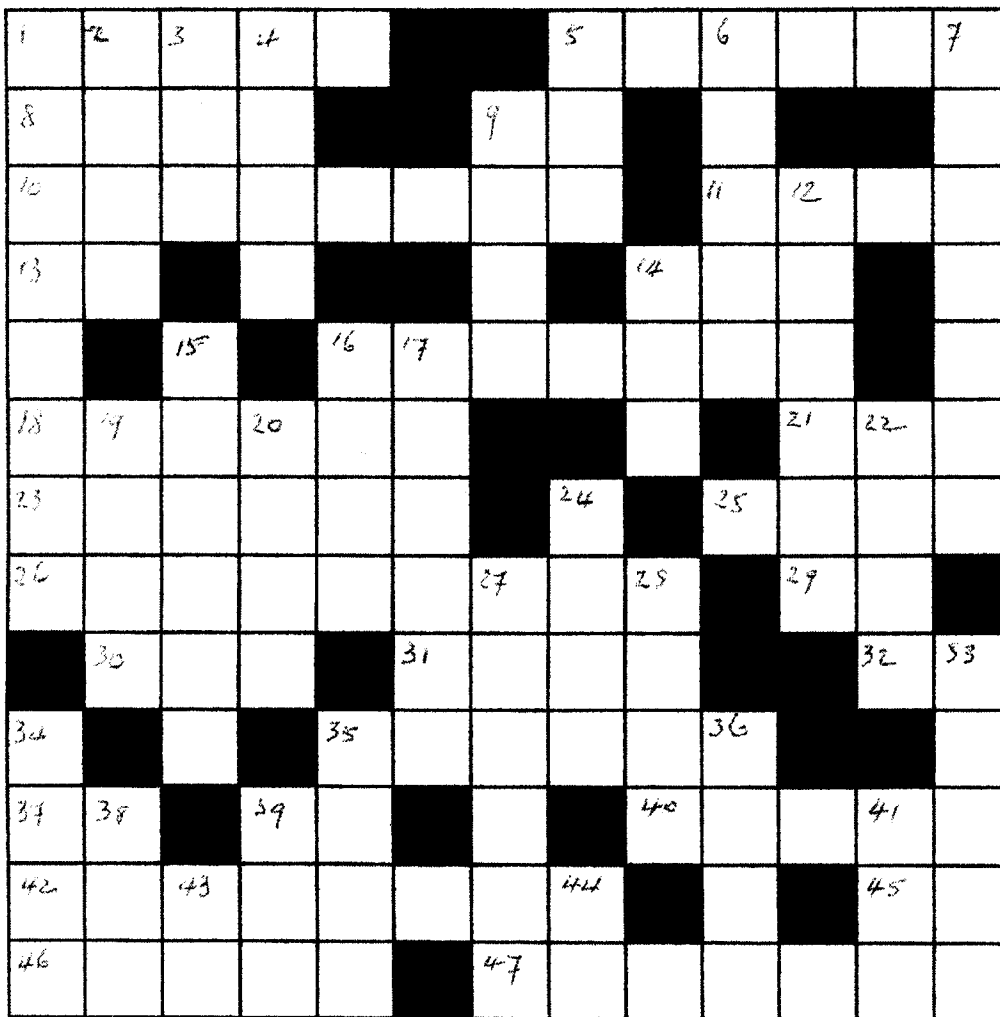
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ACROSS: 1 Padbury. 4 Maes. 8 Redcal. 9 Undated. 13 Neat. 14 Seer. 15 Round. 18 Headed. 21 See. 22 Renovate. 25 Hotdog. 27 Lexis. 30 Ash. 31 Use. 33 Sack. 34 MC. 35 E.g. 36 Catmeat. 35 Batch. 40 Sty. 41 Oral. 42 Mares. 46 ER. 47 Baa. 49 Iota. 50 SE. 51 Stairway.

DOWN: 1 Plush. 2 Bearded. 3 Roc. 4 Menu. 5 Aden. 6 Reads. 7 Sat. 10 Nee. 11 Dearth. 16 Oval. 17 Ten. 19 Enough. 20 Dogs. 23 Test. 24 Exam. 25 Hambone. 26 Oscar. 28 Ices. 29 Skates. 32 Eclair. 35 Eclat. 37 Tyres. 39 Tabs. 43 Row. 44 ETA. 45 Say. 48 AA.

ACROSS: 1 Express amusement (5)

5. Large beetle (6)

8 Otherwise (4)

9. District attorney (2)

10. SEMI EDIT (an 8)

11. Police (slang 4)

13. Depart (2)

14. Source of heat (3)

16. Portable bag (7)

18. Followed (6)

21. Ended (poetic 3)

23. Nearby county town (6)

25. Cooking fat (4)

26. Wicked (9)

29..Perform act (20)

30. Past tense of do (3)

31. Ballet skirt (4)

32. S. America (abb. 2)

35. Mollusc (6)

37. American town (abb)

39. Close (abb 2)

40. Rips (5)

42. Soothed; placated (8)

45. that is (2)

46. Incantation (5)

47. A steady speed (7)

DOWN: 1&7. Local town

2. High male voice (4)

3. Utilise (3)

4. Jewels (4)

5. Sorrowful (3)

6. Dreadful (5)

7. See 1 dn

9. A timber(4)

12. Lighten the burden (6)

14. Rested (3)

15. Light meal (6)

16 ---- Hitler (4)

17. DIY TOD (an 6)

19. Chopped (4)

20. A burden (4)

22. ROSE (an 4)

24. Cask (4)

27. Drove out (6)

28. Fat used in dough(4)

33 Valuable possession

34. Expression of grief

35. Spoken (4)

36. Remainder (4)

38. Snake (4)

39. Invalid (3)

41. -- de Janeiro (3)

43. Compass point (2)

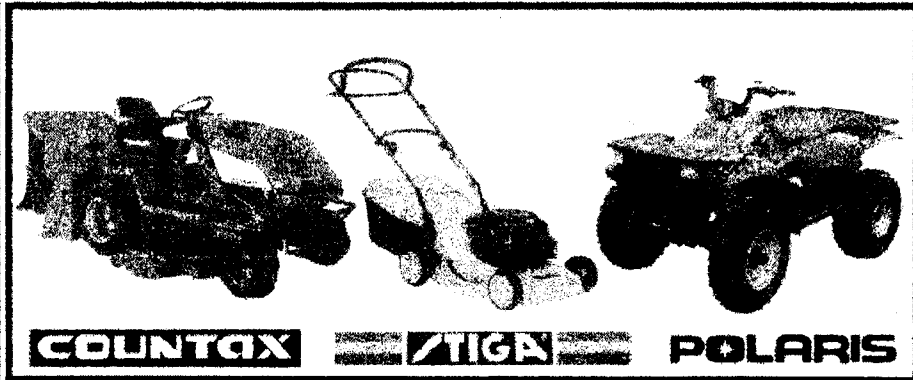
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	09.45	Cublington	Sunday Juniors
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	10.00	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
13 th	08.00	Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Palm Sunday Procession <i>WCT</i>
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
17 th	20.00	Wingrave	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
18 th	12.00	Aston Abbots	Good Friday Liturgy
	18.00	Wingrave	Good Friday Service <i>WCT</i>
20 th	08.45	Cublington	Easter Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Easter Communion
	10.00	Aston Abbots	Easter Communion
27 th	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Aston Abbots	Morning Worship
4 th May	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	<i>TBA</i>	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion

ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS

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

Sunday Readings

6 th Apr	Passion	Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33
13 th	Palm	Philippians 22.5-11; Mark 11.1-11
20 th	Easter	1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8
27 th	Easter 2	1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31
4 th May	Easter 3	1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36-48

From The Registers

Baptism

9th March Reece Hollett at Wingrave

Church Sidesmen

6 th	Mr A Ford
13 th	Mr C Higgs
20 th	Church Warden
27 th	Mr J Hartnett

Church Flowers

5/6	No flowers (Lent)
12/13	No flowers (Lent)
19/20	} Easter Decorations
26/27	} as requested



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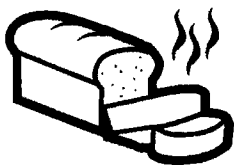
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690	Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838
A418 Committee	Tom Manning	682455	Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229
Astonbury	Peter Shorrocks	681260	NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47
AVDC	Switchboard	585858	Parish Clerk	Kate Curry	681137
Bingo	Doris Scutchings	681243	Parish Council Leader	Tom Manning	682455
Busses	Arriva	468730 or 423445	Police	Aylesbury	396000
Chronicle Advertising	Ivan Greenaway	682605	Police	Wing Police Office	396163
Chronicle Distribution	Andy Bystra	681690	Railways	Chiltern	0870 516 5165
Chronicle Editorial	Phil Spooner	681544	Rambler's Club	Colin Higgs	681343
Church Mowing Rota	Gordon Kemp	681763	Rector	Reverend Bob Willmott	681623
Church Room Redevelopment	Tom Manning	682455	Refuse Collection	Enquiries	585510
Church Room Hire	Doris Scutchings	681243	Roads & Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Citizens Advice	Aylesbury	0870 126 4056	Royal Oak	Teri & Gary Moul	681262
Coach Trips	Colin Higgs	681343	RSPCA	General Enquiries	08705 555 999
Council	Aylesbury Vale District	585858	Scouts	Julia Ellis	681118
Council	Bucks County Council	395000	Shop (Osborn's)	Bernard Osborn	681233
County Councillor	Brenda Jennings	01525 270610	Toddlers Group	Claire Greswell	682949
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Wingrave Preschool	Claire Upton	681700
Fete Coordinator	Jackie Farrands	681182	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	681011
Floral Class	Colin Higgs	681343	Wingrave School	Office	681346
Friends of St James	Clare Shorrocks	681260	Wingrave Stores	Andy & Helen Hall	681696
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000			
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681685			
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- Wednesday 2nd** **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** Church Room. 8 pm. This is a public meeting to discuss village matters and all are welcome.
- Thursday 3rd** Toddlers Group. Church Room. 10-12 noon.
also Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Fri 4th/Sat 5th** Continental Market. Kingsbury Square, Aylesbury.
- Tuesday 8th** Mobile Library. The Green 10.25-10.55. Wingrave Road 11.00-11.15. Oxley Farm 12.55-13.10.
- Thursday 10th** Toddlers Group. Church Room. 10-12 noon.
- Saturday 12th** Litter pick. Help clean up the village. Meet at the Church Room at 10 am. Please try and come.
also Rita's Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale for the Friends Of St James. 31 The Green. 10.30—12 noon.
- Sunday 13th** Rambling Club members meet. Halton Church 2 pm.
also Whitchurch Gardens open
- Monday 14th** Fete/festival meeting. Church Room. 8 pm. Please come along if you would like to help with the fete in any way.
- Tuesday 15th** Floral Class. Church Room. 7 pm.
- Thursday 17th** Toddlers Group. Church Room. 10-12 noon.
also Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Friday 18th** Good Friday. Service at St James. 12 noon.
- Sunday 20th** Easter Day. Family Communion. St James 10 am.
- Monday 21st** Bank Holiday.
- Tuesday 22nd** Mobile Library. The Green 10.25-10.55. Wingrave Road 11.00-11.15. Oxley Farm 12.55-13.10.
- Thursday 24th** Children's Walk. Walk to the picnic site and along the river. Catch 11.08 bus to Cublington. Return on the 2 o'clock bus. Phone Colin on 681343 for details.
- Saturday 26th** British Legion Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Sunday 27th** Village footpath walk. Meet The Green 2 pm.
- Thurs 1st May** District and Parish Council Elections. Church Room. All day.
- Monday 5th** Bank Holiday.
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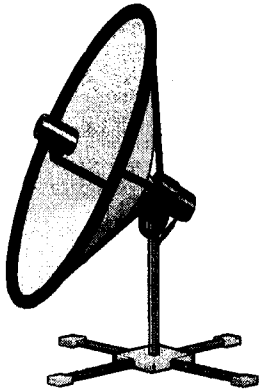
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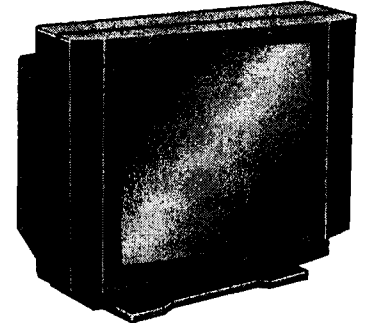
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