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# Editorial

## Welcome to Claire

I have great pleasure in welcoming Claire Cresswell to the Chronicle team. Claire has kindly offered to take over from Ivan Greenaway, looking after our advertisers and the invoicing. Our grateful thanks to Claire for volunteering.

I would just like to say once again a thank you to Ivan (and to Liz who assisted him) for looking after the advertising over the last five years. He did a wonderful job, but I am sure that in Claire we have found a worthy successor so and I'm very pleased to welcome her to the team.

## A Brave New World

Now for news of an exciting leap forward for the Aston Abbots Chronicle.

In the beginning the Chronicle was typed and drawn onto bits of paper, which would then be pasted on to master sheets before photocopying. Seven or eight years ago former editors Andy Bystra and Andi Swain dragged The Chronicle into the computer age. When I took over I moved the whole publication into a single desktop publishing file. Now we take our next bold step as we launch the Chronicle website.

Don't be alarmed. We are not abandoning our traditional printed monthly issue. Far from it, we will continue to seek ways in which we can improve the printed edition and it will be available every month as usual. However our move online offers us some new opportunities. It has long since been a source of frustration that pictures do not reproduce particularly well via the Chronicle's printing process. We will continue to carry pictures in the Chronicle, but when we have pictures of major village events we will be able to supplement our printed edition with colour photographs on the website.

We will also carry a few selected news stories (taken from the printed edition) on the website and these will enable expatriate Astonians to keep in touch with what is happening 'back home'.

I'll be the first to admit that the website is a bit rough and ready and needs work, but recognising my own time limitations I decided to launch it as it was, or else the project was going to drift on for ever.

At the same time I have created a small Aston Abbots website to present a picture of our lovely village to the online world. Once again this website will be refined over the coming months. If anybody has suggestions of things that they would like to see on either website then please get in touch.

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*Phil*

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*In your June Chronicle ~*

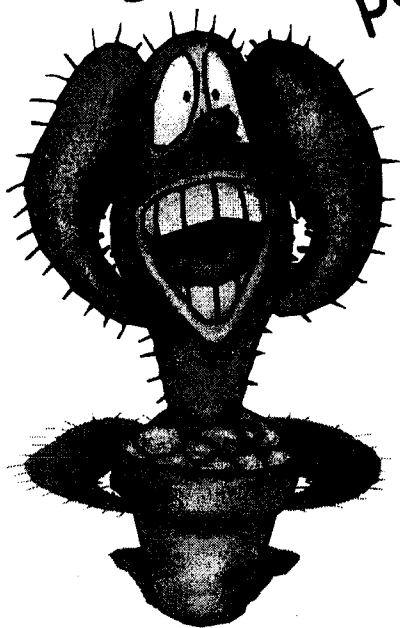
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# The Peoples Page

## Happy Birthday

Pauline Price	7th
Emily DeLooze	17th
Bernard Osborne	18th
Dave Wheaton	21st
Paul Drysdale	21st
Rob Howell	22nd
Pat Stevens	24th
Sharon Wilkinson	26th
Kim Picking	27th
David Hewit	28th
Kirsty Lewis	28th
Adam Oldfield	30th



"Don't forget to  
pot up your  
plants  
for the  
fete!!!"

### New Arrivals

We have a double dose of welcomes this month.

Firstly a very warm welcome to **John and Judy Hardcastle** who have moved into Marloes on Lines Hill.

Secondly, an equally warm welcome to **Phil Corrigan** who has moved into Nash's Farm.

We hope you all are settling in well and you will enjoy living here. We look forward to meeting you around the village.



### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came round to welcome the birth of my lovely daughter Libbie to the village—and for all the lovely cards and presents.

Another big thank you to my mum and dad Tracy and Lol. I couldn't have done it without you and I want you both to know how much I love you.

~ Zoe Judd

[Our apologies for mis-spelling Libbie's middle name last month – it should have been Mae. ~ Ed]



### Good luck

Good luck to **Don Bellingham** who is moving into the Old House with Barbara and David. Don's friends might like to know that he is keeping his old phone number.



### Welcome Home

We'd like to welcome back **Tim Peacocke**, who returns to the village after a couple of years enforced exile in Berton. Welcome home Tim.



### Well Done

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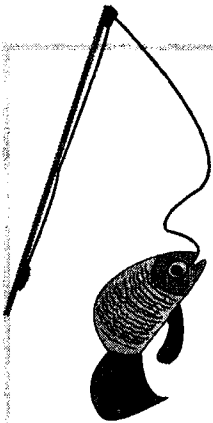
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# In The Village

## The Royal Oak Raise Over £2200 For Charity



*One of the girls teams shows the boys how it should be done*

Spirits were certainly not dampened by the slightly inclement weather at The Royal Oak Fun Day on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The pub and its garden were packed as villagers and families came to join in the fun.

The idea had started when the girls from the Oak decided to take part in the Race For Life at Waddesdon Manor, in aid of Cancer research and relief. Then they decided they would make a real fun day of it back at the pub in the afternoon and evening.

Teri and Gary had made a huge effort to ensure that there was a lot of fun to be had. The back garden sported a coconut shy, bouncy castle, disco area and barbecue. Inside the pub was decorated and jam-packed.

The highlight of the afternoon was a tug of war tournament, held outside in the

car park. Around a dozen teams had been formed and they pulled with determination to noisy shouts of encouragement from the enthusiastic crowd.

Eventually the tournament was won by Hall's Hauler from Wingrave, led by Andy Hall from the Wingrave Post Office, but not before yours truly had fallen flat on his backside!

Then back inside and the fun continued on with a disco until late in the evening.

The day raised over £2200. Around a £1000 was raised by the Race For Life completed in the morning by Teri, Kerry, Kim and some of the other girls. This has been donated to Cancer Research and most of the remainder

has been donated to the Ian Rennie Hospice, as Teri and everyone at the pub wanted to see a local charity benefit.

Well done to Gary, Teri, Kerry, Kim and everyone else who worked so hard to make the day such a success!

*~ Phil Spooner*

*See Teri's letter on page 7 ~ Ed*

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Phil,

Just a note to say a huge thanks to everyone who supported our charity day at the Royal Oak Inn on Sunday 18th May 2003.

The day began with 12 of us girls setting off for Waddesdon Manor to participate in the Race For Life. This went very well with all us girls finishing the race within an hour! And better still, whilst raising approximately £1,000.

Then it was back to the Royal Oak to organised chaos with the tug of war under way with all the villagers involved—and the railway boys. Although very sporting I think that there may have been some cheating going on! No one seemed to mind as everyone had the charity on the minds, even paying to pull the rope!

The coconut shy and bouncy castle were both a huge success. A massive thanks to our friend Loius who dedicated his skills to the barbecue even though he had to go to work straight afterwards.

A big 'well done' to Halisi who is now walking around without his hair or beard, but raised lots of money in the process.

We would also like to thank everyone for their support with the raffle. You can now come into the pub without being hassled by the Moults sisters to buy more tickets!

We at the Royal Oak would like to say thanks to the 630 Club for their kind donation of £70, given by everyone at their St George's evening.

The total figure raised was approximately £2,300. You were all part of this generosity, but we're still collecting so as soon as we have the final amount we will let you know.

Once again THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!  
Here's to the next one.

*~ Teri, Gary, Kerry, Kim, Laura, Stacey*

## Resumed Tails From Portugal

Well hello again - I have decided to pick up the quill and resume my literary skills. The garden is coming on a treat. Unfortunately I do get shouted at by my mum because a good proportion of it is covered in small grey shingle. For a mutt like myself it is all too much and whilst I have extremely good intentions, the devil gets inside me and I just dig and dig. Needless to say I get called all names like "you are a pain in the a....." sorry I mean "a pain in the backside" - (slip of the quill there). However I have to say there are lots of terracotta pots and nice fruit trees, tomatoes, raspberries, gooseberries, melons, pimentos, all coming along really well.

Some nice people came from England and stayed. There was 5 days of frivolities, barbeques, drinking (something of which I do not approve as you well know!!). It was a very dear friend's 60th birthday and lots of surprises. I was spoiled and played with. Needless to say when they left, the place was quiet and my mum used a strange word called 'knackered', something I had not heard of before.

I have also acquired a brother - he thought 'Pine Tops' was a good 'des res' to be associated with and when the builders were working in the garden and the gates were open, he wandered in and has not left. Needless to say my mum has gone all silly and taken him to the vets because he was a very poor looking individual. He has a similar nature to my late brother Nelson, very gentle, follows my mum everywhere, except he is golden in colour. As far as parentage is concerned, he looks like a labrador, but it is difficult to say exactly. He has been named Ance (short for Anceriz our village). He certainly looks a lot better now as he has had lots of TLC. We get on really well together, but at the moment he does get more food than me because he needs building up. However whilst he comes and goes around the house during the day, at night he sleeps in the garage, so he is really half Portugues and half English.

No doubt AA is winding up to Astonbury and the Fete and everyone is tearing around catching themselves coming back. Mum wishes everyone all the best for both events.

Well take care, love from us all here in SUNNY, yes I said SUNNY Portugal, 28 degrees today. Hey Ho what a hard life.

*~ Jackie, Jacko and Ance.*

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*Tim Peacocke, the organiser of the 630 Club's St George's dinner, presents a cheque for £70, raised from the raffle, to Teri at the Royal Oak*



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## 630 Club St Georges Day

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So, rather reluctantly, organiser Tim Peacock, after a number of abortive starts, settled upon the Bell at Winslow for this year's dinner. As you would expect, a good number of the attendees made their way down to the Royal Oak for the 630 Club before leaving the village, but eventually they were priced out of the bar and on to the coach which quickly made the journey to Winslow.

The diners alighted from the coach with thirsty alacrity and immediately headed towards the Verney bar with considerable determination and enthusiasm. Eventually they were persuaded out of the bar and took their seats in the function room where two long tables had been laid out.

The main course of roast beef (of course) supplemented with Turkey and Gammon was actually provided as a carvery, but to prevent too many members of the 630 Club risking danger in attempting to stand up a few members acted as 'waiters' and fetched the meat for the other diners. Whilst this exercise was under way Nigel Palmer (complete with his electronic keyboard) led the diners in a chorus of *The Roast Beef Of Old England* or, as Tim Peacock put it in his announcement, *The Old Roast Beef Of England*. What did he know that we didn't know? I would have liked to be able to report that it was a 'rousing' chorus. However, rousing is not a suitable adjective to describe the singing that occurred and those few of us who were fetching the meat were almost bowled over by members of the Bell staff scuttling for cover.

Dinner over and it was time for the traditional toast to the Queen followed by a small number of speeches and readings. These included a speech of Winston Churchill's

read by Geoff Curnow and a Kipling poem, Tommy Atkins, read by John Whyte.

Ray Wilkinson, never one to miss an opportunity, ran a raffle to raise a donation for the Royal Oak Fun Day which was to be held in aid of Cancer relief in the afternoon. It is an indication of the type of people in the 630 Club (and their friends) that everybody willingly opened their wallets without questioning what the prize might be. When the draw was held Dicky Dicken was the winner, but I think even today he still may not know what the prize might have been.

Dinner over and, as the port mellowed well-sated diners, John Whyte took it upon himself to organise an impromptu floor show. Nigel Palmer performed some tunes on his keyboard and Brigit Brandon and Avi Gupta reprised their show-stopping *Goodness Gracious Me* from last year's cabaret show. Then Bob Bean and Vanessa Worrall led the audience in a chorus of *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, complete with actions.

All too soon it was time to go home and the members of 630 Club poured on to the waiting coach for the journey back to Aston Abbots. It only remains to thank Tim Peacock (aided and abetted by Andy Bystra) for organising an excellent evening. It is a measure of how successful the evening was that Ray Wilkinson has already volunteered him to organise it again next year. Well done Tim.

~ Phil Spooner

*Vanessa and Bob lead the singing of Swing Low Sweet Chariot, as John Whyte looks on*



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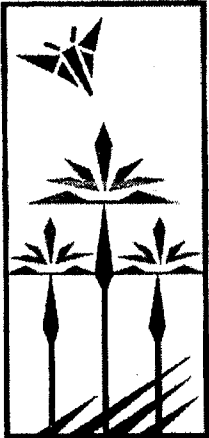
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Bale	Sue	87	Humphreys	Sheila	38
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Barlow	Liz	18	Jenkins	Lisa	78
Bean	Robert	80	Jones	Alan	81
Bellingham	Barbara	79	Lane	Caroline	74
Bellingham	Don	90	Lewis	Allison	11
Biddle	Janet	61	Liscott	Mr C & Mrs D	70
Brandon	Ivy	33	Loader	Tim & June	7
Clarke	Liz	58	Lowden	Mr & Mrs G F	37
Clarke	Richard	36	Ludlam	Mrs E J	77
Copping	Kevin & Jane	8	Makin	Clare	95
Curnow	April	31	Maurice	Carole & Mike	42
Curnow	Geoff	32	Moult	Teri	83
Curry	Kate	59	Page	Mrs P J	71
Daniels	Mrs R E	20	Palmer	Sally	10
Dewhirst	R E & A J	43	Peacock	"Andrew, Helen & Kirsty"	26
Dicken	Ann	46	Poulter	Fred	82
Dicken	Dickie	47	Prouting	Bob	69
Digby	Andy & Sue	88	Radbourne	Alex	48
Ellis	Mrs M	93	Robinson	Rita	44
Farrands	Jackie	60	Scott	Christine	75
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The ensemble, led by Robert Secret, consisted of harp, flute, cello and viola. These performed as solos, duos, trios and as a complete four piece ensemble.

The concert consisted of a number of pieces by several composers, including a beautiful harp solo, David of the White Rock by John Thomas, pieces by Debussy, Beethoven and Bach, and the technically challenging viola solo Passacagli by Biber.

Thanks to Kate Curry, April Curnow and Anne Dicken for serving wine and 'nibbles' in the Church Room during the interval.

The concert was one of a series sponsored by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

~ Phil Spooner

## The Ladies Club

### Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

#### April 30<sup>th</sup>

Due to a change of date, only 13 members were able to attend today's Ladies Club meeting in the Church Room. Following a short business meeting, we settled down to enjoy a talk and slide show given by Vic and Christine Scott about India. Once again we were not disappointed; it was a very interesting talk lasting an hour and beautifully illustrated with slides. They were warmly thanked on behalf of the members by Etherly Gutteridge.

#### May 15<sup>th</sup>

17 members were present at today's meeting in the Church Room. Plans for our Summer luncheon at Audrey Stephenson's were finalised. All the coach seats for our Summer outing to Althorp House are taken. Our speaker today was Mr. Richard Revels who showed us slides of Bedfordshire wildlife including birds, butterflies, moths, plants and landscapes. He was thanked by June Brine.

Tea hostesses today were Jean Biss, and Etherly Gutteridge.

The raffle prize was won by Minnie Dogget..

#### 29<sup>th</sup> May

Today's meeting in the Church Room was attended by 17 members. Joan Alexander chaired the meeting and April Curnow read the minutes. Our Garden Party is to be held at Joan Alexander's house at Cublington on Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.30.

Business over, Joan introduced Mr John Chedley of Lee Common who had come to speak about beekeeping. He explained just about everything about keeping bees, illustrating his talk with some excellent posters and equipment. We were all 'gripped' by this very interesting talk which ended with him answering many questions from 'the floor'. He was thanked by Robin Anson Owen.

Tea and biscuits were served by June Brine and Audrey Stephenson.

The raffle prize was won by June Loder.

~ Shirley Ford

## Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 14th May 2003

Present: Cllrs. T. Manning, M. Kent, R. Clarke, J. Farrands, P. Shorrocks, C. Higgs, D. Dicken and Mrs K. Curry (Clerk). Two members of the public attended.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and witnessed. Tom Manning was unanimously elected Chairman, with Colin Higgs as Vice Chair. Margaret Kent is to be Street Light Officer, and Colin Higgs will represent the Council at the Highways Liaison Committee meetings. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

### Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission would now be paying the bill for the extra Audit discussed at the last meeting. Information on various courses and seminars was circulated, and dates for the Perfect Village Sunday discussed.

### County Council, District Council & Police Matters

P.C. Mick Print was present, and introduced himself to the Council. He is based at Wing, and would like to be informed of any problems in the village.

District Councillor Peter Cooper was also present.

### Planning

- 03/00862/APP Home Farm, 61, The Green, Aston Abbotts. Creation of additional access. Resolved to oppose the application on the grounds that visibility is so poor.
- 03/01104/ATC 63, The Green. Crown reduce one holly tree. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

### Parish Plan

The guidance document issued by the Countryside Agency was discussed, but it was agreed that no decisions could be made until all councillors have read the document (only three have read it so far). It will be circulated, and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Highways

To discuss prospective places to site the Speed Indicator Device. Agreed that the sites to put forward for consideration would be: Wingrave Road, The Green, Moat Lane and Lines Hill.

### Recreation Ground

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

The strip of land on the Rec. currently still owned by Banner Homes was discussed.. The Clerk has been attempting to solve the issue of transferring the land to the Parish Council, which is very complicated. Meanwhile she agreed to contact Banner Homes regarding upkeep of the land, which remains their responsibility.

Resolved to go ahead with the repairs to the children's play area, with work to begin as soon as possible.

### Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 25th June at 8 pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk



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Are we scaremongering? No! Last autumn, Luton Airport denied PAVAN's assertions that Luton could expand from the current 7m passengers p.a. to 30m. They claimed the site was not suitable and the costs prohibitive. Six weeks later, Luton suggested they could expand to 80m. Obviously we weren't scaremongering enough!

## How can I stop this?

You have until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2003 to object to massive airport expansion in the southeast – at Luton, Heathrow and elsewhere. For full details and a copy of the government's consultation document, call the Department for Transport at 0845 100 5554, or visit [www.aviation.dft.gov.uk/consult/airconsult/](http://www.aviation.dft.gov.uk/consult/airconsult/)

PAVAN advises against completing the questionnaire that comes with the consultation document. The questions are unfairly weighted in favour of a positive response for airport expansion! Instead, PAVAN recommends you write with your views to Mr Mike Fawcett, Airports Policy Division, Department for Transport, Room 1/28A, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.

## What should I write?

Here are some ideas:

- Luton Airport is unsuitable for expansion because of its site on an escarpment. This makes it prone to delays and closures in bad weather. Further, the end of the runway dips away and one end cannot be seen from the other. This is a serious safety issue.
- Luton planes already take off over a school and other public areas. This is a serious safety, noise and air pollution issue.
- Transport links to Luton Airport are already a shambles and housing is said to be in short supply. Expansion of the airport would require massive development of roads, railways, housing and community facilities, which is environmentally unsustainable and in breach of the government's own sustainable development policies.
- Despite Luton Airport quadrupling in size over the last decade, parts of Luton are still classed as economic regeneration areas because other industries have left the area! This contradicts the government's claim that airports create jobs.
- More planes would require more airspace, which means more noise for everyone, including currently tranquil areas. This breaches European Directive 2002/30. Planes are noisy and intrusive well beyond the small monitoring areas around airports.
- Expanding Luton would not help the lower income households to fly, even though Luton provides many low cost flights. These households still cannot afford hotels, transport and other expenses associated with a foreign holidays.

- The government should be encouraging British holiday makers to visit Britain, not Paris or Prague. A good train service to the Lake District or Cornwall should take precedence over runways to Europe
- Expansion of any airport can only be considered with the benefit of:
  - impartial and balanced economic and social projections
  - full and impartial environmental impact statements in accordance with the UN Aarhus Convention
  - proper and complete airspace models
  - detailed provision for rail, road, housing, community facilities and water management
  - a balanced and impartial consultation questionnaire that adheres to the Market Research Society Code of Conduct.
- The consultation document contradicts the prime minister's statements on air pollution and the environment, DEFRA's consultation paper "Towards a National Ambient Noise Policy," The Treasury's proposals that the polluter should pay, EC Directive 2002/30 and the UN Aarhus Convention. In addition, the office of the Deputy Prime Minister appears to have settled on a housing policy without looking where the new runways might be sited. To restore credibility to and faith in the government as a whole and the DfT in particular, there should be some joined up thinking that unites the policies of the above mentioned departments and organisations.

If you would like more information to, then please call 01525 240950, or email [Rachel@pavan.me.uk](mailto:Rachel@pavan.me.uk).

~ Rachel Webb, PAVAN

## Ol' Fred

Ol' Fred had been a religious man who was in the hospital, near to death. The family called their preacher to stand with them.

As the preacher stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on.

The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Ol' Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then he died.

The preacher thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he was wearing when Ol' Fred died.

He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

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1. Ron Jennings and his cousin sitting on this 'vital piece of defence equipment'.
2. Ron's sister and two other relatives sitting on the wheels which at that time seem to be close to one of the bends in the road near to New Zealand Cottages!

### More Village History

The village of Burston flourished until the 16<sup>th</sup> century when villagers were evicted by the Lord of the Manor. That particular piece of land has probably never been ploughed since that time and the foundations of the houses and wall are to this day, clearly visible as humps in the ground; especially when the sun is low.

The Science Museum in London has a model of the Burston remains to demonstrate how oblique lighting can reveal sites of archaeological interest. This is documented in the AA. Illustrated Guide to Country Towns and Villages of Britain (page 160).

*Many thanks to Ron Jennings for these two items of village history. Does any one else have information on 'The Log' or other attempts at defence around the village?*



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"My wife thinks I'm too nosy. At least that's what she keeps scribbling in her diary."

"I have good looking kids. Thank goodness my wife cheats on me." ~ Rodney Dangerfield.

"I don't care about money. I want a sensitive man. I want a man who will cry... when I hit him." ~ Wendy Liebman

"I was having dinner with world chess champion Garry Kasparov. Our table had a check tablecloth and it took him two hours to pass me the salt."

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## The Village Hall—An Update

*Our Legal Correspondent writes:*

The latest development is that the Church Trustees have now asked another firm of solicitors to act for them in connection with the transfer of the Church Hall to the Company set up by the Oxford Diocesan Board, which has to own it before the proposed lease can be granted. They are now using the same firm who act for the Diocesan Board, and clearly this should now mean that some rapid progress can now be made in this direction. The new solicitors have already prepared the necessary notices that need to be served before the property can be transferred.

I do not know whether the Church Trustees are also going to use the new firm for the lease, or if they will continue to use their previous firm for this purpose. It is to be hoped that they stick with the old firm, since of course the form of the lease has long since been agreed, and indeed engrossments prepared for signature. If they do not, then we will have wasted the best part of two years, since it will be necessary to start all over again with a draft lease prepared by the new solicitors!

We still do not know whether an (expensive) Albemarle Scheme will be needed before the lease is granted, since the Charity Commission have not replied to the last two letters to them about this (the first sent as long ago as 12th March). The Church Trustees' new solicitors have suggested that they believe one is required: our solicitors are trying to persuade them otherwise.

With luck any further legal work that is necessary - both in connection with the Albemarle Scheme or a new draft lease (if either is needed) - can be done in tandem with the transfer of the Hall to the Diocesan Company and the period of notice that must expire before it is completed.

Watch this space!

*~ Peter Shorrocks*

## Rectors Report

I have little doubt that there will be some people who will disagree with me when I suggest that our ability to solve problems is something that distinguishes us from other creatures.

Our mental capacity enables us to regulate our periods of activity and non-activity. In order to prevent exhaustion, we can also vary our activity between mental activity and physical activity, so that our brains and our bodies are both exercised. In almost every situation of life where we are presented with a challenge we try to come up with some strategy that will work. We endeavour to find our way around difficulties and produce a solution that will probably work.

Inevitably, some of the answers that we come up with lead us into dead ends. On reflection our solution is simply not satisfactory and we have to go back to the drawing board and start again. Others, whilst seeming to work well at first, generate more problems than they solve, although there are very few situations that we find it impossible to resolve somehow or other.

One of our big problems is the acknowledgement that the solution that we have come up with for a particular problem is not going to yield the result that we anticipate. "If it is my idea, then it must work!"

We just love going round giving people answers to their problems. "If I were you, what I would do is.....". But the trouble is that we are seeing the problem through our eyes, not through the eyes of the person who needs to find a solution. So the advice we give is biased and quite possibly rather useless.

It might be more productive if we allowed people to talk through their problems, and to bounce ideas off others rather than trying to provide them with ready-made answers. Before we come up with solutions, we need to be prepared to examine the problem from more than one angle. For the best solutions are frequently only visible from an angle that we had not previously considered.

*~ Bob Wilmott*

## Vale Volunteers

Vale Volunteers the volunteer development agency for the Vale has secured 2 years funding to operate a gardening service for the elderly and disabled of Aylesbury Vale. To ensure the success of the project we need to recruit volunteers to assist our gardening co-ordinator.

Volunteers Needed! A New Gardening Project is Starting In Aylesbury Vale

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Everybody on earth dies and goes to heaven. The Lord comes and says "I want the men to make two lines. One line for the men that dominated their women on earth and the other line for the men that were dominated by their women. Also, I want all the women to go with St Peter."

Said and done, the next time The Lord looked the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated by their women was 100 miles long, and in the line of men that dominated their women, there was only one man.

The Lord got mad and said, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all whipped by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him! Tell them my son, how did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

And the man replied, "I don't know, my wife told me to stand here."

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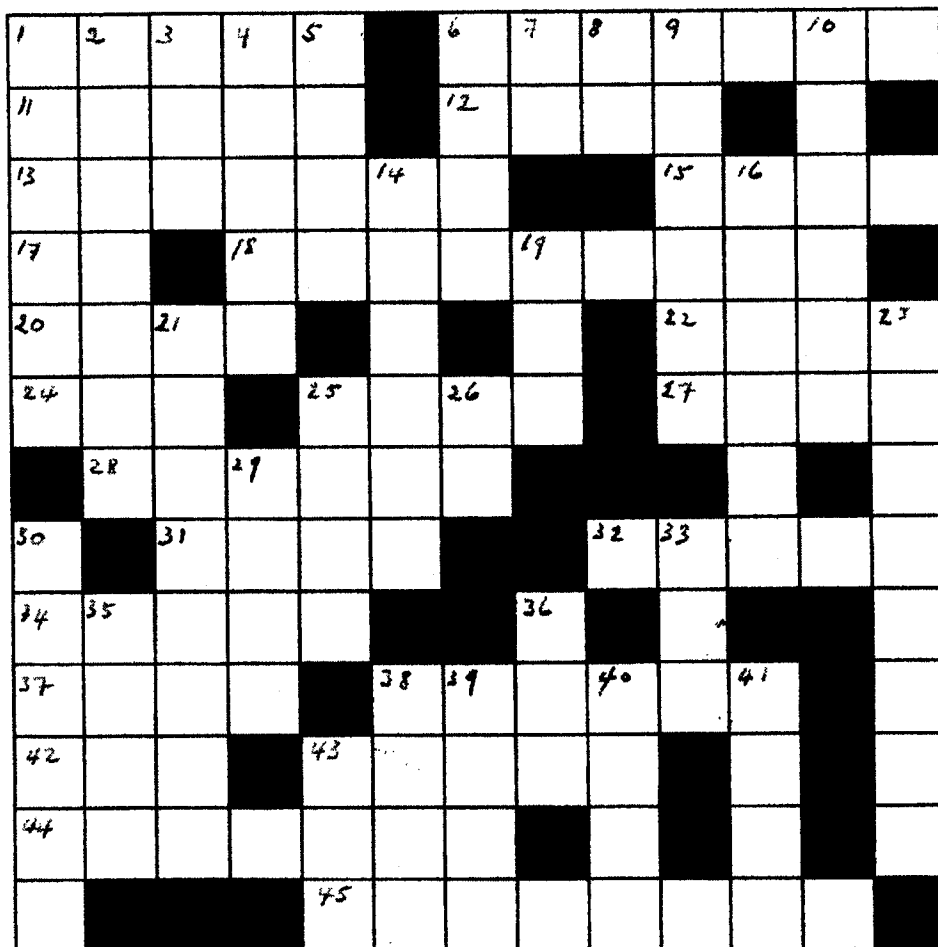
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1 Notions. 2 Other. 3 Thrift  
4 Heeding. 5 Mable. 6  
Atlases. 7 Riot. 8 Scored. 9  
Nasty. 14 Myself. 17 October.  
20 Proud. 24 Opulent. 25  
Nose. 28 Glow. 30 DTS. 31  
Agile. 32 Wallet. 33 Lanes. 34  
Amend. 38 Dodo. 40 Wad. 43  
DA. 44 En. 45 RA.

## ACROSS:

1. Local village (5)
6. Interferes (7)
11. Dairy product (5)
12. Otherwise (4)
13. E.g. Redgrave is one (7)
15. Diplomacy (4)
17. Higher (2)
18. SAT IN LATE (An.9)
20. River in Scotland (4)
22. DIET (an 4)
24. Fish (3)
25. Same as 12 across (4)
27. Paradise (4)
28. Unit of measurement (6)
31. ROOM (An 4)
32. To squander (5)

## 34. Trees (5)

37. Nothing (4)
38. Degraded (6)
42. Negative (3)
43. Scottish Island (5)
44. SET REEL (7)
45. People in control (8)

## DOWN: 1. Relating to Liverpool (6)

2. Caught (7)
3. Over (poetic 3)
4. Horrible (5)
5. Girl's name (4)
6. Shelter (4)
7. Chem. symbol for aluminium (2)
8. Manuscript (2)
9. Small, dainty (6)
10. Shrink back (6)

## 14. Branched horn (6))

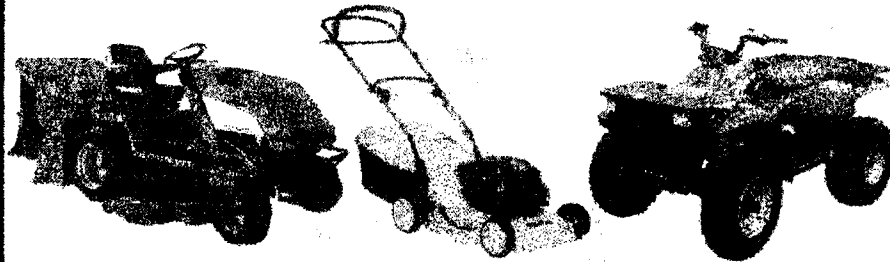
16. Words spoken on stage (6)
19. Monkey (3)
21. Earth, air, water, etc (8)
23. GREEN DEN (An.8)
25. ROSE (An. 4)
26. Compass point (2)
29. Blood (5)
30. Flag (6)
33. Consumed (3)
34. Fairly cold (4)
36. Animal bleat (3)
38. Tract of land (4)
39. Army weapon (4)
40. Difficulty (4)
41. Animal (4)
43. Limb (3)

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# St James Church

## Church Services

- 1st June** 10.00 Cublington Family Service  
10.00 Wingrave Parish Communion  
11.15 Aston Abbots Parish Communion  
\* Note change
- 8th** 08.45 Cublington Parish Communion  
10.00 Wingrave Family Service
- 15th** 10.00 Wingrave Parish Communion  
10.00 Cublington Family Service with Communion  
11.15 Aston Abbots Parish Communion  
\* Note change
- 22nd** 08.45 Cublington Parish Communion  
10.00 Wingrave Parish Communion  
10.00 Aston Abbots Morning Service  
18.00 Cublington Songs of Praise
- 29th** 08.45 Cublington Parish Communion  
10.00 Wingrave PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
11.15 Aston Abbots Parish Communion
- 6th July** 10.00 Wingrave Parish Communion  
10.00 Cublington Family Service  
10.00 Aston Abbots Parish Communion

## Friends of St. James

The Friends Of St James is a group dedicated to raising money to support our church. All of the money raised will go directly to our church, to aid in its upkeep and its survival

For more information about the Friends Of St James please contact Clare Shorrock on 681260

## Sunday Readings

- 1st June** Easter 7 1 John 5.9-13;  
John 17.6-19
- 8th** Pentecost Acts 2.1-21;  
John 15.26-27,16.4-15
- 15th** Trinity Romans 8.12-17;  
John 3.1-17
- 22nd** Trinity 1 2 Corinthians 6.1-13;  
Mark 4.35-41
- 29th** Trinity 2 2 Corinthians 8.7-15;  
Mark 5.21-43
- 6th July** Trinity 3 2 Corinthians 12.1-10;  
Mark 6.1-13

## From The Registers

### Funeral

14th May Luke Soames at Crownhill

## Church Flowers

- 31st May/1st June. Mrs S Ford  
7th/8th. Mrs Parker  
14th/15th Mrs Dickens  
21st/22nd Miss A Goodman  
28th/29th Mrs Bean

## Church Sidesmen

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

## ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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





## The Aston Abbots Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343	LBO Reports	Colin Higgs	681343
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	Claire Gresswell	682949	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 Moutt	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 Gresswell	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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# What's On In June

- Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm  
*Also* Friends of St James Royal Oak 8.30 pm.
- Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Village gardens open 2.00 – 6.00 pm.
- Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30 pm
- Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> **DEADLINE FOR THE JULY AUGUST CHRONICLE**
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Cublington Fete; The Old Rectory 2.00 pm.
- Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Hughenden Manor Gardens Open  
Nether Winchendon Gardens Open  
*Also* Village footpath walk. Meet on The Green 2.00 pm.
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting Church Room 8.00 pm.
- Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Rambling Club Members meet at Wing 2.00 pm.  
Tea at Church afterwards
- Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> July Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm

## BOOK THESE DATES

### Festival Weekend and Fete

Sat/Sun/ 26th/ 27th  
July

## Astonbury

Saturday 12th July

Tickets will be limited

*See page 11*

### ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL RAFFLE 2003

Every household in the village will shortly be visited by someone clutching books of raffle tickets for the annual festival raffle. The festival (including the fete) is the biggest village fundraiser of the year, and the raffle is one of the biggest contributors to the financial success of the festival. The raffle is the festival's 'insurance policy'. It can make money for village 'good causes' even if the weather for the festival weekend is terrible.

You can support the raffle in two ways. Either buy tickets for yourself when your ticket seller arrives, or take more tickets for selling on to friends, family and colleagues outside the village.

Tickets are 50p each or £2.50 for a book of five. First prize is £200, and other prizes include a caravan holiday, a meal at the Royal Oak, and a quilted cushion.

If you need more tickets, please call Gordon Smith on 681373

### Village Gardens Open

Sun 8th June

2.00 – 6.00 pm

*The Abbey*

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*67 The Green*

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*10 Wingrave Cottages*

*Oak Farm House*

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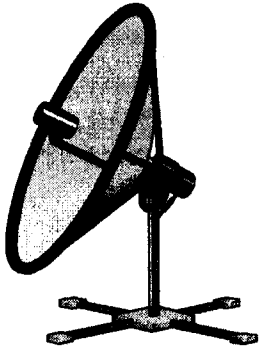
The Aston Abbots Toddler  
Group meet every  
Thursday morning between  
10 and 12.

Contact Claire Gresswell  
on 682949 for more information

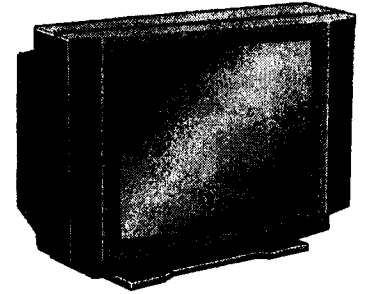


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