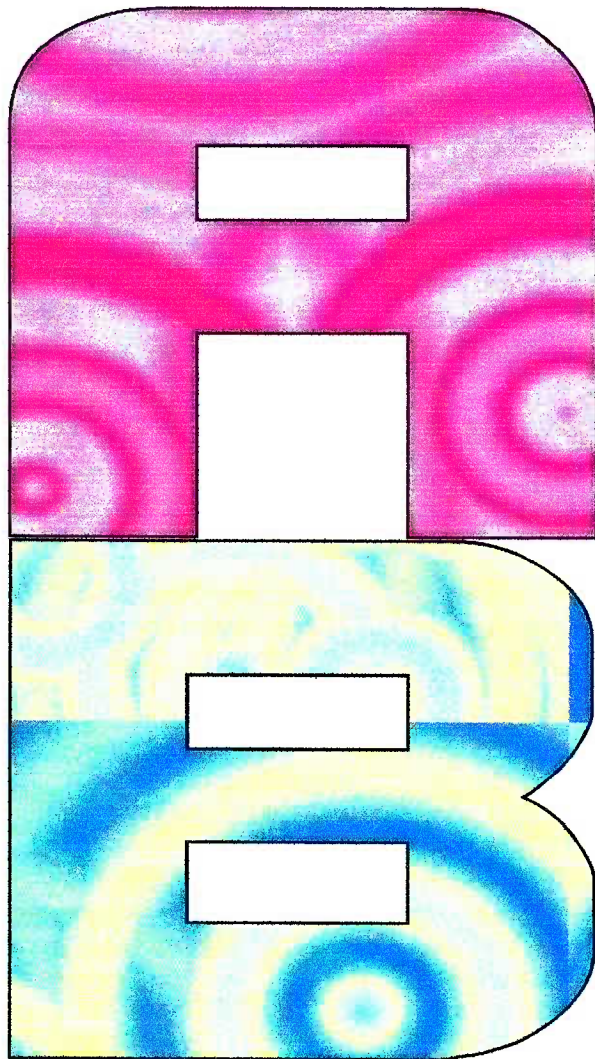


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# Editorial

## Astonbury 2003

Preparations are well underway for this year's Astonbury music festival. The musicians and singers are already rehearsing hard to make sure that this event is even better than last year. That's a tall order! Peter Shorrocks has taken over the organisational reins from Andy Swain, who gave us such a memorable event in 2002. Neil Cheshier is once again musical director, of course.

This year the decision has been made that no tickets will be available on the gate. Admission is by pre-paid ticket only. No ticket - no entry. So make sure you get your tickets early otherwise John Whyte will have to bar you - and believe me he has lots of experience of people being barred! Trust me on this one.

So see the advert on page 17, get your tickets and don't forget to bring chairs, a picnic and your favourite tippie. It's an open-air event. Hopefully the weather will be kind, but it might be an idea to bring an umbrella should the skies look threatening.

## Fete 2003

Preparations are also well under way for this year's fete. Volunteers will be calling to collect any items that you might like to donate a few days before the fete weekend. There's a list of what's needed on Page 11. Remember, anything that you give helps raise money for various village causes. You don't have to donate huge quantities, maybe a bottle or two for the tombola, an item of bric-a-brac, plants, cakes and so on. It all helps—and please don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

## The Chronicle's Summer Break

With that we take a break for the summer. There will be no issue in August and the next Chronicle will appear in early September. You can find the deadline for submissions at the bottom right-hand corner of this page.

So have a great summer everybody. Let's hope the weather is again kind for Astonbury and the fete. See you there.



PS. My thanks to Neil Cheshier for the cover idea and design - and for printing the colour bits on his printer.

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Please tell us about your birthdays, anniversaries, etc, so that we can send you a greeting on the Peoples Page

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# The Peoples Page



George Fox	2nd July
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Andrew Plested	19th
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Daniel Smith	24th
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Zoe Oldfield	24th
Andrew Peacock	24th
Jenny Howell	27th
Dean Wiggett	29th
Poonam Gupta	29th

A very Happy Birthday to **Rebekah Lee** on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2003

~ with love from Mummy, Daddy and Abbie Mae



Very many congratulations to **Christine and George Fox** who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 12th of July.



Congratulations to **Peter Cooper** on being re-elected as our District Councillor. Peter will be familiar to many in Aston Abbots as he often attends Parish Council meetings and village events.



Our very best wishes to **Anita Parker** who retires this month after 30 years of teaching. See page 7.



We are sorry to hear that **Juan Gutierrez** has hurt his shoulder in an accident. We send our best wishes and hope that he recovers soon.



It's hard to be **John Whyte**, it's hard  
His unblemished reputation now tarred  
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It's hard to be John Whyte - "**The Barred**"



At the recent Music In Quiet Places concert the ladies serving wine in the Church Room during the interval were faced with a mathematical dilemma, when a prominent member of the Chronicle found himself financially embarrassed, following (it is believed) an earlier session at the 630 Club.

It is not clear just how much wine can be purchased for 7p - however it was apparently sufficient to keep our hero's alcohol level topped up for the duration of the second half of the concert, after which he happily teetered home on the arm of his wife.

~ Kate Curry

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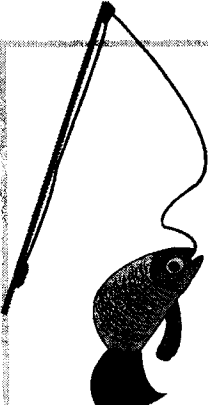
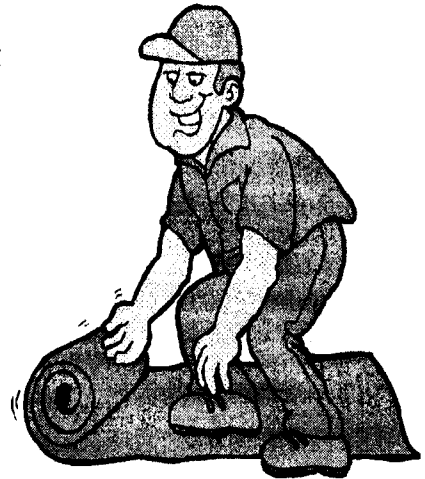
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# In The Village

## Open Gardens

Upon entering The Abbey grounds during this year's open gardens day on Sunday June the 8<sup>th</sup> I asked Peter Knight what I should look out for. "Well," he said, "there are one or two killer bees about, there's a boa constrictor but it's not too large - and watch out for the rogue elephant!"

We had started our annual pilgrimage around Aston Abbots' Open Gardens from the other end of the village, first visiting Richard Plestead's garden in Wingrave Cottages where once again we marvelled at the unbelievably well kept vegetable garden. Just up the road from there we popped in to see Clare Shorrock, where Peter had been working hard on a plan to identify all of the various trees in their garden and he was able to point each one out to us. It was only after I left that I recalled an early seventies Monty Python sketch: "How to recognise trees from very far away. Number three - The Larch. THE LARCH".

Moving on around we were once again able to enjoy Vic Scott's garden and see Christine's new tree fern, a present from Vic. The Abbey next, as previously mentioned, then the Old Vicarage before we stopped off at the Church room to revive ourselves with a cup of tea and cake. Shirley, Andrew and Caroline seemed to be doing a roaring trade, helped by a tiny shower just at that time. The few spots of rain failed to dampen spirits and, much refreshed, we made our final visit to John Barnett's Garden at 67 The Green, where we learnt that cats do not like snakes.

As always we much enjoyed the trip around the gardens. Meeting and chatting with people took up as much time as looking at the flowers. I am sure that Mrs Ed could tell you the names of many of the plants that we saw, but I'm a bit of a philistine when it comes to gardening and I just liked the red ones.

Oh, by the way, on leaving The Abbey grounds I had to break the news to Peter Knight that his rogue elephant had fallen into the disused swimming pool.

~ Phil Spooner

The Open Gardens day raised £550 for St James Church and £100 from the plant stall for Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Many thanks to everyone who kindly opened their gardens, served teas, potted up plants or helped in any way.

~ Colin Higgs

## Friends of St James

Many thanks to all those who attended the Music in Quiet Places Concert - we hope you enjoyed it. Also many thanks to all those who so generously joined our 100 Club - an amazing response. The draw is taking place on the 3rd Sunday of each month, not the 1st as stated in last month's Chronicle so the result of the first draw will be in this issue. Finally, there will be another concert in the church in the afternoon of September 21st so keep the date free in your diary. The performers this time will be The Wingrave Singers with a programme to suit all tastes.

~ Clare Shorrock



## Clare Shorrock Needs Your Plants

Clare is organising the Plant Stall at this year's fete and she needs your spare plants. So please pot them up and drop them into Clare at Oak Farm House in the Wingrave Road in the week prior to the fete. This gives Clare a chance to sort and price them before the green-fingered hordes descend upon her stall. (If you can't do that, I'm sure she will accept them at the stall on the day.)

## Bull And Butcher Development

The Bull and Butcher development continues. Meanwhile a new planning application for five houses at the rear of the property (instead of four, as in the original application) has been filed.

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~ Phil Spooner



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## Anita Parker Retires



This July for the last time Anita Parker has said farewell to her to her final form, closed the books, turned off the computer, taken one final look and retired ....and then cried with mixed emotions.

Anita has taken a well earned retirement after over 30 years of teaching, 20 of those at The Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, in Aylesbury where she was Head of Technology.

### A Real Life Miss Jean Brodie

It is a mark of their respect for her by former pupils that they will literally rush up to her in the street or other such places and start the conversation "ello Miss...." and then proceeded to tell how they were doing at college or university, where they were living, how many children they had, etc. Anita is always able to recollect their names, which year they were in, the sort of marks they got and whether they were 'good or naughty'. She especially relishes the ones earmarked as 'naughty' coming up and delightedly showing that they had made good.

Anita is well known at the school for devoting a lot of time outside classroom hours to encouraging and listening to individual pupils. She has also been involved extensively in the extracurricular activity running adventure courses, ski trips and the biennial education cruise to the eastern Mediterranean, Egypt and the Pyramids as well as making up to a 100 costumes for school plays.

She has survived an OFSTED inspection (just) and also gone through 2 thresholds as recognition of her skills and the extra that she brought to the job, the pupils and the school.

Her teaching career has ranged from Bath to Leicester and then to the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya. This is where she

met and encouraged many of the emerging Kenyan Athletes.

On the return to the UK she joined Lord Bill's in Thame before moving to the SHFGS.

Last year one of her pupils achieved marks which were in the top 5 of the whole of the country and Anita received a special recognition of this by the exam board. Other pupils won and achieved runner up in the annual 'Chef of Year' competition

Yet retirement is only partial as she will return to impart her wisdom for 2 days a week and try to play golf with some of the spare time, or play Granny to little Lili.

In the meantime she has to brace herself for another one of those "Oh, 'ello Miss...."

~ Your Edukational ~~cores~~ ~~corris~~ ~~correspen~~ writer

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## Liz Barlow—You ARE The Weakest Link



Liz Barlow from Nash's Farm appeared in BBC TV's *The Weakest Link* program during May. This was a special 'Odd Jobs' edition of the program. Liz gave her occupation as "An alpaca breeder from Aston Abbotts in Bucks". Other contestants included a Jaffa cake maker, a rickshaw driver and a professional salmon fly fisherman.

The program had been filmed some 4-5 months previously and Liz had all but given up hope of ever seeing it appear on our screens. Apparently none of the contestants met the stern Anne Robinson before or after the show, but Liz recalls seeing her have a little smile to herself during filming when the camera was not on her.

Liz told us how it is not so easy to answer questions under the glare of the studio lights and the even stronger glare of Ms Robinson. Despite this Liz did well, surviving until she was one of the final three. But then it was all over - and Liz Barlow WAS the weakest Link.

~ Phil Spooner

According to a news report, a certain private school recently was faced with a unique problem. A number of middle school girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror. There are teachers, and then there are educators.

An American tourist went into a restaurant in a Spanish provincial city for dinner, and asked to be served the specialty of the house. When the dish arrived, he asked what kind of meat it contained. "Senor, these are the cojones," the waiter replied. "The what, you say?" exclaimed the tourist. "They are the testicles of the bull killed in the ring today," explained the waiter. The tourist gulped but tasted the dish anyway, and found it delicious. Returning the following evening, he asked for the same dish. After he finished the meal, the tourist commented to the waiter, "Today's cojones are much saltier and smaller than the ones I had yesterday."

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Jokes sent in by Dickie Dicken

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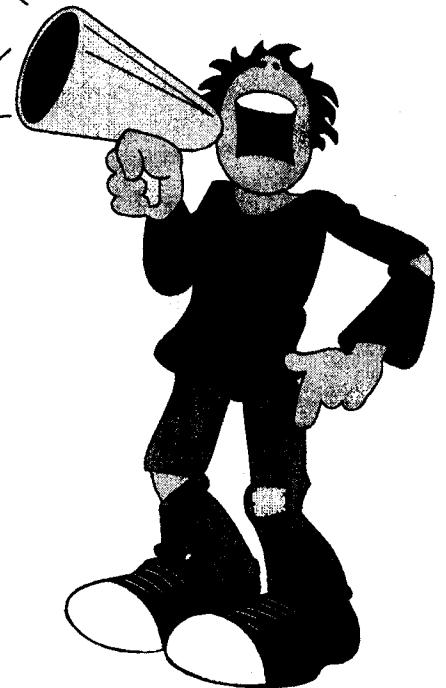
## YOU CAN HELP!!!

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Next month we will call to collect the following items ~

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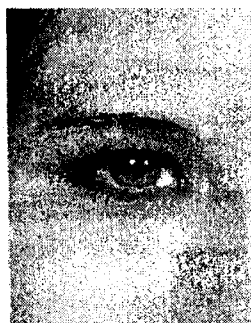
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### Nestle

Under this scheme £63 was raised this year which went towards the purchase of garden benches and picnic tables in the school's courtyard development. This scheme resumes again in September.

### Tesco

So far 21,276 vouchers have been counted, making a total of 28,771 with those banked last year. The school has decided this year to use 26,000 purchasing an Epson projector, which when linked to a computer will enable the clear projection of bright, vivid computer images even in well-lit classrooms. We have until 19 September to bank those for use next year.

### Porsil

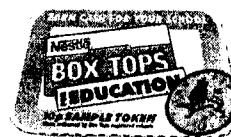
Just over 1,500 stars were collected this time round, which the school intends to bank for use at a later date. Under this scheme, which also resumes in September, stars can be exchanged for a variety of art and craft materials.

### Walkers/Sun

Although not as plentiful as last year, we have almost collected 4,000 crisp and newspaper tokens to exchange for library books. Crisp tokens will continue until June and newspaper tokens until July.

If you still have any tokens or vouchers tucked away at home for any of the above schemes (or Leighton Buzzard Observer Target Stamps), it's not too late as many can be banked for use at a later time. Please continue to use the collection boxes in the Wingrave shop or in school reception. Thank you once again for your continued support.

~Sondra Dickason and Caroline Daniels



## Places to Visit in the School Holidays

### Chinner-Princes Risboro' Railway

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### High Wycombe. Hellfire Caves and Chair Museum

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### Oxford. Shops, museum, river trips

Bus departs Aston Abbots to Aylesbury 10, 12 and 2. Aylesbury to Oxford 10.30, 12.30. Return 2.30, 4.

### Leighton Buzzard. Narrow Gauge Railway. Canal trips

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### Buckingham. Old Gael Museum. Town Walks

Bus departs Aston Abbots to Aylesbury 10, 12 and 2. Aylesbury to Buckingham 11.10, 1.10. Return 2.10, 4.45.

~ Colin Higgs

## I Didn't Do It

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house.

His three children were outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard.

The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house.

Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall.

In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing.

In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened.

He found her lounging in the bedroom, still curled in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went.

He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world did I do today?"

"Yes" was his incredulous reply.

She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it!"

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## Alternate Word Meanings

The Washington Post publishes a yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. The following were some recent winning entries:

**Coffee** (n.), a person who is coughed upon.

**Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

**Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

**Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

**Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.

**Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

**Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.

**Gargoyle** (n.), an olive-flavoured mouthwash.

**Flatulence** (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

**Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

**Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

**Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified demeanour assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

**Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

**Circumvent** (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.

**Frisbeetarianism** (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.

**Pokemon** (n), A Jamaican proctologist.

**Wallaby** (n.), one who wishes to become a kangaroo

## Rectors Report

"Of course, it is only a tidying up exercise!"

Words like this seem very sinister. Yet they can be true, for tidying up can be a relatively minor matter, where we shall not notice the difference, or it can have massive repercussions on the way we live.

A "tidying up exercise" is something that I try to achieve in my study from time to time. But, over a considerable number of years I have learnt that tidiness is not one of my strong points. No matter how many black bags full of rubbish get thrown out, there still remains more. There are the things that are "in the process" – put down until they can be completed, - or until a more suitable home can be found for them. When you buy "two for the price of one", then the second one needs to be kept somewhere! Many of the things that I need to house are not like pieces of paper that can be stored in a filing cabinet, although, thinking about it, it would be nice if the filing cabinets were less full.

One thing that I have learnt is that the things that get thrown away are usually the things that are needed very shortly afterwards. That makes me somewhat suspicious of attempts to tidy up.

So many problems in our world are caused because people make assumptions about others. If we took more trouble to establish the true facts, then we would not make so many mistakes. If the assumptions that you make at the outset are wrong, then everything that follows is quite likely to be wrong too. No amount of subsequent tidying up will bring back the things that have been irretrievably lost through our over-zealous efforts at tidying up.

The thought of tidying up usually brings to my mind "babies" and "bath water". But perhaps I will aim to fill a few more black sacks this summer, just to prove that I am not totally opposed to moderate tidying up!

~ Bob Willmott

# A BIG K9 40!



The Chilterns Dog Rescue Society will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Fun Day & Dog Reunion at St Leonards, Tring on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The event will run from 12 noon to 5pm and includes a fun dog show which is open to all dogs, displays by animal organisations, plus numerous stands/stalls/tombolas etc, beer tent, refreshments & games. 'The Happy Jazz Band' will set the party atmosphere.

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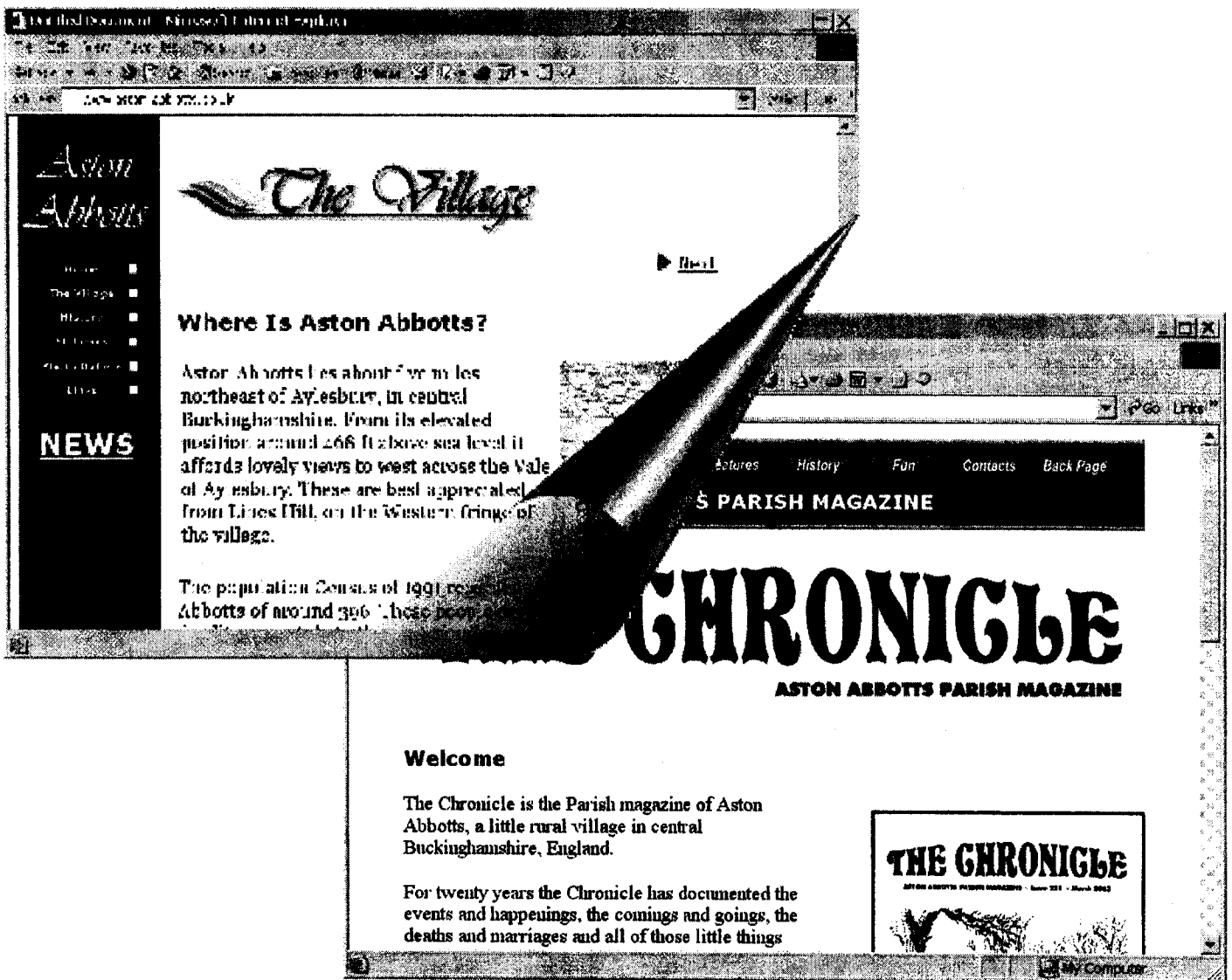
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Don't forget our websites, which went live last month just as The Chronicle went to press.

## [www.aachronicle.co.uk](http://www.aachronicle.co.uk)

Here you will find pictures of last month's Royal Oak Fun Day and last year's Astonbury. There are selected news pieces and some fun items. There is even a back page or two, for those of you who wish to relive some of Dave Lewis' past exploits.

I plan to update this website every month or two and over the summer I hope to add some pictures from this year's fete and Astonbury.

This web address 'played up' for a short while. If you have problems then our old address of [www.aston-abbotts-chronicle.co.uk](http://www.aston-abbotts-chronicle.co.uk) should still work.

## [www.aston-abbotts.co.uk](http://www.aston-abbotts.co.uk)

This site carries some information about Aston Abbots. There is a potted history of the village for casual visitors and for anybody from the village who doesn't have a copy of the History Book (and if you don't have a history book—why not?).

This site will be updated only occasionally, as I find some more information of interest. I plan to add some more pictures to this website over the summer.

~ Phil Spooner

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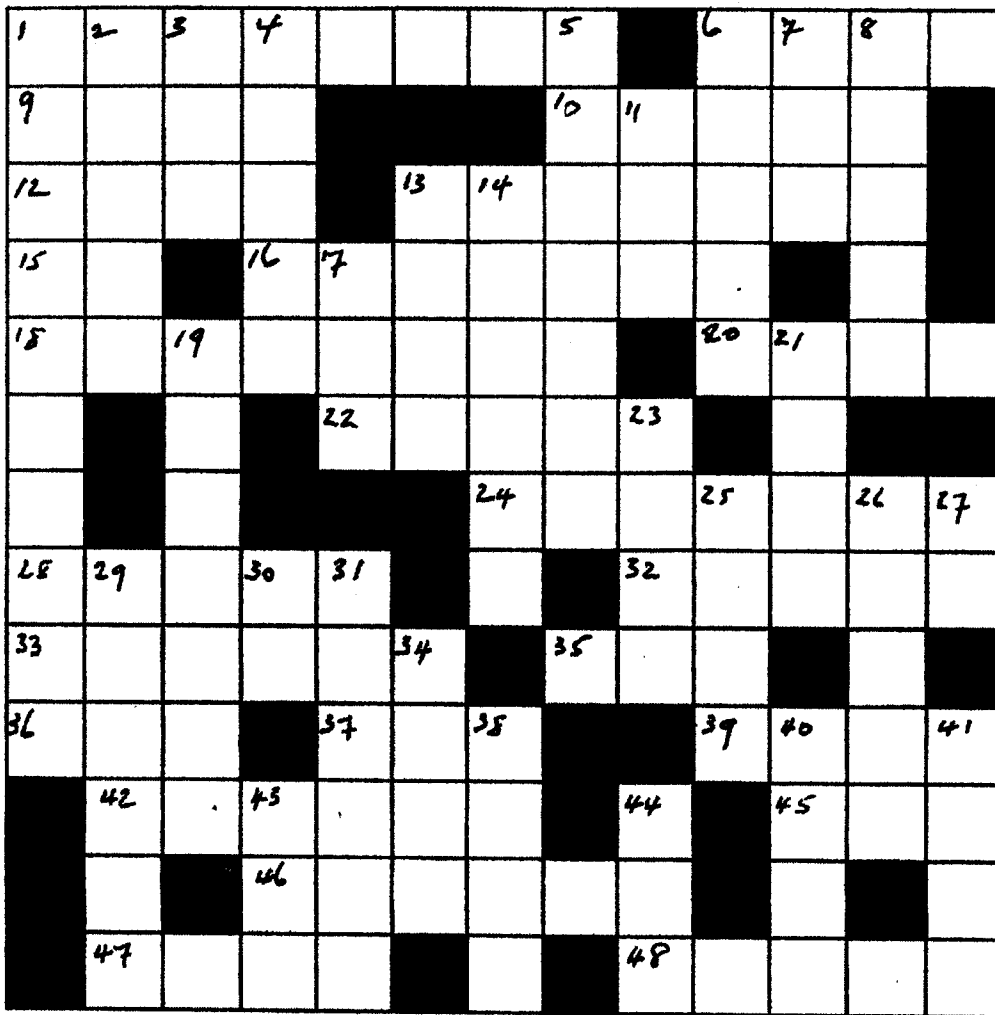
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# The Chronicle Crossword

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**June answers.**

ACROSS: 1 Stone. 6 Tamperers  
 11 Cream. 12 Else. 13 Oarsman  
 15 Tact. 17 Up. 18 Tantalise  
 20 Spey. 22 Tide. 24 Eel. 25  
 Else. 27 Eden. 28 Degree  
 31 Moor. 32 Waste. 34 Acers.  
 37 Name. 38 Abased. 42 Not  
 43 Arran. 44 Elstree. 45  
 Managers.  
 DOWN: 1 Scouse. 2 Trapped.  
 3 Oer. 4 Nasty. 5 Emma.  
 6 Tent. 7 Al. 8 Ma. 9 Petite.  
 10 Recede. 14 Antler. 16  
 Asides. 19 Ape. 21 Elements  
 23 Engendered. 25 Eros. 26  
 SE. 29 Gore. 30 Banner.  
 33 Ate. 35 Cool. 36 Baa.  
 38 Area. 39 Bren. 40 Snag.  
 41 Deer. 43 Arm.

**ACROSS::**

- 1. FEW LOWER (An 3&5)
- 6. Pop Group (4)
- 9. Keep one's —on (4)
- 10. O MORE (An 1&4)
- 12. Press (4)
- 13. — cats & dogs (7)
- 15. Races in I.O.Man (2)
- 16. Ice formed by dripping 7
- 18. Jolly, bright (8)
- 20. Utters (4)
- 22. ENEMY (An 5)
- 24. Newspaper preparers (7)
- 28. Parallelogram (5)

- 32. Dark period (5)
- 33. Brought about (6)
- 35 Low marsh (3)
- 36. Shed (3)
- 37.. Cup (3)
- 39 . Burial site (4)
- 42. Tempt, lure (6)
- 45. Beverage (3)
- 46. Landed property (6)
- 47. Sound mind (4)
- 48. Molar (5)

**DOWN:**

- 1. Local Village (10)
- 2. Soil (5)

- 3. — de Janeiro (3)
- 4. Boy's name (5)
- 5. Decorated (7)
- 6. Out of order (5)
- 7. Boy's name (3)
- 8. Marshy (5)
- 11. Number (3)
- 13. FIRE (an 4)
- 14. Discernment (6)
- 17. Weep (3)
- 19. On the way (2&5)
- 21. Eagerly (4)
- 23. Another number (4)
- 25. Colour (4)

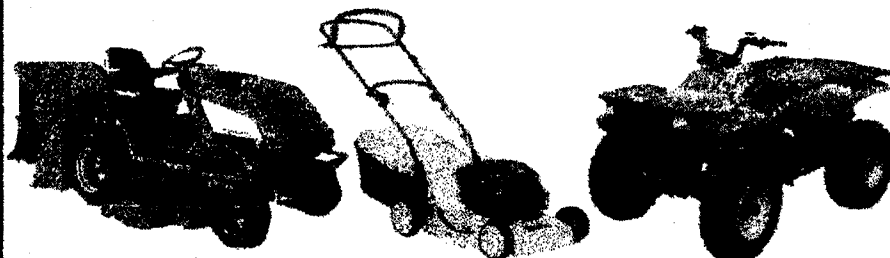
- 26. Dogerel (5)
- 27. Saint ab. 2)
- 29. W.African tribe (6)
- 30. Manuscript (ab. 2)
- 31. Confuse (6)
- 34. Channel (4)
- 38. RAGE (an 4)
- 40.. Boy's name (4)
- 41. Container for liquid
- 43. Lair (3)
- 44. Wager

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13 <sup>th</sup>	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Family Service
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	People's Praise
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service with Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	18.00 Aston Abbotts	Songs of Praise
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.00	Three Parishes Communion in Wingrave
10 <sup>th</sup>	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Three Parishes Communion in Cublington
24 <sup>th</sup>	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Morning Service
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Three Parishes Communion in Aston Abbotts
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service

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6 <sup>th</sup> July	Trinity 3	2 Corinthians 12.1-10; Mark 6.1-13
13 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 4	Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
20 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 5	Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56
27 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 6	Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Trinity 7	Ephesians 4.1-6; John 6.24-35
10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 8	Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,41-51
17 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 9	Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58
24 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 10	Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69
31 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity 11	James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Trinity 12	James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-37

## Church Flowers

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Loader
13 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Doggett
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Donated
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>	Festival
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	No service
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Belgrove
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Shorrock
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Ford

## Church Sidesmen

6 <sup>th</sup> July	J Hartnett
13 <sup>th</sup> July	G Kemp
20 <sup>th</sup>	C Higgs
27 <sup>th</sup>	A Ford
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	No service
10 <sup>th</sup>	G Kemp
17 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Cublington
24 <sup>th</sup>	A Ford
31 <sup>st</sup>	C Higgs



## The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

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- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting. Civic Centre 7.30 pm. Bus and train queries to Colin please.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Highways Meeting. Winslow Centre. 6 pm. Any queries to Richard or Colin.  
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- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Wing Carnival. 2 pm.  
*also* **ASTONBURY.** Admission by pre-paid ticket only. There will be no tickets available on the gate. Contact John Whyte on 681685.
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green (10.25), Wingrave Road (11.00), Oxley Farm (12.55).
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at North Marston. 2pm
- Mon/Tue 20/21<sup>st</sup>** House to house collection for items for the fete.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** **VILLAGE FESTIVAL AND FETE.** Opens 2 pm. See the advert on page 11.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Church open for floral displays 2-5 pm. Teas. Songs of Praise at 6 pm.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green (10.25), Wingrave Road (11.00), Oxley Farm (12.55).
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council meeting. Church Room. 8 pm.
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** Holiday Footpath Walk. Catch 11.08 bus to Cublington, walk to Dunton, return on 2 pm bus.

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- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at Blue Lagoon. 2 pm  
*also* Grendon Hall (Springhill prison) gardens open at 2 pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green (10.25), Wingrave Road (11.00),
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Walk. Catch 2 pm bus to Aylesbury. Walking tour of Old Aylesbury. Return on 4 pm bus.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green (10.25), Wingrave Road (11.00),
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** Bucks County Show. Weedon Park.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** Refuse Collection (not Thursday)
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at Great Missenden
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting. Civic Centre 7.30 pm. Bus and train queries to Colin please.

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## Female Brain Cell

Once upon a time there was a female brain cell which, by mistake, happened to end up in a man's head. She looked around nervously but it was all empty and quiet.

"Hello?" she cried, but no answer. "Is there anyone here?" she cried a little louder, but still no answer.

Now the female brain cell started to feel alone and scared and yelled, "HELLO, IS THERE ANYONE HERE?"

Then she heard a voice from far, far away, "Hello, we're all down here..."

## Contraband

An American journalist was stopped at a Russian Checkpoint in the bullet-pocked suburb of Chechnya.

The Russian soldier said, "Get out of the car and open the trunk!"

The American replied, "I'm sorry, but the handbrake on the car is broken. I can't take my foot off the brake or it'll roll back down the hill."

So the Russian says, "Do you take me for a FOOL?!" as he slides into the passenger seat, and stamps his big boot onto the brake pedal.

"Now, go and open the trunk!"

So the journalist reluctantly complies with the soldiers request and goes and opens the trunk of the car.

"Now", shouts the Russian from inside the car, "Is there any contraband in there?"

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