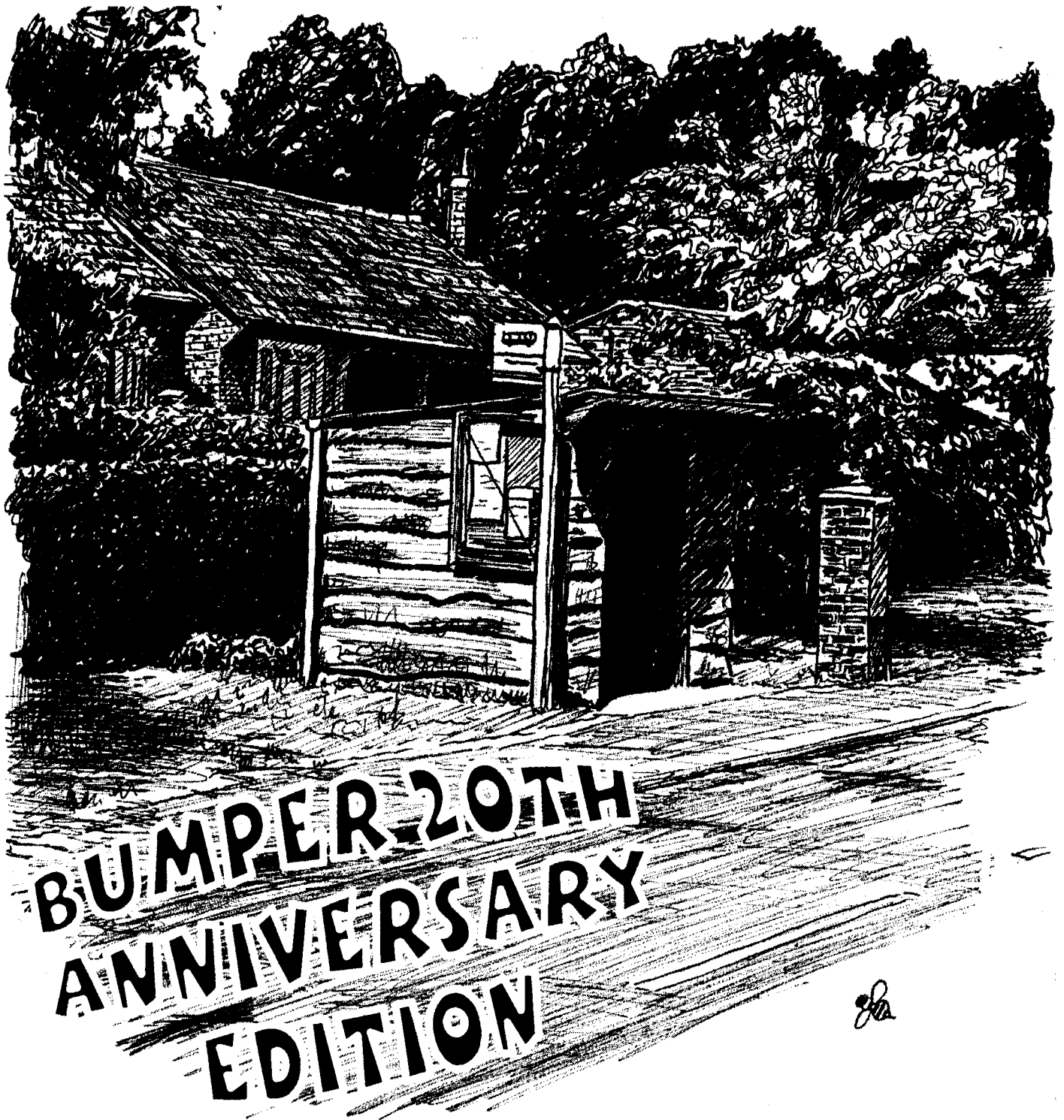


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Editorial

Twenty Years Of Your Magazine

I don't know if Graham Parker considered how long the Chronicle might survive when he launched the first issue in September 1983, but I'm pretty sure he felt confident that he would not be editing it twenty years later.

Two decades on, and the Chronicle has seen several editors come and go, but I hope Graham's original aims and principles have been preserved.

This 20th Anniversary edition contains all of the elements that have made The Chronicle a part of Aston Abbots village life. There are reports on the major summer events, like Astonbury and the fete. There are regular reports from the Parish Council and the Rector. There may be the odd humorous piece or two—and you can bet your life that we'll be taking the mickey out of someone (usually Dave Lewis) somewhere in these pages.

However, the thing that really makes The Chronicle a part of village life is the range of contributions from all corners of the village. This month is a particularly rich one. We have an Astonbury report from our youngest ever (?) reporter, Charlie Copping, on page 19. I'm very pleased to introduce a new column called Countryside Diary written by Peter Knight, who has promised to regularly keep us up to date with the goings on in the hedgerows and countryside round the village. Peter knows a *lot* about the subject and I'm looking forward to reading his columns myself.

Of course, there are items from our regular contributors. These include Colin with his round up of What's On and, as always, pieces from former editor Andy Bystra in his inimitable style. I know many of you enjoy Don Bellingham's monthly crossword. However, what makes this particular issue a pleasure for me is the number of different contributors this month—over 15.

We mustn't forget to mention our advertisers. Some have been with us for many years and their support is greatly valued. I should also mention the Parish Council and the Fete Committee whose financial support helps to ensure the Chronicle's continuance. It is greatly appreciated.

It's for sure that I have offended someone by not mentioning them above. For that I apologise. However, it is the contributions from one and all, whether it be an article, a report, a joke, an item for the peoples page, a letter to the editor, or a classified advert that makes The Chronicle *your* magazine. So thank you one and all for your contributions—and please keep them coming!

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Phil

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

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Vannessa Worrall	3 rd
Minnie Doggett	3rd
Piers Parker	4th
Christopher Fox	6th
Fiona Whyte	6th
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Claire Gresswell	14th
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Jane Ellis	20th
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Stephen Oldfield	22nd
Anna Picking	24th
Alex Dutton	25th
Liz. Hall	25th
Lyn Manning	26th
Adrian Dixon	30 th

Our best congratulations to **Kirsty Lewis** and **Fiona Whyte**, both of whom did very well in their GCSE exams. We know you have very proud parents and we wish you both the best of luck in your new school.



We are very sorry to hear that **Sharon Wilkinson** is poorly after cracking a couple of ribs in a fall. We hope you will be feeling better soon Sharon



We were very pleased to see **Anne Dicken** could enjoy Astonbury after being rushed to hospital following a severe allergic reaction to an insect bite the day before. We're glad to see you recovered so quickly Anne.

Many congratulations to **Derek and Enid Ludlam** who will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary on 13th Sept. The following appeared in their local paper in Sept '58 :

Mr. Derek Allen Ludlam and Miss Enid Jean Bootham



Mr. Derek Allen Ludlam. Son of Mr and Mrs. L. Ludlam. of 10 Daleside Close. Chelsfield, and Miss Enid Jean Bootham. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bootham, of 25. Collindale Avenue, Sidcup. were married at Holy Trinity. Lamorbey on Saturday the 13th Sept. The Rev. H H. Bloomfield officiated.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a ballerina-length gown of white brocade. Her shoulder length embroidered veil was held in place by a headdress of nylon leaves and orange blossom. She carried a white Prayer Book in which was a white ribbon bookmark to which was attached an orchid.

Miss E. J. Ludlam (bridegroom's sister) was bridesmaid. She wore a ballerina-length gown of blue brocade and a blue headdress. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley. Mr. T. R. Edwards was best man.

After a reception at the Station Hotel. Sidcup. Mr. and Mrs. Ludlam left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, the bride wearing a turquoise suit, with black accessories.

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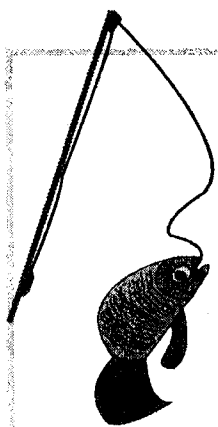
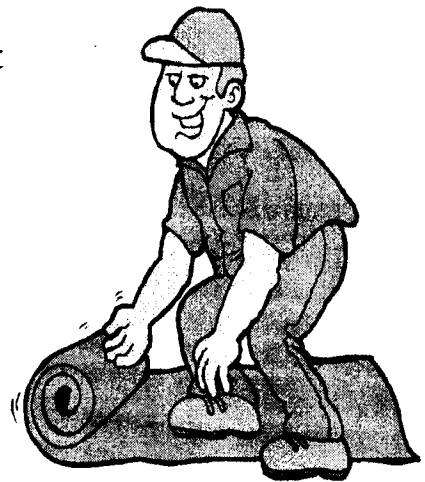
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In The Village

What's In A Name

Last month we reported that the Bull and Butcher flats were to be called "Humphrey's Bakery". Now our Parish Council would like to know what to call the road with the five houses behind the Bull.

A quick poll for suggestions carried out by The Chronicle garnered a number of suggestions, including:

- Bull Street
- Percy Place
- McManus Mews

Of course, you might have a better idea. So please let's have your suggestions. You can send them either to me at The Chronicle or direct to our Parish Clerk Kate Curry at 2 Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane—or call Kate on 681137.

It may also be possible to get the name of the flats changed, so once again, let's have your suggestions. We'll print the best (non-rude) ones.

~ Phil Spooner

Breakfast at the Chapel

After a very busy Saturday evening at Astonbury most of the performers retired to the Royal Oak for some light refreshment. Some were there till late, including those who were working the following morning.

I received my wake up call from our party leader to remind me that our breakfast

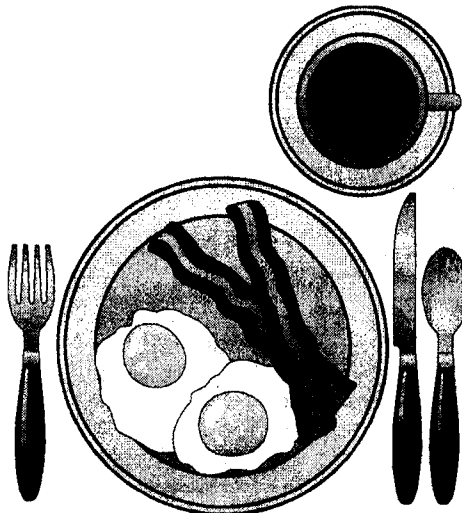
reservation was for 10 o'clock, and leapt out of bed immediately in anticipation of the cooked breakfast that awaited me at the chapel.

Upon arrival we were greeted by Andy Stefanczyk who showed us to our table and gave us menus. The choice was good with most of the party opting for the Big Boy Breakfast, which comprised of everything a good British cooked breakfast should be. Being a vegetarian I opted for the Veggie version, Andy only managed 30 minutes sleep the night before and his ability to take an order for six people and get everything right was amazing, in fact the level of service isn't often equalled in even the best restaurants. Sally was behind the scenes controlling the kitchen and producing everything on time beautifully making a lovely start to the day.

The Chapel Breakfasts raised £310 for the village fund.

Well done both of you and your helpers.

~ Dave Lewis.

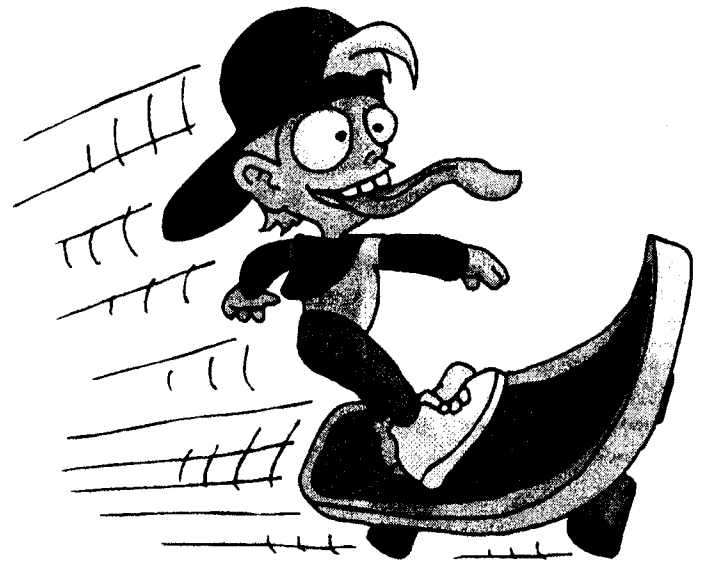


Skateboard Ramp

The Parish Council has been offered a FREE skateboard ramp to put on the Recreation Ground. We would love to accept it, and are working to find out whether insurance and safety conditions can be met. The ramp would need to pass an initial safety inspection, and have a fence built around it.

At the moment it is in pieces – a date will be set to transport it to the Rec and assemble it, with the guidance of an expert. Volunteers will certainly be needed to help, so if your children have (or may have in the future!) a skateboard, watch this space.....

~ Kate Curry



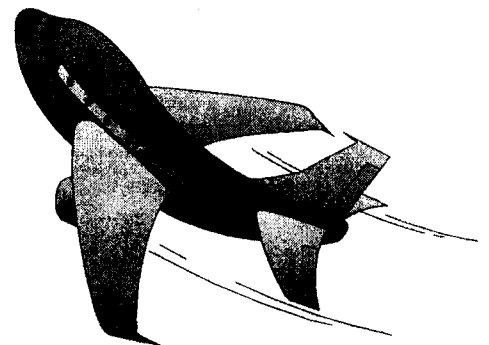
Luton Airport

The latest news from Luton Airport on the proposed new flightpath over Aston Abbots is ... no news! Phase 2 of the consultation process was due to start mid January 2003, but thanks to strong lobbying by residents and elected representatives, Luton has had difficulty drawing up the necessary documentation. Watch this space for any news next month.

As for the Government's plans to build more runways at several airports in the southeast of England - including Luton - the consultation process closed at the end of June and the White Paper outlining which areas will be blighted is expected by the end of the year.

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~ Rachel Webb





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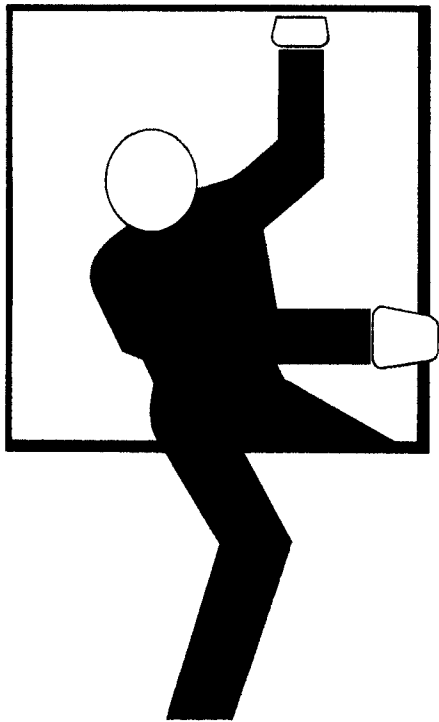
Daylight Robbery

There has been a spate of robberies in the village. Mostly taking place in broad daylight during the long hot summer.

Audacious thieves made off with a haul of meat from the Royal Oak one early evening while it was open and two houses in Lines Hill were burgled one afternoon. In a separate incident jewellery and other items were taken from a house just off The Green.

We are fortunate as we suffer relatively low crime rates here in Aston Abbots, but these incidents serve to remind us all to be careful and to keep a look out for suspicious strangers in the village.

~ Phil Spooner



Thank You

During the summer The Chronicle has received several sizeable financial contributions. These were :

- £250 from the Parish Council
- £351.39 from the Fete committee
- £200 from Astonbury

These contributions, along with the continuing support of our advertisers, ensure that The Chronicle can continue to be published and uphold its guiding principle of free distribution to all in Aston Abbots.

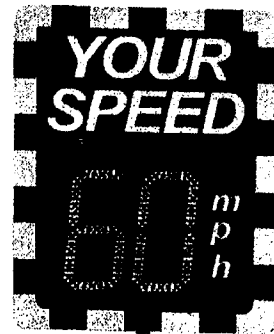
Thank you for these very welcome contributions.

~ Phil Spooner

SID In Aston Abbots

A report from our traffic correspondent

Those of you who were driving through Aston Abbots during the middle of July may have noticed various members of the village sitting or standing by an electronic screen which displayed the speed at which your vehicle was travelling, followed by a "smiley face" if you were doing 30 mph or less; or a "sad face" if you were doing more than 30 mph. If so, you met SID – the Speed Indicating Device – which had been loaned to the Parish Council.



SID was used at the following locations:-

- a) Wingrave Road, near Oak Farm House – 2 sessions, one facing each way
- b) The Green, facing Cublington
- c) Wingrave Road, beside New Zealand Cottages, facing Wingrave
- d) Cublington Road, near Church Row, facing Cublington
- e) Cublington Road, near Church Row, facing Wingrave
- f) Moat Lane, at the village end, facing Weedon
- g) Wingrave Road, by the bus shelter, facing towards the Royal Oak
- h) Wingrave Road, opposite the old Bull & Butcher, facing Wingrave

You may be interested in the following information, obtained from SID:-

1. The total number of vehicles logged was 1003, of which 244 were doing in excess of 30 mph – roughly 1 in 4.
2. The highest speed recorded was 47 mph, but only 60 of the 244 vehicles exceeding the speed limit were doing more than 33 mph, and only 9 were travelling at 40 mph or more.
3. Most of the vehicles recorded as exceeding 30 mph were logged on the roads leading into the village – either on the Wingrave Road coming from the Wingrave cross-roads, or on the Cublington Road entering from Cublington – and clearly did not slow down quickly enough when passing the restriction signs.
4. The initial experience was that very few vehicles were exceeding the 30 mph limit by more than a few miles per hour once they had got to the "main drag" – i.e. the stretch of road between the Royal Oak and the Church. However the last experiment involved SID being located so that he was hidden from the view of oncoming vehicles for as long as possible. (He was put up on the grass verge opposite the old Bull & Butcher, facing the Wingrave direction, so that he could not be seen by the drivers of oncoming vehicles until they were passing Bob & Francesca's garden). The results of this confirmed what had been suspected, which is that drivers of vehicles approaching SID at previous locations (seeing him, and perhaps fearing more serious consequences than simply having their speed recorded) were slowing down before SID's electronic eye could detect them and register their initial speed. In this last location SID logged 175 vehicles, of which 66 were over the speed limit – and almost half of them were exceeding 33 mph. Four of the cars breaking the speed limit were being driven by inhabitants of the village!
5. The last experiment therefore showed that more than 1 in 3 vehicles were exceeding the 30 mph limit on the "main drag" when their drivers were not aware that their speed was about to be recorded, as compared with about 1 in 12 when SID was in full view outside Oak Farm House. This does seem to indicate that we do have a speeding problem in Aston Abbots, although the speeds reached were not perhaps as great as some had feared.

The Parish Council was very pleased by the favourable response to SID, and are hoping to borrow him again – and possibly next time to check on speeds of vehicles just outside the speed limit signs – especially traffic coming along Moat Lane from the village towards the gate.

~ Peter Shorrocks

“Knock, knock” “Who’s there?”

Opening the door to just anyone is no joke....

Everyone should know how to avoid becoming a victim of the horrible crime of distraction burglary. Strangers may call at your house and offer to do work on the roof or pathway, ask whether you want to sell antiques, or say they have come to read the meter. They may even use a child who asks to be allowed to retrieve a lost ball from your garden. Or they could just ask you for a glass of water. Some of these callers may be quite legitimate, but others could be trying to get your attention while their accomplice sneaks in and burgles your house, or they might be checking to see whether you are worth a return visit later.

The advice from Thames Valley Police is: **BE SAFE – if in doubt, don’t let them in.**

- Don’t trust callers you don’t know – men, women or children
- Always secure your door chain before answering the door. If you are in doubt, don’t let strangers into your home.
- Ask all callers for identification and close the door while you check it.
- If you’re worried, keep the door closed and call the police.
- If you know anybody who is preying on elderly or vulnerable people, or if you’ve been a victim yourself, tell the police or call Crimestoppers anonymously on freephone 0800 555 111. You won’t be asked for your name, you won’t get involved and your information could help make the community safer.

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Aston Abbotts Broadband

Overheard a whisper about broadband in Wingrave and attended a meet recently. Take note techno-lovers and phobes alike - below follows an extract from the website <http://dga.co.uk/ruralbroadband>:

"Launched on the 15th June 2003, Rural Broadband brings Broadband to the villages, businesses and rural houses of Buckinghamshire. Using wireless technology all the benefits of Broadband are available to areas that are not provided for by British Telecom ADSL or Cable broadband, at the same price as ADSL.

The first phase will be the triangle defined by Aylesbury, Bicester and Thame. The second phase will be going out in the Wing direction, and then we will grow north and south. The first phase will be installed during August and September this year.

The Rural Broadband service delivers broadband to those places that ADSL and Cable TV can not reach - the rural areas which are too far from the local exchange or are in areas where the exchange can not be, or has not been upgraded.

The service is "always on", so your computer(s) are permanently connected to the Internet. There is no reason why you have to keep your computer turned on all the time, and for most domestic use there is little reason to do so. But for business users this enables mail to be delivered directly into your machine rather than waiting to be picked up from your ISP, and it also means that if you want to run a Web server other people can access it at all times."

So what's all that about . . .

It's basically a broadband system that will only require an aerial the size of a (small) kids cricket stump, sited somewhere with line of site to Wingrave church (on top of our church for example) and then a box which is about the size of your average doorbell bell box, externally, with a reasonable line of site to the church aerial.

It provides 'wireless' broadband (so you can sit in the garden and get your emails or surf the net, with something nice in one hand and your laptop in the other - careful which way round you get this too) with a small adaptation to a PC or an insert card for a laptop and is being pitched as more reliable and faster than the broadband that BT will eventually get around to providing from the Wing exchange.

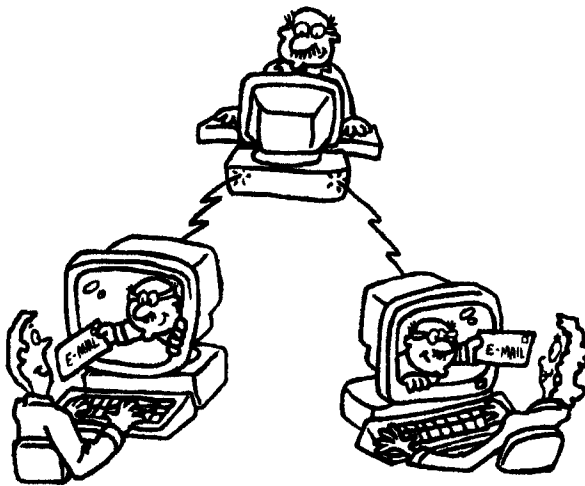
In fact the guy who is selling the system, reckons that even when Wing does get upgraded, the length of cabling from there to here (including turning corners and splicing cables which weakens the transmission) could make it a less than perfect system.

As mentioned above the site is <http://dga.co.uk/ruralbroadband>

David Goodenough who's running the show, is a knowledgeable guy and is taking action with village communities, because of 3 reasons: 1. he doesn't believe in the supposed quality of the broadband that will one day be on offer from BT via Wing 2. he has found out that Bucks CC have wasted their total budget of £ 50,000 paying a firm of consultants to advise them about broadband introduction to rural communities - and no action has been taken, except the handing over of the cheque 3. this system would be a 'leap' straight to wireless broadband for those subscribing and requires minimal kit

All fascinating and interesting stuff! If you want to join me in investigating further - make interest known to peterdavey@uk2.net who is co-ordinating the residents of Wingrave - our added interest will help them and us. CC me simon.gresswell@sglp.co.uk as I will try to co-ordinate things for AA.

~ Simon Gresswell



Althorp

While typing up Shirley Fords 'Ladies Club' notes over the years, I've often thought some of their talks and visits interesting but (as a mere male) have never had the temerity to invite myself along. However, since April Curnow was organising this trip, and Geoff 'had to go along, it seemed a good idea to give him some 'moral support'!

I'm pleased I did because it was a good day out. The coach delivered us not to some remote coach park, but virtually to 'the Earl's' front door. No hassle either with excessive crowds since the number of visitors (parties and individuals) is strictly controlled.

First was the all-essential coffee and 'bun', taken in the spotlessly clean 'Stables' restaurant conveniently placed at the beginning of the Diana Exhibition. Perhaps much of 'The Diana' collection was on tour elsewhere in the world since there didn't seem to be a great deal of her personal effects on display. However, video shorts of early family home movies were quite interesting and certainly rather poignant. In another room was a selection of her more glamorous dresses. These were brought to life to some extent by an almost full size video screen showing news clips of her at official functions and supporting charities. All rather moving.

Althorp house itself seemed much the same as any other 'stately pile' except it was very refreshing to see the families personal effects 'tucked away' in many of the rooms, indicating this really is a 'lived in' home. Almost every wall in every room is covered with huge portraits of 'the ancestors'; quite interesting at first, but intimidating by the end of the visit.

If 'the house' was rather 'over done', the lake with the Diana memorial is a very peaceful place. It wasn't at all difficult to imagine Dianna as a child finding it a favourite place to play and this somehow seemed to it confirm it as an ideal 'final resting place' for her.

Of course there was the inevitable 'shop'. However, 'tacky' tea towels are not to be found here. Instead there are books and rather nice porcelain and silver souvenirs. A nice touch on that particular day was that as soon as 'the Earl' heard Margaret Kent was buying a copy of the 'Diana book', he popped into the shop for a bit of a chat and personally signed it for her. We all thought this was rather nice of him!

All in all a very pleasant day out; many thanks April.

~ A bee

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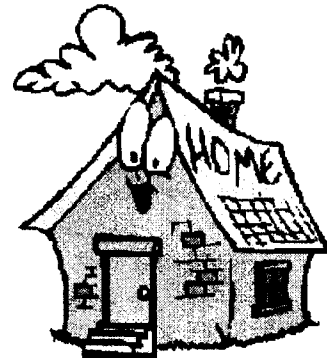
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Countryside Diary

In the first of a series of regular columns Peter Knight looks at what has been happening in the fields and hedgerows during this long hot summer

10th August

The present seriously hot weather apart it has been, in my opinion, a lovely summer. Plenty of sunshine, but sufficient rain to keep things moving.

Hay time has been easy, albeit with low yield, and harvest is shaping up to be also a simple affair but again, yields probably down.

What a year for butterflies! We had two fields white with clover a month ago and the number of butterflies was amazing. Mostly meadow browns, but at least six different species including the once rare commas crowded the clover fields in their thousands. When part of the field was mowed for hay it became obvious that it was also a swimming with grasshoppers; great shoals of them leaping out of the way of the tractor wheels.

Ants too have been doing well and one field is becoming difficult for travel due to the ant banks. These 'banks' have brought in birds that feed on ants-green woodpeckers-quite rare around here 10 years ago, now a common sight.

Not everything is having a good summer, life that depends on worms, slugs and snails is struggling a bit. I suspect that virtually no hedgehogs now live in the parish-I hope I'm wrong.

Frogs and toads are increasingly rare and moles might be having a hard time of it, but then no fears of the latter getting scarce.

The huge increase in badgers-and I mean huge-has again made itself felt. 30 years ago there were two badger setts in Aston

Abbotts, Lines Hill and Norduck. Now I know of 12 - setts not badgers. There could be a point reached, as with most wildlife, when there are too many.

The badgers have completely obliterated the sweet corn cobs at the Abbey. They wait until the cobs have set then fell the plants and strip them. How do they know when they're ready?

At least the dry weather has stopped 'our friends' digging up the lawns looking for worms.

Looking forward to cool rain and huge plums.



Pete Knight

Friends of St. James

The afternoon of Sunday September 21st will bring the Wingrave Singers to Aston Abbotts for a concert of sacred and secular music. Those who have heard this well known ensemble before will know that this is a treat not to be missed.

The concert will start at 3.00 pm and will last for about an hour. Tea with home made cakes will be served in the Church Room after the concert. Tickets cost £5.00 to include tea and are available from Kate Curry (681137) and Rita Robinson (681 690).

The friends have also booked a stall on Aylesbury Market for Saturday 1st November. We are planning to sell gifts, greetings cards, Christmas decorations, herbs, cakes, jams, preserves, etc.. We would welcome donations of any of these and small gifts for a children's bran tub- please give them to Clare Shorrock at Oak Farm House (681260) from the beginning of October onwards. Since we have to man the stall from 8.30 am until 4.30 pm we would also be grateful for offers to help man it for short periods (say one or two hours) so that nobody has to be there all day.

REMEMBER - all the proceeds go to the upkeep and repair of our own village church - NOT to the Diocese.

~ Clare Shorrock

The wise old Mother Superior from the convent in Tipperary was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. Then, one nun took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. She returned to the Mother Superior's bed and held the glass to her pale, bloodless lips. Mother took a little sip, then a little more. Before they knew it, she'd drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nun asked in earnest, "Please give us a word of wisdom before you leave us to go to your well-deserved reward."

The stricken Mother painfully raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow!"

Sam entered the bus with both of his front pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to, of all people a beautiful blonde.

The blonde kept looking quizzically at him and his bulging pockets.

Finally, after many such glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls."

Still, the blonde continued to look at him thoughtfully, and finally, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, asked

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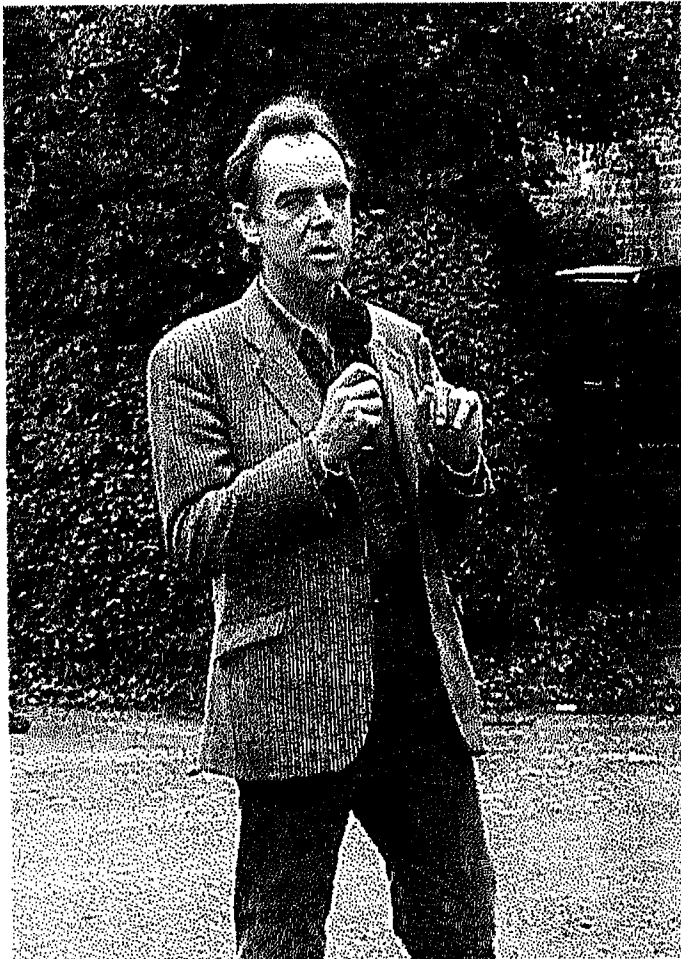
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David von Simson of The Abbey opening the Aston Abbotts fete 2003

This years fete drew large crowds, as always. As well as the highly popular regular attractions like the Morris Dancers and the Great Horwood Silver band there were new ideas like the Pimms stall (which seemed to be doing great business) and the Indian food stall.

This years' profit was an increase on last year and the final figure was

£2811.13

That's a great result and many congratulations to Jackie on making such a success of her first fete as committee chairperson.

Full accounts appear on pages 15 and 16.

~ Phil Spooner

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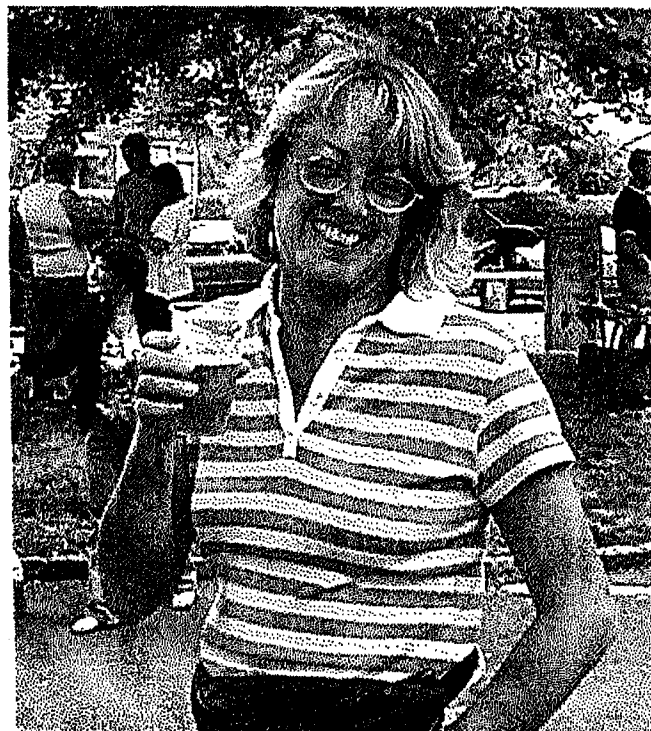
WELL DONE EVERYBODY - This year's fete has been a great success. I have heard reports from both Wingrave and Cublington that the Aston Abbotts fete is 'the best' - and of course we all know that this is true! This is no doubt due to the work over many years by lots of people to make it as it is. So a huge thank you has to go to everybody involved, the members of the 6.30 club who set up the stalls (and more importantly took them down again), all of the stallholders who have the task of pricing up goods, transporting them on the day, selling and then disposing of unwanted items, also the entertainment and 'sustenance' stalls, all of which add to both the enjoyment and the profits. I find it hard to believe (and it was also quite worrying!) that at 12.30 pm The Green was still very empty apart from stalls with nothing on them, but at 5.30 pm I was delighted to find that The Green was even emptier with nothing unusual there apart from a pile of rubbish. Within this time we had raised OVER £2,800!!!!!!

Without the numerous people willing to help out with the Fete, it would not have been such a success. After a couple of glasses of wine and one or two telephone calls, any minor hiccups on the day were solved. I am sure that most of us were exhausted but elated by the end of the day - and weren't we lucky with the weather. You may not recall, but it rained all day on the Friday and the weathermen did not promise much better on the Saturday - but I had a quick word with Somebody upstairs and everything was OK.

We were also very lucky to engage the services of such a professional MC, who wandered, or sometimes rushed, around the Green keeping everybody informed. I have heard rumours that it was actually Des Lynam with a new Saturday job - who knows!

So now we can relax - but only until next March when the team start to prepare for next year's event. So put a date in your diary and make sure you plan your holiday around the (in)famous Aston Abbotts Fete 2004 - Saturday 24th July.

~ Jackie Farrands



Fete committee chairperson Jackie Farrands

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ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

VILLAGE FETE 26 JULY 2003

RECEIPTS

	£
DRAW	
TEAS	
PIMMS	
STALLS	
Tombola	£113.20
Cakes etc	£142.70
Gardens	£299.76
Groceries	£30.00
Bric-a-brac	£260.31
Ice Cream	£82.95
Gifts	£173.45
Books	£199.40
Childrens Toys	£95.55
Indian Cuisine	£281.50
Crafts	£35.50
Face Painting	£13.55
Welsh cheese	£10.00
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SIDESHOWS	
& COMPETITIONS	
Roundabouts	£26.00
Coconut shy	£79.40
Skittles	£78.45
Pony rides	£18.90
Lions	£25.00
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DONATIONS	
Alpacas	£11.60
Gun Club	£25.00
CHURCH COLLECTING BOX	£21.36
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GROSS PROCEEDS

EXPENDITURE

	£
£970.49 Band	£110.00
£262.80 Draw tickets	£69.91
£156.00 Draw Licence	£17.50
Drinks Licence	£10.00
Draw prizes	£200.00
Advertising	£85.33
Morris Men	£60.00
Coconuts	£24.00
Communications	£25.00
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	£601.74
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	£1,737.87
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	£285.71
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£3,412.87 NET PROCEEDS £2,811.13

2002: £3,197.14

2002: £2,545.60

DISTRIBUTION

ST JAMES CHURCH	35.00%	983.90
CHURCH ROOM	50.00%	1405.57
THE CHRONICLE	12.50%	351.39
RECREATION GRD	2.50%	70.28
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ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

2002 AND 2003 Village Fetes - 2002 figures in italics

RECEIPTS

	2003	2002
DRAW	£970.49	£886.50
TEAS	£262.80	£308.97
BARBECUE/PIMMS	£156.00	£134.11
STALLS		
Tombola	£113.20	£202.50
Cakes etc	£142.70	£152.10
Gardens	£299.76	£214.30
Groceries	£30.00	£27.10
Bric-a-brac	£260.31	£319.75
Ice Cream	£82.95	£47.20
Gifts	£173.45	£160.25
Books	£199.40	£207.00
Childrens Toys	£95.55	£122.46
Indian Cuisine	£281.50	£168.37
Crafts	£35.50	£10.00
Face Painting	£13.55	£15.00
Welsh cheese	£10.00	£12.00
	<u>£3,127.16</u>	<u>£2,975.61</u>
SIDESHOWS		
Roundabouts	£26.00	
& COMPETITIONS		
Coconut shy	£79.40	£54.00
Skittles	£78.45	£88.60
Pony rides	£18.90	£27.50
Lions	£25.00	£20.00
DONATIONS	£36.60	£12.22
CHURCH COLLECTING BOX	£21.36	£19.21
	<u>£285.71</u>	<u>£221.53</u>
<u>GROSS PROCEEDS</u>	<u>£3,412.87</u>	<u>£3,197.14</u>

NET PROCEEDS

EXPENDITURE

	2003	2002
Band	£110.00	£105.00
Tea/Coffee		£57.35
Draw tickets & licence	£87.41	£106.01
Draw prizes	£200.00	£200.00
Fair /Licence (Liquor)	£10.00	£70.00
Advertising	£85.33	£64.18
Morris Men	£60.00	£25.00
Magic Palette		£24.00
Coconuts	£24.00	
Communications	£25.00	
	<u>£601.74</u>	<u>£651.54</u>
<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>		
ST JAMES CHURCH	35% / 52.5%	£983.90
CHURCH ROOM	50% / 35%	£1,405.57
THE CHRONICLE	12.5%	£351.39
RECREATION GRD	2.50%	£70.28
		<u>£2,811.14</u>
		<u>£2,557.60</u>

2,811.13 £2,545.60

Silverstone

Have you ever considered yourself to be a budding Michael Schumacher or Jenson Button. Well John Brancker and myself had the opportunity recently to drive a series of cars on the Grand Prix circuit at Silverstone ending with a Ferrari 355. This all came about as Anne had treated John at Xmas and I agreed to join him. I will confess that drink may have influenced my decision.

The day finally arrived and following an early morning jaunt to a somewhat overcast Silverstone the day started.

First the drivers briefing. A charming (Italian, I think) young lady explained the finer points of driving a performance car, what we should look out for, and not to worry about the series of bends called Ireland that they "don't usually race on as there is no run off area just a crash barrier"! Unfortunately it was like being back at school, as we left the room I realised I hadn't taken a great deal in—from the comments of others I wasn't the only one.

We were taken to the cars, a Lotus prepared Proton Gti, a Lotus Elise which apart from the shape bore no resemblance to the road going version in that this had neither power steering, servo brakes nor traction control, and in the distance the shiny red Ferrari's.

The honest amongst us admitted to some apprehension and with crash helmets on the first batch went out with their instructors. I am sure I heard John utter a prayer as he drove past, he said he was checking his seatbelts, but it looked like he was crossing himself to me. After his laps he returned with a bigger grin than he would have if the FTSE gained a thousand points, or was it just hysteria?

My turn to be strapped in with the warning "lets just move the buckle sir, we don't want to damage the soft bits if something

happens". My instructor didn't look too happy when I confused my left from right twice before even reaching the track. Once on the track you're straight at it with a constant stream of instructions, when to change gear, where to brake, where to turn in, what line you should be taking.

While you're concentrating on keeping the car on the track, away from other cars and wondering what to do at what coloured cone and which cones that you just flashed past, the instructor, between the orders, keeps up a stream of small talk nonchalantly pointing out "that's where Schumacher crashed and broke his leg". Apparently we were supposed to check our gauges once a lap, I'd be surprised if I did it once all day.

All too soon we had finished our sessions in both the Proton and the Lotus Elise, (getting in and out of it with any dignity is the hardest part). Then came the magical Ferrari 355, I pulled open the door to find nothing, "where's the steering wheel I enquired" "didn't they tell you it's left hand drive" came the reply, "it's your gearbox" I thought. Actually it was quite easy to get on with... well I missed a couple of gears.

The final treat was a lap with a professional driver, John did confess that he told his driver he would prefer not to have conversation during his lap and I was certainly pleased we waited and had the bacon rolls afterwards!

To say it passed in a blur would be an understatement, but what great fun. Would we do it again? We've already decided yes, plus you can sit back on a Sunday afternoon and tell the Grand Prix drivers where they are going wrong.

PS. For the record John got a slightly higher assessment mark than me, but I think they were making allowances for age.

~ Phil Corrigan

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Astonbury 2003



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It couldn't have been a better evening for a picnic in the open air at Astonbury 2003. On a glorious summer's evening over nearly 300 people packed into the garden at Norduck.

Once again a full professional stage, sound and lighting rig had been very generously provided by Andy Stefanczyk's company Stuff Business.

The money is not all collected yet, but provisional accounts (on page 23) shows an expected profit of

£3420

That is an astonishing amount, a significant part of which was raised by Andi Swain's expert auctioneering of a light aircraft flight generously donated by Dave Lewis. In the end, the flight was sold several times, with Dave agreeing to put on extra trips.

But it was the music, the event and the atmosphere that most people had come from. The occasional technical glitch went largely unnoticed and left the performers completely unphased. The audience settled

Monday July 14th

Holiday News

I went to Astonbury.

I played football with my friends.

There was a stage there.

We took a picnic.

I went in Matthew's Land Rover.

It was very dark.

I won 5 pounds. Dave Lewis was

there. It was fun.

Charlie Copping. Age 6

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Astonbury 2003... continued



(Continued from page 19)

down to enjoy the evening – and what a glorious evening it was.

The atmosphere at Astonbury is always special and this year the hot weather was an added extra bonus. At the start the children played happily in front of the stage and, as the sun went down, a half dozen or more hot-air balloons floated silently overhead. As final darkness fell even some of the most reticent were encouraged out of their seats to dance in front of the stage.

The performers were wonderful, as ever. The quality of their acts belied the fact that they were mainly amateurs from, or connected with, the village. I can't single out any particular act without causing offence to the others, so let me just say 'Well done' to one and all!

Once again a great event, but musical director Neil Chesher says that this year's event was the last...

~ Phil Spooner

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Thanks to -

- ✦ Peter Shorrocks—chairman
- ✦ Neil Chesher—musical director
- ✦ John Whyte—Tickets
- ✦ Dave Lewis—compere and donating the auction prize
- ✦ Avi Gupta—compere
- ✦ Andi Swain—auctioneer
- ✦ Andy Stefanczyk—providing the stage, the PA and the lighting
- ✦ Anne, Dickie, Rob and Amanda—the location
- ✦ Sally Turnham—Sunday Breakfasts
- ✦ Everybody who performed
- ✦ Everybody who sold the extras
- ✦ All of you who came
- ✦ Anybody I've forgotten

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A Note Of Thanks From Neil

To the people at Norduck House, you have a great venue and showed great tolerance of the annual invasion of your privacy.

To those of you who were there, thanks for making it a great night and I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

To those of you who performed again thanks, I get a real thrill of seeing people rise to the occasion and perform out of their socks. It is truly amazing how a show can meld itself together on the night.

To those of you that helped and to the sponsors, well, it couldn't have happened without you

The weather was great and the staging by Eventsstuff (now known as Stuff Business) was fantastic.

I resolved some time ago that this would be my last one to organise, so I hope someone else will pick up the baton

Thanks again helping me to realise a dream

~ Neil Chesher

Provisional Accounts

Monies received so far

Sales of Tickest and sundries	£2,000
Breakfasts at The Chapel	£310
Sponsorship	£120
Flights	£590
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Monies to come

Flights	£730
Sponsorship	£50
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	£780

Total Income £3,800

Expenditure

Toilet Hire	£130
Additional Flight expenses	£250
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	£380

Net Profit £3,420

The money raised is being held to fund village projects. It is anticipated that a sizeable donation will be made to the Church Room fund, when and if that project goes ahead. A donation of £200 has been made to The Chronicle. [Thank you—Ed]

Thank You Andy

The performers and everyone connected with Astonbury 2003 would like to thank Andy Stefanczyk and his company, Stuff Business Limited for providing, without charge, the stage and sound and lighting equipment which were used for the event: and also his team of men who gave up their weekend to erect everything on Saturday morning and take down it down again on Sunday; and to man the sound & lighting equipment while the event was happening.

While Astonbury could have taken place – just – without Andy and Stuff Business, the fact that the performers were able to perform on such a professionally equipped and dramatically effective stage, and with such sophisticated sound and lighting equipment, added immeasurably to the success of the evening. We are all very grateful to Andy and Stuff Business, and all of those employees of Stuff Business who gave up their weekends to make the evening such a success.

~ Peter Shorrock, Astonbury Chairman

Thanks to -

- † Andy Stefanczyk—Stuff Business
- † Mark Fawcett—Sound Engineer
- † Alan Keirnan—Lighting
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Astonbury musical director Neil Chesher

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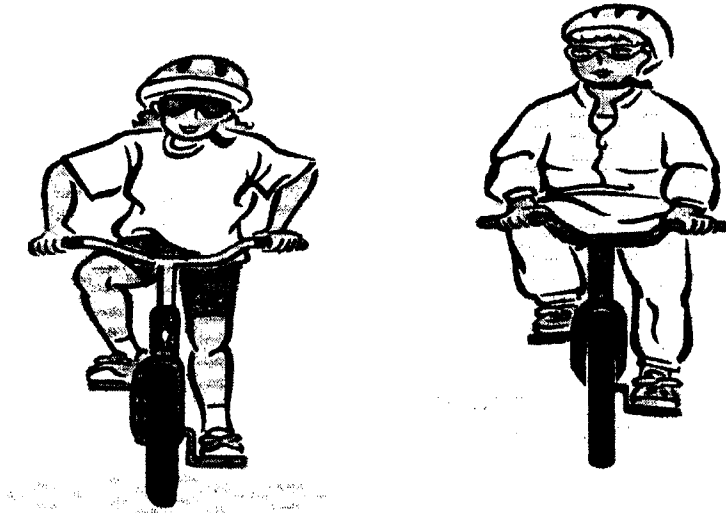
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 25th June 2003

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chairman), M. Kent, R. Clarke, J. Farrands, D. Dicken and Mrs K. Curry (Clerk). One member of the public attended. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Manning, Shorrocks and County Cllr. Jennings.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and there were no matters arising.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk announced dates for the next Planning Consortium meeting and AVDC's Civic Service. A document regarding the introduction of allowances for parish councillors was circulated. A document explaining the Quality Parish Council Scheme has arrived - if the Parish Council wishes to become a Quality Council there are training implications for the Clerk.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

Peter Cooper, the District Councillor, was present.

Fly tipping at a local farm was discussed. An enforcement officer has visited the site and discovered a large illegal tip. The owners have agreed to cease the tipping and a meeting has been arranged to discuss a way forward.

Progress has been made regarding the strip of land on the Recreation Ground owned by Banner Homes. They have agreed to provide accurate plans and a site meeting will be arranged.

The police station at Wing is certainly no longer in use.

Planning

- 03/01387/APP The Bull and Butcher. Conversion of existing public house to six apartments and erection of five dwellings. Resolved to oppose the plan on the grounds that there are insufficient parking spaces for the size of the development. Also to request a 'Section 106' arrangement.
- 03/01318/APP Red Barn Farm. Erection of agricultural building. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

- 03/01237/APP Home Farm, The Green. Erection of three dwellings and garaging. Resolved to make no comment on this application.
- 03/01239/ALB Home Farm, The Green. Refurbish Barn and create vehicular access in gable end. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

Parish Plan

All Councillors have now read the document, and it was agreed that the idea is a good one in principle, if someone can be found to lead it.

Highways

Overgrown hedges in Cublington Road - there does not seem to be much more we can do about this; no action is ever forthcoming from Highways. Poor road surface at Wingrave Road garages - Colin Higgs reported that this is about to be resurfaced, but the garages and gardens are still flooding after heavy rain.

Obnoxious weeds behind the Bull and Butcher - the Clerk will approach the developers and ask to have the weeds sprayed.

Recreation Ground

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

Accounts

To discuss whether to close one of the Parish Council's bank accounts. Resolved to close the deposit account in September, after the next instalment of the precept has been received.

To appoint cheque signatories. Resolved that the cheque signatories will be as follows: Tom Manning, Margaret Kent, Richard Clarke and Jackie Farrands.

To discuss the draft 2002-2003 financial accounts - this item was postponed until the next meeting, to give the internal auditor a chance to examine the accounts.

Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 30th July at 8 pm in the Church Room.

Everyone is welcome to come along

~ Kate Curry

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 30th July 2003

Present

Cllrs. T. Manning (Chairman), C. Higgs, R. Clarke, M. Kent, J. Farrands, P. Shorrocks and Mrs. K. Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Dicken, District Cllr. P. Cooper, County Cllr. B. Jennings and P. C. Print.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

Brenda Jennings, our County Councillor, was unable to be present but sent a brief report regarding works to be carried out by Highways; mowing footpaths, recutting grips along Wingrave Road and repairing potholes. It was noted that some of this work had already been done.

Peter Cooper, our District Councillor, sent a report about action

taken regarding the illegal fly-tipping at a local farm. The planning department of the County Council and the Environment Agency are both now involved.

Traffic calming was also discussed. The PC has now been on the waiting list to have a meeting with Highways for over a year. The Clerk agreed to follow the matter up.

Allowances For Councillors

Resolved not to apply for allowances to be paid to Parish Councillors.

November 5th - Bonfire Night

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurance company would provide cover for a firework night event, provided it is organised by the Parish Council, and strict guidelines are followed. Resolved to allow an organised bonfire party to take place on the Recreation Ground.

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Rectors Report

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recently had a phone call from a former parishioner asking me to visit a relative who was 'having a holiday' at Wing Lodge.

The conversation inevitably moved on to the Church, where the latest Vicar apparently didn't care for the 'Village' people – She's not a proper (traditional) Vicar!

I wondered in fact, whether the problem was not the other way round, and that the 'Village' people did not care for their new Vicar. It was, as I knew only too well, a village that constantly needed a great deal of effort. Whilst I was only looking after three parishes, the present Vicar has to find the energy and stimulation for six.

One way of making this task possible is to ask the 'Village' people to do more for themselves. The Congregation and the Community have to learn to be less reliant on the Vicar. This change, like the introduction of Women Priests, is something that takes time. In some rural communities it needs to evolve over ten or twenty years rather than trying to achieve it in one or two.

It is not for me to say whether the fault lies with one side or the other. But one thing I do know is that the ideal candidate for any post does not exist. None of the available candidates can have all the necessary qualities and qualifications, but each brings whatever skills and talents they have to the job in hand. None of them is selected on a random basis – although these days it is sometimes necessary to re-advertise in order to find anyone who is suitable.

The trouble is that there are not enough full-time clergy to go round. This inevitably leads to frustration – especially when the best candidate seems to have some undesirable characteristics. Yet, on the other hand, when there is a genuine working together, and the clergy are not expected to do everything, then a great deal more can be achieved than might otherwise be possible.

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Phase 2 of the Moor Street project will see the completion of the canopies over the existing platforms that trains use to and from Snow Hill station, so that they're in keeping with the original Edwardian architecture. We're also going to be building a new footbridge across the existing tracks and new passenger operated lifts.

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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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Planning

- 03/1631/APP Old Masters Restaurant, Cublington Road, Aston Abbots. Change of use from restaurant to separate dwelling. Resolved that no comment could be made on this application as insufficient information had been provided.
- 03/1715/APP Land Adj. The Barns, Longmoor Farm, Cublington Road. Change of use of land to residential curtilage (retrospective). Resolved to make no comment on this application.

Highways

Cllr. Shorrocks circulated a written report on the success of the SID (Speed Indicator Device). It will be printed in the Chronicle. It was agreed that it had been a useful exercise, which should be repeated.

To consider suggested names for the Bull and Butcher development - an article will be placed in the Chronicle asking for suggestions.

Recreation Ground

Safety check - children's play area: nothing to report. To decide whether to accept the offer from Wingrave of a skateboard ramp. Resolved to accept the offer provided our Insurance Company's guidelines could be met.

Accounts

The 2002-2003 financial accounts were read, including the report from the Internal Auditor. Resolved to approve the accounts.

Date Of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10th September at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone is welcome to come along

~ Kate Curry

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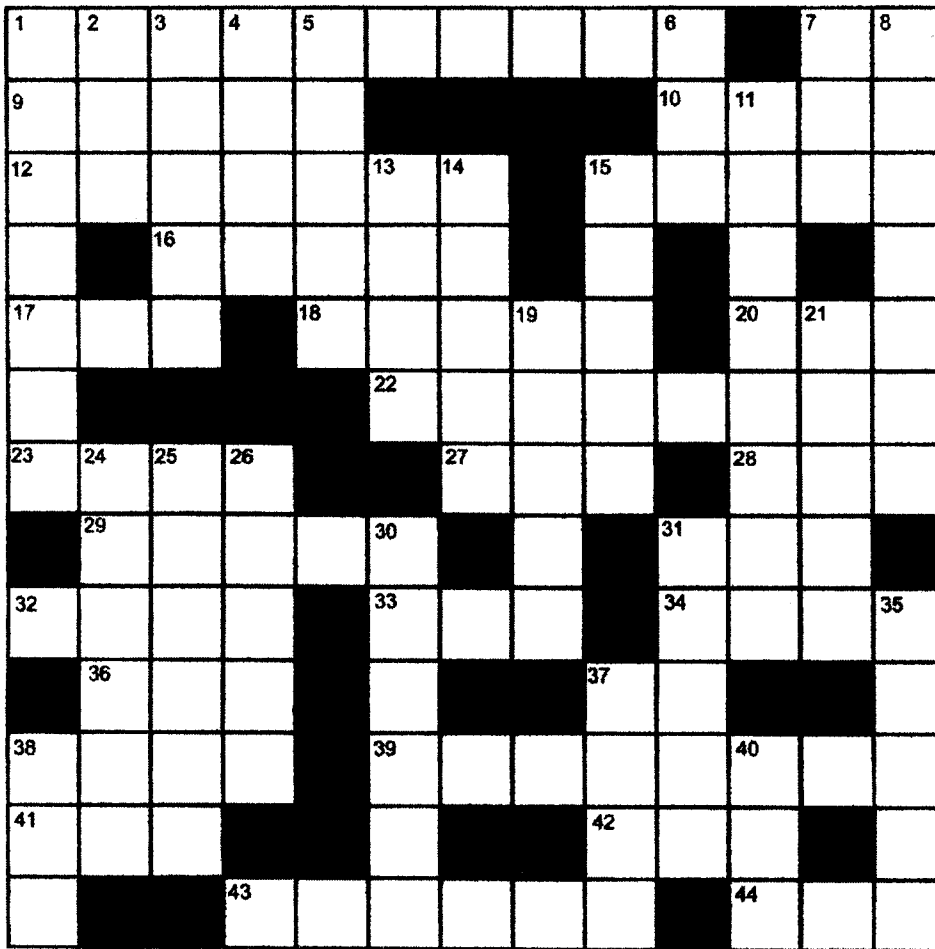
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Answers to July

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DOWN: 1 Whitchurch. 2 Earth. 3 Rio. 4 Ernie. 5 Filled. 6 Amiss. 7 Ben. 8 Boggy. 11 One. 13 Rife. 14 Acumen. 17 Cry. 19 En Route. 21 Agog. 23 Nine. 25 Tint. 26 Rhyme. 27 St. 29 Hausus. 30 MS. 31 Bemused. 34 Duct. 38 Gear. 40 Otto. 41 Bath. 43 Den.

ACROSS: 1. Cheese (10)
7. Not off (2)
9. Dens (5)
10. NEON (an 4)
12. An item; thing (7)
15. Publicity promotion (5)
16. A message (1&4)
17. Oxygen eg (3)
18. A wanderer (5)
20. Nothing (3)
22. DINE PATE (an 8)
23. A particle (4)
27. Animal pen (3)
28. Ancient (3)
29. DO ONE (an 5)
31. Number (3)
32. One of five (4)
33. Age (3)
34. Country (ab 4)
36. Drunkard (3)
37. In a position (2)
38. Prepares (4)
39. Gambling game (8)
41. Donkey (3)
42. ERA (an 3)
43. SHORES (An 6)
44. —Of a needle (3)

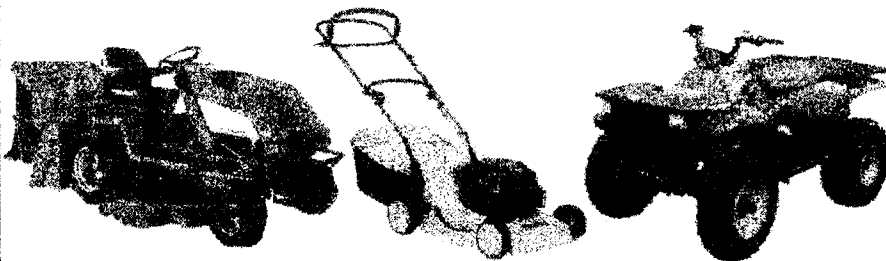
DOWN: 1 Scottish Town (7)
2. Rowing blade (3)
3. TIRES (An 5)
4. Harsh, ghastly (4)
5. Boy's name (5)
6. — one (3)
7. Number (3)
8. Settled comfortably (7)
11. Beliefs, views (8)
13. Animal (4)
14. Small mischievous creatures (mythological 5)
15. Grasping, unscrupulous person (5)
19. Consumed (5)
21. Wastes time (5)
24. Abodes (6)
25. Fools (6)
26. Shelters (5)
30. Closer (6)
31. Beyond earth's atmosphere —space (5)
35. Estate manager (5)
37. Expression of grief (4)
38. Unhappy (3)
40. Used in golf (3)

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	10.00 Wingrave	People's Praise
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
21 st	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
28 th	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Harvest Festival Service
5 th Oct	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Harvest Family Service
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
	18.00 Cublington	Evensong

Sunday Readings

7 th	Trinity 12	James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-37
14 th	Trinity 13	James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38
21 st	Trinity 14	James 3.7-4.3,7-8; Mark 9.30-37
28 th	Trinity 15	James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50
5 th Oct	Trinity 16	Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

From The Registers

Baptism

28th June Harry Gadsby at Cublington

17th Aug Theodore Bracey at Wingrave

Church Flowers

6 th /7 th	Miss A Goodman
13 th /14 th	Mrs A Parker
20 th /21 st	Mr C Higgs
27 th /28 th	Harvest Festival

Church Sidesmen

7 th	Mr C Higgs
14 th	Mr G Kemp
21 st	Mr C Higgs
28 th	Mr A Ford

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- Wednesday 10th** Parish Council Meeting. Church Room. 8 pm.
- Saturday 13th** Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride, Forms from Ann Goodman.
- Thursday 18th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 20th** Rambling Club Members 30th Anniversary. Meet at The Green 11 am. Walk to Cublington. (Lunch at The Royal Oak 1 pm)
- Sunday 21st** Friends Of St James Concert. St James Church. 3 pm (maybe 2—check with Colin). See ticket details in advert below.
Rambling Club members meet at Quanton Station 2 pm
- Tuesday 23rd** Mobile Library. The Green – Wingrave Road – Oxley Farm.
- Sunday 28th** Harvest Festival. St James 10 am.
- Tuesday 30th** Floral Class. Church Room. 7 pm.
- Thurs 2nd Oct** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
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