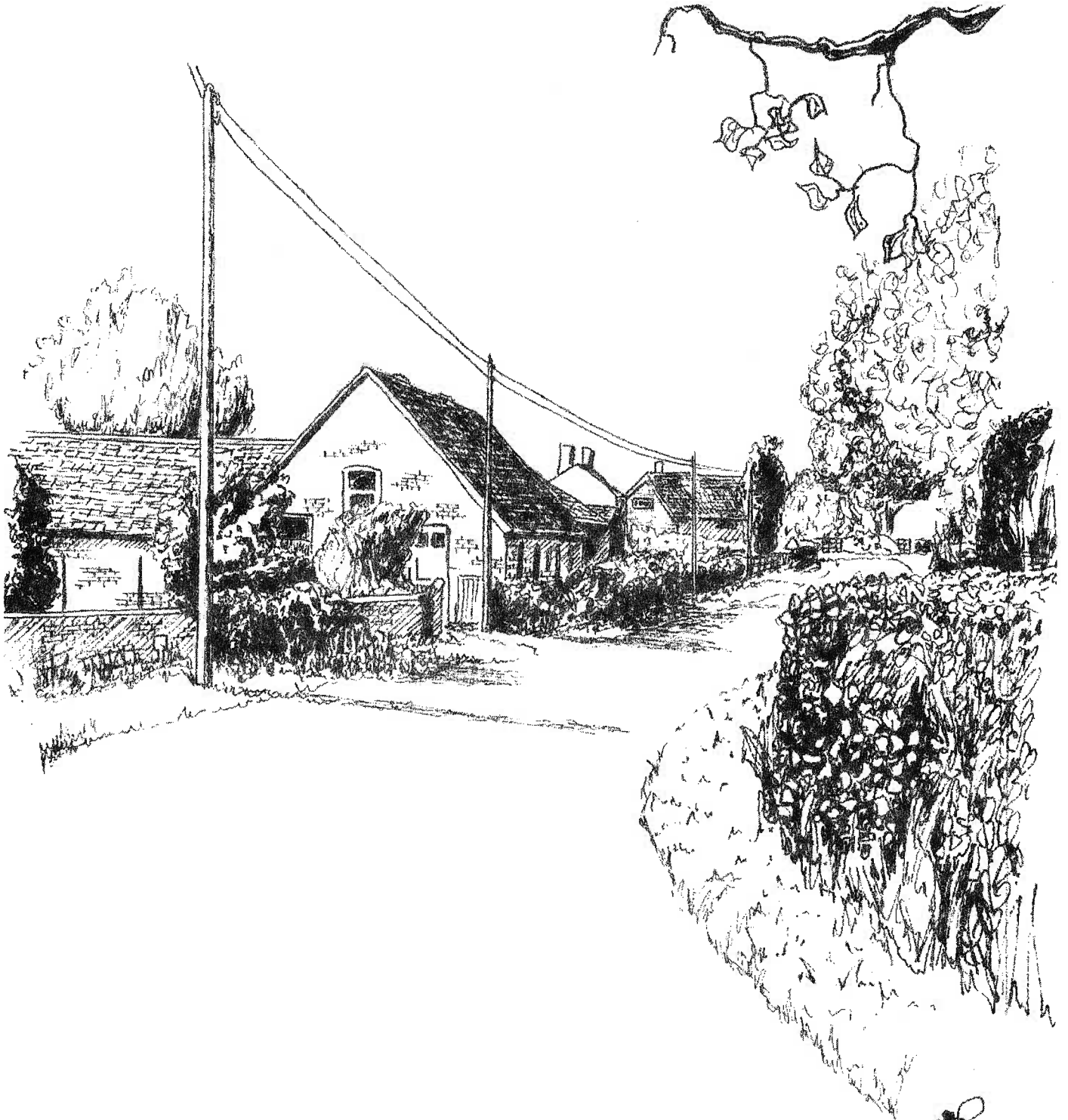


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# Editorial

## The Harvest Sale

The first village function that Carol and I attended after moving to Aston Abbots was the Harvest Sale. This annual sale of local produce took place in the back bar of the Bull on a Sunday evening. It was well attended, with enthusiastic bidding and everybody having fun whilst raising money for St James Church. At the end of the evening Andy Bystra and Rita came over and introduced themselves (I expect Andy thought "that looks like the likely mug - he'll edit the Chronicle one-day"!).

This was probably the first time that we had really met anybody from the village. Sadly, this year there is to be no Harvest Sale in the village. Even sadder, most of you won't even notice that it's not happening. Last year just half a dozen people turned up to support the event. I have to admit that we were not there either.

There was to be a performance by the Wingrave Singers in St James Church. Although the event had to be postponed due to a mix up in the booking arrangements, only half a dozen tickets were sold. Last time we attended one of Collin's quizzes in aid of St James there were barely enough people to make four teams.

The success of the Friends Of St James in raising funds shows support for the Church. I'm not sure why the Church's own events have not been so well supported. Perhaps some more aggressive marketing of tickets might help? However it will be a shame if traditions like the Harvest Sale were to fall by the wayside, so let's hope that there will be enough support from villagers to keep them going.

## Anonymous Letters

On page 7 of the Chronicle is a letter with "name and address withheld". I occasionally receive 'anonymous' letters, but unless I know who they are from, as in this case, they are always thrown in the bin.

## Reminders and Deadlines

My apologies to those people we did not receive their reminder email a week before the deadline for this issue. There appears to have been some problem with the Yahoo Group mailing list I use. Hopefully it will be fixed by next month. Please ask if you wish to be added to the list and receive a single monthly email reminding you of the deadlines.

Please note that the deadline for the November issue (see the bottom right of this page) is slightly earlier than normal because the school that prints the Chronicle have a half-term break.

*Phil*

**REMEMBER—Clocks go back one hour on the night of Sat 25<sup>th</sup>/Sun 26<sup>th</sup>**

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*and much, much more.....*

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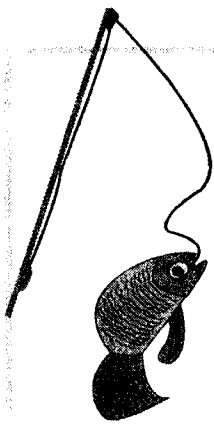
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# In The Village

## Broadband Internet In Aston Abbots???

I am indebted to Simon Guy for pointing out that Aston Abbots stands on the brink of the broadband revolution. Until now many people had been despairing that Aston Abbots would never get broadband internet access.

Broadband internet offers much faster connection speeds and makes it much more practical to access audio and video content via the internet. Those of us lucky enough to have broadband access at work know just how much it can transform the online experience. Last month Simon Gresswell wrote an article that discussed an alternative to conventional broadband.

For a year or two BT has been running a scheme whereby potential broadband subscribers can register their interest. When enough people register at an exchange to reach a 'trigger' level, BT will upgrade the exchange to make the service available. Now eagle-eyed Simon Guy has spotted that the number of registrants for the Wing exchange, which covers Aston Abbots, has nearly reached the trigger level of 300.

Simon emailed BT to see what happens next and received the following reply:

"Thank you for your e-mail regarding BT Broadband.

"Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you and for any inconvenience this may have caused.

"An additional check on your line shows that your exchange has not been enabled for Broadband products. I can confirm that the area of Wing has received a registration level of 291, but unfortunately the trigger level has been set for 300. If you click on [www.adslguide.org](http://www.adslguide.org), then click the 'Demand Tracker Data' link on the left hand side and input the name of your area you will receive regularly updated information on the level of registration in your area.

"When this target has been reached, the next step would be to place an order, which would be subject to survey, but you could have BT Broadband in seven days from date of order. To place your order you can either call our BT Broadband sales team on 0800 800 060 or use the secure website at [www.bt.com/btbroadband](http://www.bt.com/btbroadband)

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Burford	127	150
Braishfield	126	150
Norwood Hill	123	150
Merstham	284	350
Sway	284	350

[Click here](#) for a full list of exchanges with trigger levels in your region

On the 27th October the BT website showed that just two more people were needed to reach the trigger level to get our exchange broadband-enabled.

I hope this information has been useful to you. Please do not hesitate to get back to me should you need any further assistance."

So, it looks like we are nearly there! At the time of writing (27<sup>th</sup> October) there are 298 registrants. By the time you read this we could well have passed the trigger level.

Of course, it's not clear just how fast the service will be made available when (and it is *when now*—not *if*) the trigger level is passed. However, be sure that The Chronicle will keep you informed.

For all of the latest information about BT Broadband please visit [www.bt.com/btbroadband](http://www.bt.com/btbroadband). If you have an interest and haven't registered that you may want the service then please do so now.

~ Phil Spooner

## That Rings A Bell

One of the nicest characteristics of this village is that most people are so helpful, and selfless. They have a distinct tendency to be mindful of the importance of retaining the all those essential attributes which ensure Aston Abbots remains the small, pleasant and quintessentially English village we so enjoy and wish to nurture. To hand down to our heirs its fabric and the traditions we are all so proud to uphold.

So, it was with immense pleasure that we learned Neil Chesher and Tim Peacock have recently been invited by non other than the 'Captain of the Tower' (Peter Knight) to join that illustrious band; The St James Bell Ringers.

Responding to a question from our correspondent, Neil' stated; "It's a great honour to have been asked. It will of course be a challenge but I see it as a furtherance to my musical career and

if all goes well I shall doubtless be trading in the keyboard and guitar for a set of hand bells. My somewhat extensive sailing experience will no doubt be a great asset since my hands are already heavily calloused (from handling ropes in all weathers). I'll never forget the moment Peter asked me to join 'the tower'.....and don't think I haven't tried!"

Tim responded angrily at the suggestion that he had accepted the invitation simply on the basis that from inside his cottage the noise of the bells is so intolerable that he might as well join the blighters! Or that he had been 'set up' by Neil. "No!" he said. "A career in the Army has taught me the importance of tradition. Besides! I've been retired for several years and I really miss not having to do everything by numbers and I'm hoping bell ringing will put all that right."

~ A. Bee



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## Letters To The Editor

The Abbey  
Aston Abbots  
15th September, 2003

Dear Editor,

The final straw was Peter Knight saying at the Fete that I had been runner-up in the Squire of the Year Competition. Runner Up!!!!???? Obviously time to move on.

Seriously though, some of your readers have no doubt been wondering what was going on at The Abbey and whether it was on the market. Mind you, there have been rumours (unfounded until now) of it being on the market almost from the day we moved in - fourteen years ago!

But yes, this time it was true. The fact is that we are still and to our great regret tied to being in London in the week for work reasons, and so have ended up being "week-enders" for all our time here.

When we bought it from Mrs Morton's estate, the Abbey was in a sad state, with the roof leaking, the electrics frightening, the plumbing dodgy, and the gardens overgrown. And the owners by then were property developers with not much interest in anything other than a quick buck.

Happily we have been able to restore the house structurally. Meanwhile Alex and Peter (as anyone who visited the gardens on open days will know) rolled back 25 years of neglect and made the folk at Wisley look nervously to their laurels - and their roses for that matter.

Alice and Rachel are now at university - and we are still stuck in the London-week mode. Meanwhile we have always felt guilty about being "part-timers" and felt that the Abbey should be in full-time occupation, which it now will be.

On 15th October we hand over to Mr and Mrs Martin Olley and their four children, and leave the Abbey in excellent hands (nicer people would be hard to find) and Aston Abbots for the last time. We will always have the fondest memories of our time here, the many acts of kindness and the community spirit which the Chronicle helps to maintain. Thank you all for making us feel so welcome for fourteen years.

~ Alice & Rachel, Laura & David von Simson

### Lunatics

Sir,

The recent article on SID [*the Speed Indicating Device* ~ Ed] just proved what we all already knew. Some idiots drive through Aston Abbots too fast. One evening last week some lunatic nearly mowed me down when crossing the road after leaving the Royal Oak. Lots of stupid people drive round that bend too fast.

I think the parish council should consider some sort of crossing on that bend to protect people when they have to cross from the Royal Oak to the pavement outside the big house on the corner. Lots more people cross there since the Bull and Butcher closed.

~ Name and address supplied

Please see the note in the editorial regarding 'anonymous' letters. Also please see the article Problems On Country Roads on page 11. ~ Ed

## Reach For The Skies

With captain Dave Lewis and co pilot bomber Bob Chapman with a nervous gun crew of Sharp Shot Gibbins and Buck Shot Bickell. With Bob at the controls for take off and just getting airborne before we ran out of runway. We took to the skies heading for the Buckinghamshire vale. And off to Aston Abbots (do people farm the allotments or is it an excuse to go in the pub). With a fly pass over the Royal Oak then into Chapman air space and a low fly pass over Dad Chapman and up quick before he had a chance to load his gun. With the gun crew now steady, it was over to Dodge City and the rest of the vale. With great views of our local countryside it makes you appreciate the area we live in.

Many thanks to Dave, it was a fantastic experience and worth every pound. (Here's to another Astonbury and lots of beer).

~ Karl

Bob Chapman, Steve and Karl bid for a flight around the Vale at Astonbury 2003 ~ Ed

## Friends of St. James

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the 1st of November.

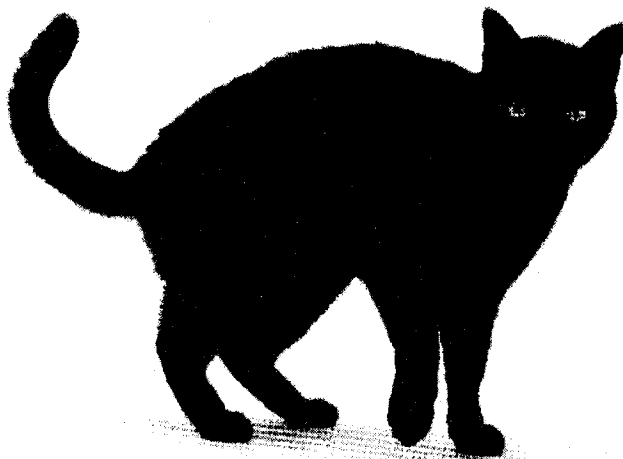
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## Dolly

Lately our cat, Dolly, has been going away for a few weeks at a time. We think someone may be feeding her. If someone in the village mistook her for a stray and has been feeding her, thank you, but there's no need. We miss her a lot.

Dolly is half-Siamese, slim and completely black and talks, as Siamese do. She has no collar.

Barbara and David—The Old House



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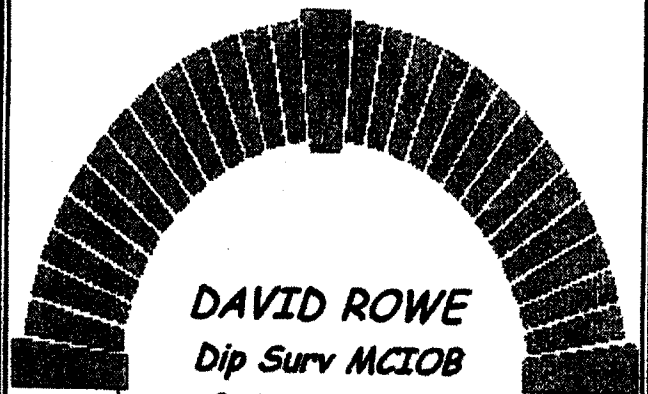
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## Countryside Diary

10th September

It's still dry—I won't say disastrously dry, just worryingly dry. Obviously the grass is not growing so there is no fresh feed for the grazing animals. Sheep are existing on what little is left in the fields, but cattle have had to be fed winter fodder, i.e. silage or hay, for the best part of a month now.

The cereal harvest was quick, easy, but with the low yields as the crops had died rather than ripened.

Clearing the cornfields always has an interesting effect on wildlife—it removes the cover in which various animals and birds had been able to remain hidden. Pheasant and partridges become more noticeable and in particular the red deer lose their main source of cover.

It's quite surprising how many deer there are around here now—far more than 20 years ago. It's not just the small muntjac that have done well, but roe are now common. I have recently seen four together in one field.

What a fruiting time we are experiencing! Too many plums (the quality suffered), sufficient apples, and the hedgerows are bounding in sloes, hip, haws and blackberries. It strikes me that the sloes have coloured up very early this year. I love to see hedgerows fruit and in a way it's a reward for being an inefficient farmer. I can't afford to keep hedges closely trimmed—they're untidy and overgrown but what a haven and feed store for wildlife.

Most of our wild mammals are feeding on fruit now - from mice to badgers and foxes.

The thing that has been missing on this year's fruit has been wasps. I have never seen so few and I know of no wasps nests (I usually know of four or five and destroy at least one!). I can only surmise that very few Queen wasps survived last year's wet winter.

Flies too—there hasn't rarely been many flies about has there? Does that contribute to the fact that there are so few swallows and house Martins these days? Also where have the rooks gone? They would have had a very hard summer, unable to dig into the ground. We know that about 100 pairs breed in the

cover and annually, but they're not there following the plough. Unfortunately the plough is being followed by that horrid interloper the gull, instead of rooks and that loveliest of all farm birds the lapwing. Please may it rain and the grass grow again. The sheep need some good food to flush them and build them up ready for tugging (the Rams being put out) later this month.

The gardens need rain.

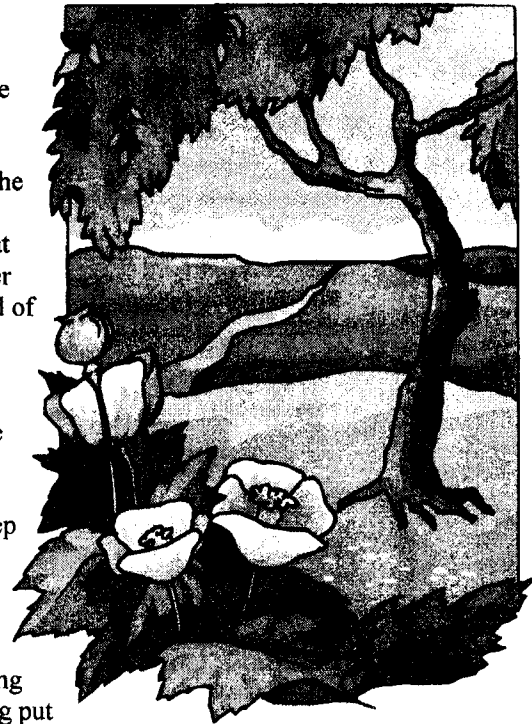
The lawns need rain.

Even I need rain!

Following that conclusion, we take for granted our water supply; how did they manage 100, even 50 years ago? Water was a real blessing in times past and Aston Abbots was blessed with pure springs and wells.

Perhaps the history people should make a map and record the old water supplies?

I know of eight spring fed drinking places for cattle and sheep and I can think of 13 wells. How many do still exist? Should they be recorded?



*Pete Knight*

## The Meaning Of Life Explained

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes." The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your health, your

children, your job, your friends, your favourite passions—things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. "The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house, and take out the rubbish. "Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

~ submitted by Neil Chesher

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## Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 10th Sept 2003

### Present

Cllrs. T.Manning (Chairman), C. Higgs, R.Clarke, J. Farrands, D.Dicken and Mrs. K.Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Cllrs. M.Kent, P.Shorrock and County Cllr P.Cooper. Two members of the public attended.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

### Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the application for a grant to help with repairs to the children's play area had unfortunately been refused.

She requested items for the agenda for the forthcoming Parishes' Forum. A leaflet regarding 'Affordable Housing' was circulated.

### County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No representatives were present from any of the above organisations.

### Planning

Cllr. Dicken gave a brief report on the Bull and Butcher Planning Committee meeting, which he attended. The application to build five houses was deferred pending further consultation.

- 03/02026/APP Windmill Hill Barns, Moat Lane. Conversion of barn to create self-catering accommodation. Resolved to oppose this application on the grounds that not all the reasons the previous Appeal on the property was dismissed have been addressed. It was also felt that development of this site would alter the character of this approach to the village.
- 03/01631/APP The Old Masters Restaurant. Change of use from restaurant to separate dwelling (amended plans). Resolved to make no comment on this application.
- 03/02220/APP Rose Cottage, 63, The Green. Part single/part two storey extension and erection of porch. Resolved to oppose this application on the grounds that the proposed extension is too large, and would affect the character and nature of the Conservation Area.
- 03/02126/ACL Home Farm, 61, The Green. Determine as to whether planning permission is required for creation of new access. The Parish Council does not have the legal knowledge to comment on this matter.

### Highways

To consider ways of calming traffic in the village. This had already been dealt with in the discussions with Mr. Orchard before the meeting began.

### Recreation Ground

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

### Date Of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next Meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 22nd October 2003 at 8pm in the Church Room.

~ Kate Curry

## Problems On Country Roads

A Talk on Traffic Calming given to the Parish Council by Steve Orchard - 10th September 2003

### Lorries

Mr. Orchard began by saying that Highways are currently carrying out surveys to establish where HGV's are migrating from the main roads through the villages. Most data has now been collected, but it has yet to be analysed. However, there is a problem in establishing legitimate use, as there are now many more rural business enterprises with legitimate lorry movements. HGV bans can also be very difficult to enforce.

### Cars

There are many more commuters nowadays, many of whom are travelling through the villages.

The main problem for Aston Abbotts is not so much volume of cars passing through it. But the speed at which they travel, especially along Lines Hill / Moat Lane and Wingrave Road.

### What Can Be done?

1. **Traffic calming.** Road narrows (needs street lighting) Humps (many pros and cons involved here) White-lining to make roads appear narrower (e.g. 'Dragon's Teeth') Strategic parking of vehicles to slow down traffic 'Roundels' can be painted on the road by speed limit signs
2. **Speed Limits.** These are in place, but it seems obvious that the 30 mph limit in Moat Lane should be moved back to the village limit on Lines Hill. Speed Limits are under review at present, but our area will not be covered until 2005. Any change of Speed Limit would require a traffic regulation order.

### Conclusions

It was felt by the meeting that having 'Roundels' on the road by speed limit signs would be a good idea. Steve Orchard will ask Tony Walton (Area Manager) to contact the Parish Council to have these done in Wingrave Road and Moat Lane. (Note: there will be a cost involved). 'Dragons Teeth' were suggested for Lines Hill, but as these cost £350 per set, it was agreed to discuss them at a future Parish Council meeting.

An idea from the floor was to create a pavement extending from Home Farm to Church Farm. This would in effect make this stretch of road narrower. It was agreed to discuss the idea at a future Parish Council meeting.

Tom Manning thanked Mr. Orchard for giving up his time to talk to us.

~ Kate Curry

## Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Twenty four members were present at today's first meeting of our new season. Chairman Joan Alexander welcomed all members and today's speaker Mrs Pat Trunkfield who had come to demonstrate the art of flower arranging. After business was completed our speaker arranged flowers in four different styles in beautiful arrangements. These were raffled so four lucky members went home with flowers. Tea hostesses today were Joan Alexander and Mary Morris.

~ Shirley Ford

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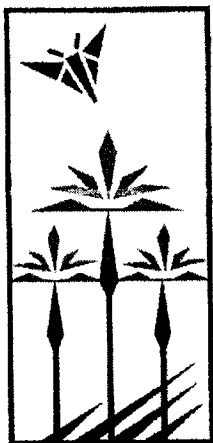
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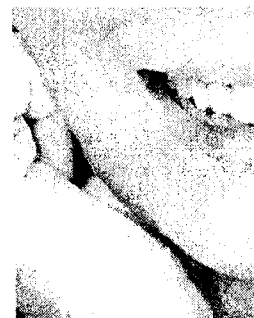
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Last month we reported on the 45th wedding anniversary of Derek and Enid Ludlam and reproduced the item on their wedding from their local newspaper in 1958. The wedding was also recorded in the Oct issue of local 'Lamorby' Parish Magazine (price 3d! - just over one penny). It would appear that in those 'frugal times' parishioners were encouraged to jot down 'handy tips. Could this work in The Chronicle??

### Monday's Washing

**Egg timer.** When timing my washing in the electric washer, instead of taking a clock into the scullery I use an egg timer - MRS. E. FORSTER.

**Washing towels.** If towels are folded hem to hem, to wring, they will not come into holes in the centre. Never blue linen, as it will turn it grey in time. - MRS. F. A. JACKSON.

**Blouses.** If nylon blouses are washed in warm, and not hot water, preferably with pure soap flakes, and not a detergent, coloured blouses will keep their colour and white ones not turn yellow. If white-nylon has turned yellow, soaking in a bowl of mild bleach helps to restore it. Cotton blouses should be finally rinsed in quite cold water. They will then iron up crisply. - Miss E. M. MANKTBLOW.

### Tuesday's Sewing

**Pinafores.** To make an old summer frock into a pinafore, sew up the front and side fastenings and split down the back, hemming the edges. Cut out the neck and sleeves if necessary and bind with bias binding. Sew on loops of narrow elastic and large buttons at back of neck and waist. Make patch pockets from one sleeve and keep the other for repairs - Mrs I. Loseby

**Stronger buttonholes.** Keep the small piece of gauze found on adhesive plasters. When making button-holes, slip a piece between the two layers of material; it will strengthen the buttonhole considerably. - MRS. J. WILLIAMS.

**Two hints.** When buying new towels just over-sew between the fringe edges. This prevents the towels from fraying when there is a strong wind. When buying new sheets put about three inches of tape at each corner. This is also a good hint when there are rough winds, and prevents the sheets coming un-sewn. I have tried this with great success. - MRS. E. WILLIAMS.

### Wednesday's Nursing

**Handwash.** Obtain three penny worth of opodeldoc and three penny worth of glycerine from the chemist in a sixteen-ounce bottle. Fill up with soft water and shake well. A little of the lotion should be put on the hands after washing while the hands are still damp. It should then be rubbed in until quite dry. - Miss K. LANGDON.

**Breakfast in bed.** On these winter mornings an invalid's tea grows cold long before it is drunk. If the nurse serves

the tea in a small thermos flask instead of a teapot, the second cup is as hot and fresh as the first. - Miss M. E. HIELD.

When serving meals in bed to patients, especially children, place an ordinary pinafore over the patient's head and spread around to act both as bib and table-cover. The bright colours also serve to brighten the sick room. - Miss N. WIGHAM.

### Thursday's Cooking

**Bacon.** If Bacon rashers have become dry, soak them for one hour in milk. Rinse in cold water and they will be quite fresh again. - Miss A. F. PAMFRET.

**"Egg" and bread crumbs.** When an egg is not available, mix some custard powder and milk to a thin paste consistency. Dip your fish in this and then in breadcrumbs before frying in hot fat. - MRS. C. A. BROWN.

**Try steaming.** The flavour of a small piece of ham or bacon is improved if it is steamed instead of boiled. Time, 20 minutes to the pound and 20 minutes over. - MRS. M. PORTAS.

### Friday's Household

**Burn your slack (tested).** Most housewives think that if they shoot coal-dust upon the back of a glowing fire, they have made good use of it, but here is a better way. Fill a bag with a small shovelful of the dust. Take a large sheet of newspaper folded into four, place it under the tap for a few seconds, then carefully wrap round the bag. Place at the back of the fire, and press down with the poker. This is an excellent way of keeping in a fire when the family are out for the evening. - MRS. D. E. BALLANCE.

**Cork.** Keep a large cork by the kitchen sink to use when cleaning stained knives with cleaning powder. It's better than a cloth and easier on the hands. - MR. J. HORSLEY.

### Saturday's Children

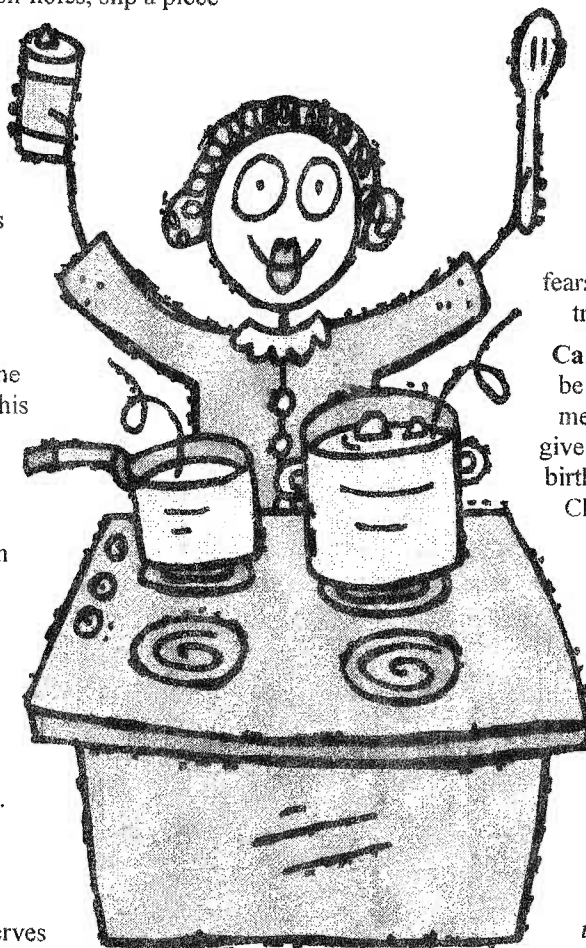
**Pockets.** Take a plastic bag the size of your small son's trouser pocket. Turn the edges in and slip-stitch inside the pocket. This makes cleaning so easy and you will have no fears that his "treasures" will ruin his trousers.-Miss F. C. TOUT.

**Cards.** Babies of a year onwards tend to be destructive with their books, which means continually buying new ones. To give them variety, save Christmas and birthday cards with suitable pictures.

Choose about eight for each book, cut off the half with the design and trim to roughly the same size. Pierce two sets of holes, top and bottom, and tie with a short length of string to form a loose-leaf book.-MRS. ENID SMITH.

If you know of a good hint for our household pages, send it to the Editor, 11, Ludgate Square, E. C.4. We offer six 5 shilling [25 pence]. prizes every month.

My thanks to Andy Bystra for transcribing this lot! ~ Ed





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~ submitted by Neil Chesher

## Rectors Report

I am fairly confident that, when you read this, we shall have had some significant rain. Even though things will have cooled down somewhat, as I write, everywhere is still parched. Our memories of the record temperatures and the very dry spell will be fading – although we may feel some reluctance to go into Autumn and Winter just yet.

Yet there is an inevitability about the cycle of Nature. Summer and Winter come round each year, interspersed with Spring and Autumn. We have spells of Cold weather, and spells of Hot weather. Sometimes it is Wet and sometimes it is Dry. We know that in each twenty-four hour period there will be some Darkness as well as some Light. Springtime and Harvest will come round year after year.

For some people, particular types of weather pose specific problems. And we are all prone to grumble a bit. The weather is either too hot, or too cold; too wet or too dry. There is just no pleasing some people.

But, every morning we are given a new day – and we do not know what it will contain until it is unwrapped. Each day presents us with a challenge. We can make the most of the day, or we can write it off and hope for something better tomorrow. Every day we have another opportunity. It may be an opportunity that will never come our way again. If we fail to take that opportunity we may live to regret it.

Of course, there are some tasks that we need to complete, whatever the weather is doing. The house and garden will constantly require our attention. There are “people to see, places to go, jobs to do”.

These can become rather tedious – or we can see them as part of today’s opportunity. We may have a “been there, done that” outlook, where we are glad to have got through the day. Or, we can think of those people, those places, those opportunities more positively.

Yes! It has been dry and hot, but I managed to get quite a lot of things done – How about you?

~ Bob Willmott

## Mother In Law

A guy goes on vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law. The mother-in-law dies. They go to an undertaker who explains that they can ship the body home But that it'll cost over £5000, whereas they can bury her in the Holy Land for only £150. The guy says, “We'll ship her home.”

The undertaker asks, “Are you sure? That’s an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here.” The guy says, “Look, 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.”

## Twenty Five Things You Should Have Learned By Now

1. If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian; any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.
13. Get fit, eat well, die anyway.
14. Men are from Earth. Women are from Earth. Deal with it.
15. No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is an equal amount of food in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.
22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
23. Thou shall not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
25. It ain't the jeans that make your bum look fat.

## Bull Close

There was a disappointing response to the request for suggestions for the name of the small close behind the Bull and Butcher. Suggestions received included:

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- Franksgoneforgood Road
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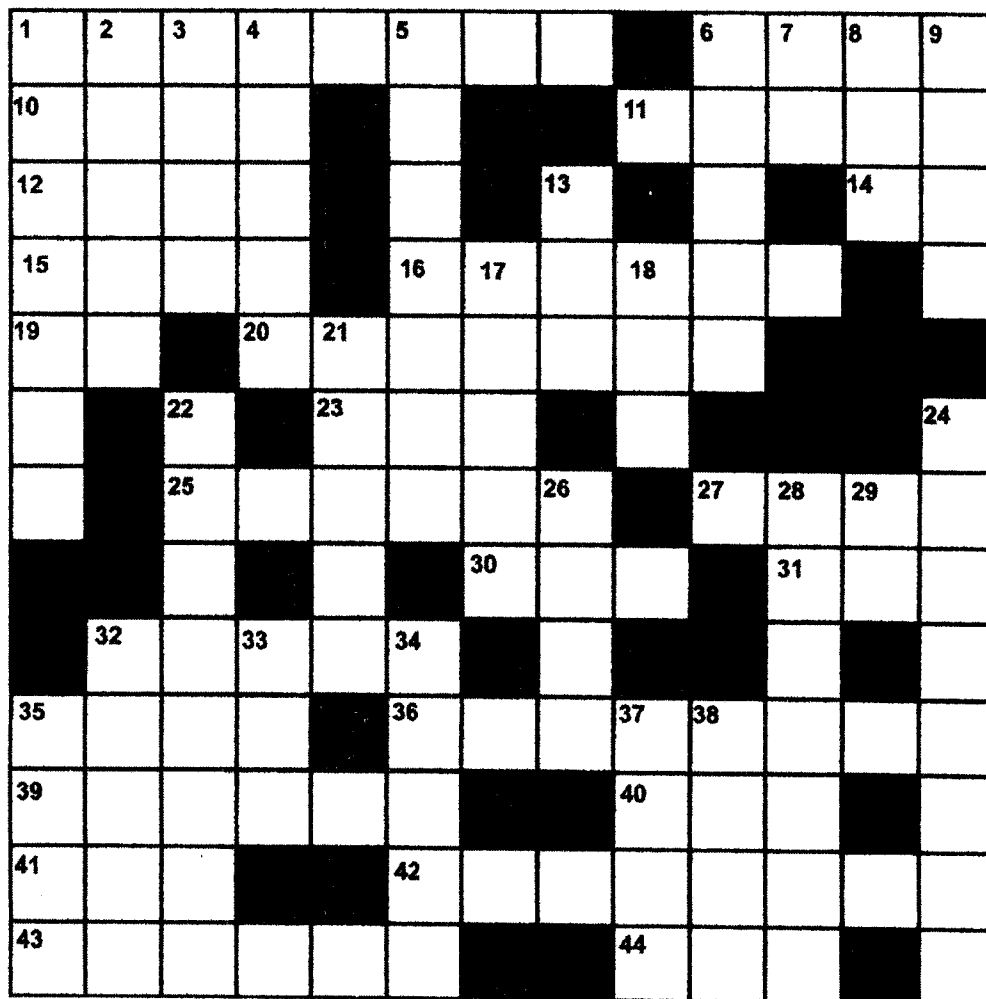


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- ACROSS:** 1 Local Village (8)  
 6. Military mus. instrument (4)  
 10. Opera solo (4)  
 11. An interval (5)  
 12. Tear (4)  
 14. Compass point (2)  
 15. Cook (4)  
 16. Approved (6)  
 19. One -- two (2)  
 20. SAR SITE (an 7)  
 23. Waste receptable (3)  
 25. Thick set (6)  
 27. Bogus (4)  
 30. -- & yours (3)  
 31. Michievous child (3)  
 32. Colours (5)  
 35. Half size (4)  
 36. American City (8)  
 39. Sleep here (2,1&3 )  
 40. Acknowledge a debt (3)  
 41. All cars should have one (3)  
 42. Herefordshire town (8)  
 43. Zest (6)  
 44. View (3)

- DOWN:** 1 Shipping point (7)  
 2. Behindhand (5)  
 3. Ice-- (4)  
 4. SATED (an 5)  
 5. Foolish (7)  
 6. Releases (5)  
 7. That is (2)  
 8. A cooling device (3)  
 9. To make best use of (4)  
 13. Spoil (3)  
 17. NIKKY (an 5)  
 18. Affirmative (3)  
 21. Relating to (5)  
 22. Evaluate (8)  
 24. RIPS SOME  
 26. English city (4)  
 28. Hairy (7)  
 29. Before noon (2)  
 32. Wood koint (5)  
 33. Pen point (3)  
 34. Alias  
 35. American coin (4).  
 37. Points at target (4)  
 38. Facial feature (4)

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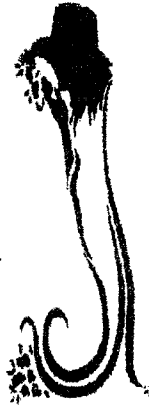
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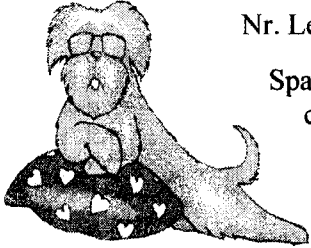
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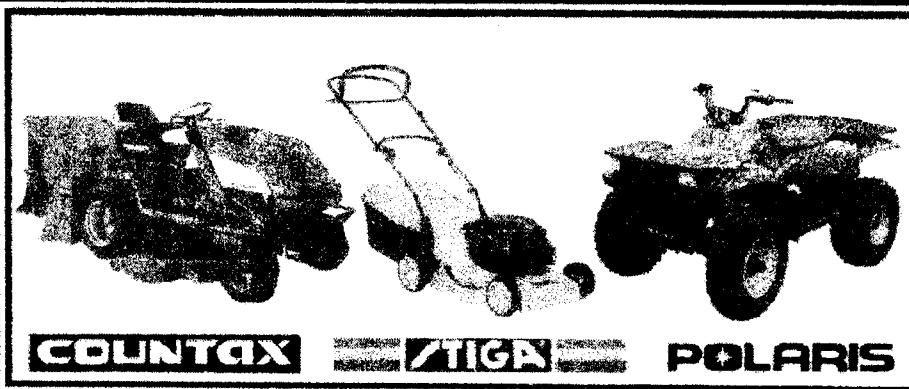
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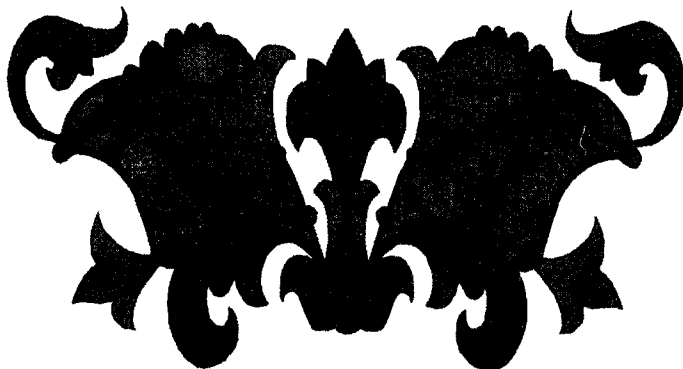
## Church Services

5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Harvest Family Service
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
	18.00 Cublington	Harvest Evensong
12 <sup>th</sup>	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book style Communion
	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Harvest People's Praise
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
	18.00 Wingrave	WCT Harvest Service
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service with Communion
	10.00 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Wingrave	Three Parish Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion

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## Sunday Readings

5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Trinity 16	Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16
12 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 17	Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31
19 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 18	Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45
26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Trinity	Hebrews 7.23-28; Mark 10.46-52
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	4 b Advent	Hebrews 9.11-14; Mark 12.28-34

## From The Registers

### Baptism

13 <sup>th</sup> July	Mia Swain at Aston Abbotts
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Kirsty Lewis at Aston Abbotts
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Toby Taylor at Wingrave
24 <sup>th</sup>	Alexander Wareing at Wingrave
31 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Judd at Aston Abbotts
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	George Weston at Wingrave
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Oliver Topley at Cublington

### Marriage

30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Neil Rutledge & Cathy Nicholson at Wingrave
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### Funeral

17 <sup>th</sup> July	Gwen Taylor at Wingrave
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Johnson-Mortimer at Amersham
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Eileen Doe at Aston Abbotts and Amersham
27 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Marsh at Wingrave Methodist and Amersham
9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Tess Bodkin at Amersham

## Church Flowers

4/5 <sup>th</sup>	Donated
11/12 <sup>th</sup>	Donated
18/19 <sup>th</sup>	Donated
25/26 <sup>th</sup>	No service

## Church Sidesmen

5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr G Kemp
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mr C Higgs
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr A Ford
26 <sup>th</sup>	No service

## 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 Shorrock	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 Moulton	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 Shorrock	681260	Wingrave Stores	Andy & Helen Hall	681696
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000			
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865			

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- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** Village footpath walk. Meet at The Green. 2 pm.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green. Wingrave Road. Oxley Farm. See advert elsewhere for times.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Ramblers Autumn/Winter programme meeting. 13, Moorland. Wing. 8 pm.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** Highway Meeting at Winslow centre. 6 pm.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members meet. Cuddington. 2 pm.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green. Wingrave Road. Oxley Farm. See advert elsewhere for times.
- also* Friends of St James meet at the Royal Oak at 8.30 pm.
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** Parish Council meeting in The Church Room at 8 pm. Everybody is welcome.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** British Summer Time ends. Clocks go BACK one hour.
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Floral Class in The Church Room at 7 pm.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive in the Church Room at 7.30 pm
- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** Friends of St James Market stall in Aylesbury between 9 and 4. Donations and volunteers needed. Please see page 7 or contact Clare Shorrocks on 681260
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** Bonfire and Fireworks on the Recreation Ground—see page 13

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## Rambling Club

We would welcome new members. We walk every 3rd Sunday, commencing from a different venue, starting at 2 pm. Walks last about two hours. If you are interested contact Colin on 681343 for more information.

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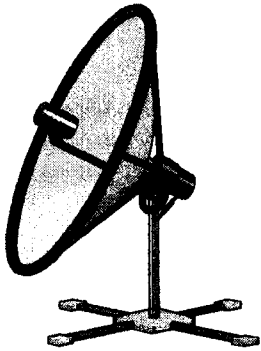
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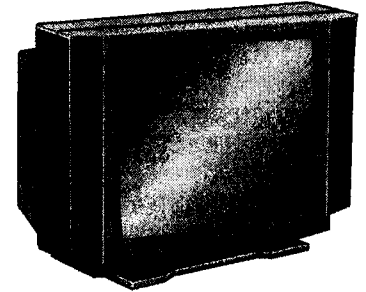
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