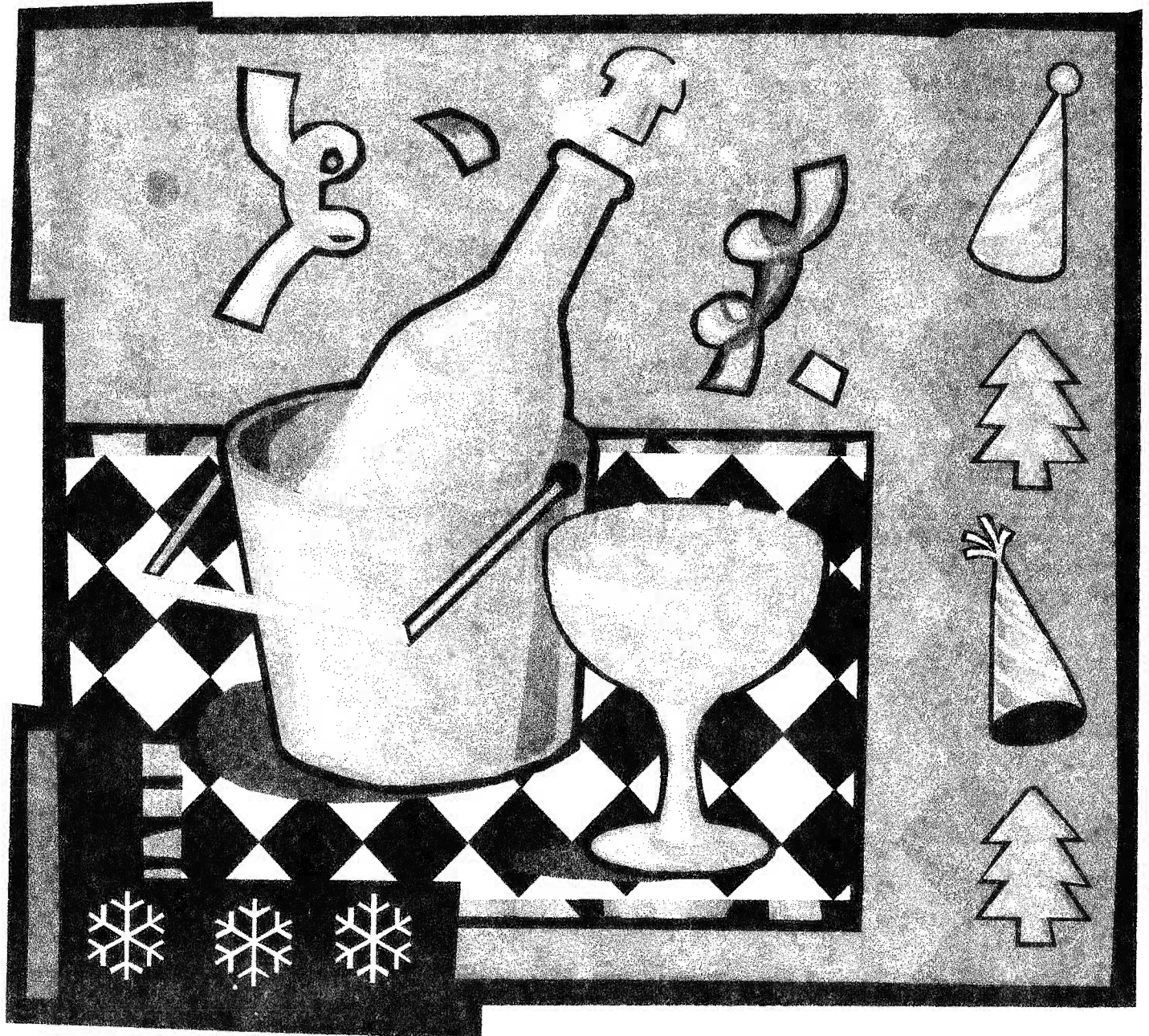


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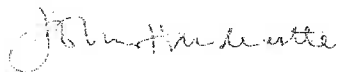
2006 has proved to be quite a year for me. Aside from taking on the role of Editor, I have travelled to India, travelled to Tuscany, attended my son's wedding in Mauritius and sadly I have been diagnosed as having prostate cancer. I don't feel ill and I am told that I can contemplate a few years yet and I intend to enjoy what time is left for me to the full.

Judy is celebrating her 60th birthday in January when we are visiting her childhood haunts in North Norfolk with our family and Judy's sisters' families and some close friends. The coastline, especially in winter, is a wonderful place. A part of England that remains untouched by motorways and 'progress'.

Victor and Christine Scott are running a series of talks; details on page 5. Vic makes the talks very interesting and enjoyable. I thoroughly recommend them. Make sure you get your interest registered as soon as possible as spaces are limited to the number their front room can accommodate. You might get tea and biscuits at the end of each talk.

The appeal against AVDC's grant of planning permission for the egg production units at Norduck is currently due to be heard in the High Court in February. Firstly a Judge will hear the 'permission application' when he determines whether there is a case. After which matters may then go to a full Judicial Review. It's my view that our Planning Committee and the planning officers dealing with the application failed to act in accordance with the standards they should have applied when assessing the proposal. They have let us all down. Time and money has been put to seeking the quashing of this planning permission. There has been no lack of commitment in trying to defend peoples' right to enjoy their property. I am still not convinced that we all understand the effect this proposal has on our village - I think we are all effected in one way or another not least the devaluation of houses and the potential smell, flies and traffic. There, I've got that off my chest!

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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Alison's Gossip Column



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Jane Plested	7 th
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Zoe Hinds	25 th
David Lewis	28 th
Carol Spooner	28 th
Anita Parker	28 th
Richard Plested	29 th
Chloe Oldfield	30 th

Don't forget to tell us about your birthdays, anniversaries, etc, so that we can send you a greeting in the Gossip Column

SOME CRACKERS

What creatures worry about their weight?

Fish - they never go anywhere without their scales

What part of the fish did Napoleon dislike?

The bony-part

If a crocodile makes shoes, what does a banana make?

Slippers

How did the human cannonball loose his job?

He got fired

What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?

About 1mph

Why didn't the skeleton go to the New Year's Eve Party?

He had no body to go with

What does the word minimum mean?

A very small mother

A Big Thank you to Kate Curry who hosted the Gnomes Xmas party and provided us all with drinks and tasty snacks.

Congratulations to Mandy and Geoff who finally eloped to Scotland to get married.

There was a rumour that one of their party wasn't allowed to board the Easyjet plane because of the vast amount of make-up she had with her, so she and her husband had to drive up! But I don't believe it Tracey!

Spot the Chef - I was laid low with flu a couple of weeks ago and had to rely on Dave for nourishment! This was my daily fare:

Breakfast - nothing

Lunch - Marmite on Toast

Dinner - Fishfingers and oven chips

The dinner was cooked by thoroughly defrosting everything for at least one hour and heating up the oven for one hour!! Needless to say, I made a hasty recovery!

Best wishes to Andy Bystra who is having an op to sort out a troublesome knee. He says it not due to the weight of the Chronicles he delivers.

SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is having friends.

At age 16 success is having a drivers licence.

At age 35 success is having money.

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At age 70 success is having a drivers licence.

At age 75 success is having friends.

At age 80 success is not peeing in your pants.

How do you start a bear race?

Ready, teddy, go.

How do you get down from an elephant?

You don't, you get down from ducks.

Why can't you play cards in the jungle?

There are too many cheetahs.

Why does a giraffe have such a long neck?

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The evening started with a splendid meal overseen by Francesca Bean. My table's lasagne, beautifully cooked by Alex Radbourne, was accompanied by salad, bread and butter with a dessert of cheesecake and cream. On my table were newly weds Jeff and Mandy Bannister who had returned from honeymoon that afternoon. Thanks were expressed to all the other lasagne cooks and helpers.

Comperre for the evening was Deidre Whyte.

First up was the man who believes in his own publicity – who apparently walked on water whilst on holiday in Portugal – and whose name miraculously appeared on a hoarding immediately after Astonbury which proclaimed 'Neil Chesher is God'. With Neil there were splendid contributions from Nigel and Antony Palmer, John Whyte and the gorgeous Simon Cresswell.

The only Christmassy sketch was a reading of letters sent to Ms Rita Robinson by Andy Bystra able assisted by Peter Shorrock. The letters were based on 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and recorded Rita's annoyance at the increasing amount of feathery presents Andy was bestowing on her. It culminated with AVDC issuing a closure order on her house because of its unsanitary condition. Twelve Lords a'Leaping were the final straw.

Alison Lewis and Liz Barlow issued 'The Rules for Women' much to Dave Lewis's obvious discomfort. His comment that Alison was very largely behind the times was not appreciated.

The annual award of Colins was announced. Nearly all the winners seemed to qualify as a result of holidaying in Portugal – such is the mysterious way the Awards Committee moves.

Thanks were expressed to Peter Knight for scene shifting, to Dave Lewis for Electrics and to Phil Spooner for Sound.

A splendid evening!

Ed

Victor and Christine Scott are running two Courses in January and March. The six week courses are run on either Tuesdays at 10.30am or Thursdays at 7.30pm.

HISTORY AND ECOLOGY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA - commences Tuesday 16th January at 10.30pm

and Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm

(there will be no class on Thursday 8th Feb, adjustments will be made accordingly) *With possible holidays in mind the course will be designed to include something of the fascinating geology and history of the region, although natural history will predominate.*

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(dates will be adjusted to take account of Easter holidays)

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(from Telegraph Food & Drink 25 Nov 2006)

120g butter or margarine

180g dark brown sugar

400g mixed fruit (currants, sultanas, candied peel)

180ml water

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tsp mixed spice

2 eggs beaten

120g plain flour

120g self-raising flour

60 - 120 ml whisky, depending on how strong you want the taste

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas mark 4. Place the butter, sugar, fruit, water, soda and spice in a pan and bring to the boil, simmering for 1 minute. Take off the heat and mix in all the other ingredients and pour into an 18cm square cake tin. Bake in the oven for 60-75 minutes. Test with a fork after an hour. When done, leave to cool and then turn out the cake, bottom side up, prick with a fork and pour over the whisky to keep the cake moist and give a hint of flavour. Deliver generous slice to the Editor.

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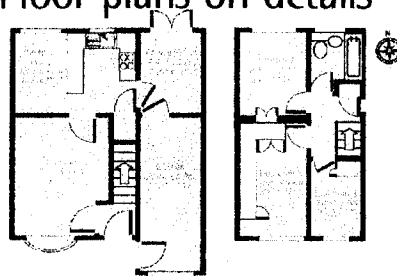
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Letters to the Editor

from Kevin Coppin

Can I just warn all that in icy conditions the bend outside Badgers Oak, on the way to Cublington, can be particularly treacherous. I was nearly caught out the other day, and on my return I saw a car that had lost control and left the road.

From A Rawlings PAO

The collection in Aston Abbots amounted to £874-38. The area total was £2,222-78. Many thanks to those who gave and to those who collected for this worthy cause.

Kevin's advice is very timely. Some days later in The Bucks Herald the following articles was published (on 27th December). Ed

GRITTER CUTBACKS - The budget for gritting our roads has been cut by 20 per cent

A retired couple from Aston Abbots are appealing to drivers to take care in the treacherous driving conditions following two collisions on an ungritted route that is used by school buses.

Roger and Vera Towle live on a notorious bend on Moat Lane between Aston Abbots and Weedon where at least nine vehicles left the road last winter due to black ice, and they have become experts at recognising the sound of when someone is about to lose control.

On Tuesday Mr and Mrs Towle realised that winter had really kicked in when two cars slipped on the same spot just moments apart.

The couple moved to their property at Windmill Hill Barns in 1992 and have a catalogue of pictures of the vehicles that have ended up in the bushes or in their back garden.

Mr Towle said: 'There's been so many over the years since we moved in and we've got used to it now, but we're at the stage of wanting to know why we should put up with it. We've been lucky that nobody's been hurt and we usually just offer a cup of tea to help calm people down, but how long's it going to be before there's a fatality?'

On Tuesday morning Janet Gleghorn, sales manager at *The Bucks Herald*, lost control of her car on the bend and spun round twice and hit the bushes, which stopped her just in time from falling into a nearby lake.

She says now that she worries for anyone that is going faster or a larger vehicle such as the school buses that use the route, which would have gone through the hedgerow into the freezing water on the other side.

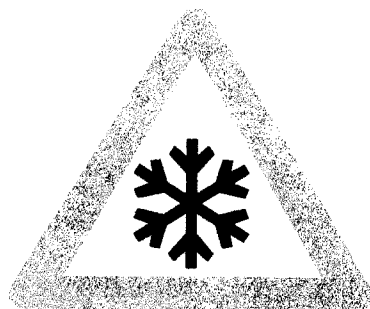
As her vehicle was being towed, another car slid on the ice and went into the verge on the other side of the road, knocking a bollard over.

Mrs Gleghorn said: 'We just couldn't believe it when the second car hit'.

'It was only going slow and so was she, but there's nothing you can do on black ice and she just lost control in the same way I did'.

'Thanks to the kindness of strangers and Roger and Vera, who offered me a cup of tea, I was okay and managed to get myself together'.

According to the Highways Agency if drivers skid on black ice the best practice is to put your foot on the clutch but do not press the brake under any circumstances, steer immediately in the direction of the skid and steer along the road as the car straightens.



The Council used to grit this stretch of road up till two years ago. On the day the Bucks Herald article is referring to two other incidents occurred - one when a scooterist laid his bike over. Ed

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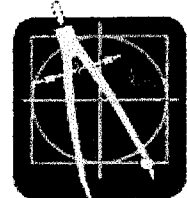
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So popular in fact that April and Rita seem to make quite a profit during the course of the year. Not wishing to donate this annual 'windfall', they decided once again use these funds to 'lay on' a free Christmas lunch for their customers. Invitations were duly sent to those who regularly attend the 'Coffee & Shop' resulting in some thirty folk (including Steve who runs the shop) sitting down at the festively decorated tables..

It was perhaps surprising that such a splendid Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings, could be prepared with the fairly 'elementary' equipment in the church room. However, with much ingenuity and hard work that's just what April, Rita, Caroline and Jo achieved. *A bee*



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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - December

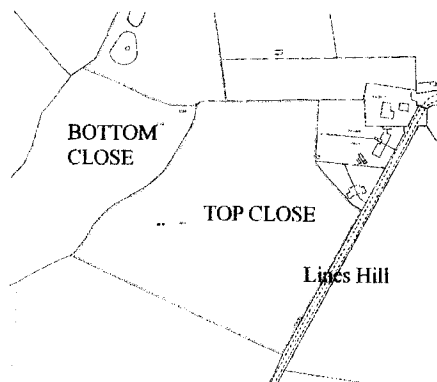
Writing just before Christmas I have to comment on how green are the fields and lawns. Most of us have something flowering that should have been killed by frost in October or even September. A Leicestershire friend wrote to my father and said he hoped the old saying wasn't true 'A green winter leaves a full cemetery'. I suspect this saying had more than a grain of truth in it. Years ago I'm sure a cold dry winter was far healthier than a mild wet one.

Certainly on the farm pneumonia could be quite a problem in a building full of young cattle, particularly if the weather was winless as well as wet - a good flow of air is essential for healthy livestock.

I, certainly, am not happy with the effects of the mild/very mild winter in the garden. Slugs are rampant, even attacking parsnips, something which I haven't seen before. The cabbages have either blown (run to seed) or have rotted and the brussel sprouts have put on an extra foot in height at the expense of forming sprouts. Very poor winter productions from greenstuffs but leeks, as always, turn in a good crop.

I've been talking to an old friend recently about field names, particularly old names that have been passed on since the time of the enclosure, many of which will surely be lost now that structured farms are disappearing fast.

Years ago, when someone took over a farm they considered it important to find out from the previous incumbent two things. The name of the fields and where the drains ran. Most farms had a field or fields named The Close or Cluss as it was pronounced in Leicestershire - obviously enclosures as against open grazing land.



The two fields by the Editor's house are the Top & Bottom Close. Norduck has a Cow Close. Some more common names are Spinney Field, Brook Field, Rail Field, High Field and the same prefixes for meadow, Brook Meadow, High

Meadow etc. Norduck has a Hardwick Meadow - Burston a Big Meadow & Little Meadow - basically flat grass fields that were convenient to mow for hay.

Poor land was often named Poverty Field, Starve All Farm, Poverty Farm, Cold Comfort. Usually there was also the local name for a small or odd shaped enclosure. In this district its called a Pighte or Pikle, in Oxfordshire a Slingest and in Leicestershire a Slang.

The Croppice at Burston was a grass field that was too uneven to mow so it had to be grazed or cropped. More interestingly at Burston - and by Burston I mean Lower Burston and not Burston Ridge which is the recent misnomer for what was originally Ghost Hill - at Burston a field is called The park. It looks nothing like a park but if you consult an old map of the district you will see that there once was a large house and park at Lower Burston.

Behind Nash's Farm there are some interesting names. Wheatridges and Hogshill have obvious meaning, but what did The Wadding and Little Wadding signify. I was puzzled when a friend at Bierton referred to a field as Chalkers - 'Unusual?' I commented. 'Ah! - you'll never guess', he replied, 'years ago, before the new road, there was a Pub called The Chalk House and it stood in that field.'

Now some speculation:- In Lines Hill South there is a deep gully called Daniels Hole - study old maps and you will come across Danes Hole, Denes Hill and other similarities. It has been suggested, even stated, that there were holes or pits where grain was stored or hidden for fear of the Viking Invaders.

We know that country names, by that I mean name in the countryside live on and carry with them a glimpse of the past. Who are we to let them die? - Ghost Hill means so much more than Burston Ridge (which is no where near Burston) and does nothing but confuse.

How many Aston Abbott people now know the whereabouts of Shortlands Hill? Vic told me the name and I have heard Vic refer to Harris's Hill and it is obvious to me where that was. Shortlands incidentally means just what it says. Short lands - lands being the big ridges which were so common but are now best seen on Lines Hill.

Keep history alive this winter - find out the whereabouts of Shortlands Hill, use the name and keep it alive.

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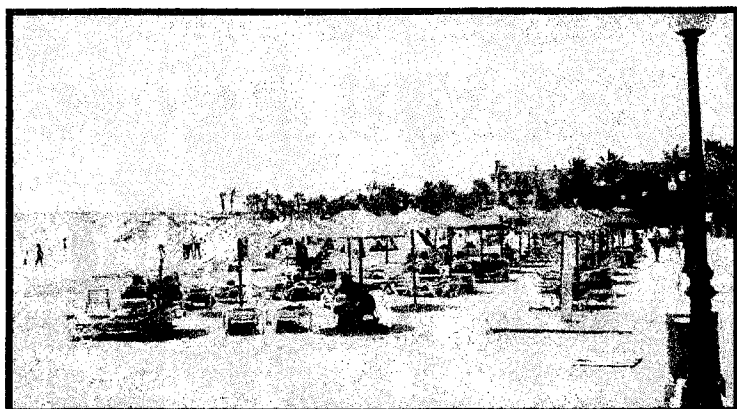
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A medical student, currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control department, reported that a woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. He quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. He told her that she better bring her daughter into A&E right away.

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Some of you, who are the same vintage as me, may recall that exercise books in our childhood very often had printed on the back, tables of weights and measurements. In the measurements section there was always reference to an odd measurement which could not decide what it was called: it was always referred to as the "rod, pole or perch" (and for some reason, always in that order). Fortunately, one did not often have to make use of it, and I suspect that few of you can remember how long it was. The answer, quite peculiarly, is 5½ yards, or 16 feet 6 inches. Four rods, poles or perches made one chain, or the length of a cricket pitch.

You may well wonder why anyone should give such an odd measurement a name, and there is no way that anyone could guess the answer. It is apparently the length from the back of a plough to the nose of the ox that was pulling it, and the reason why the measurement was given its name is that when a field was being ploughed, it was a two-man job – or at any rate, a job for a man and a boy. The ploughman himself would be steering the plough, and he would have a boy who controlled the team of oxen, using a long piece of wood to tap the leading pair of oxen on their heads to tell them what to do. A team of oxen could be eight strong, and clearly that piece of wood needed to reach as far as the heads of the front pair of oxen to do the job – and the measurement was accordingly called a rod, pole or perch, depending on what part of the country you came from. ("Rod" and "pole" are obviously synonyms for a stick, and the word "perch" was originally one as well, although it has over the years changed meaning slightly, and now only means the stick upon which a bird will perch).

One reason why it is not a neat multiple of the foot, is that it is a much earlier unit of measurement. There are references to a unit called "the King's perch" in documents dating back to the reign of Henry II (1154-1189), whereas the first references to the foot as a measurement do not occur until a couple of hundred years later.

However, there is more. In the 16th Century, parliament decided that it needed to do something to make sure that all rods, poles or perches were the same length (since clearly oxen come in different

sizes, and the measurement varied in different parts of the country). It is said that they therefore measured the combined length of the feet of a random group of 16 men as they left a church near to the houses of parliament, and decreed that henceforth this distance, 16 feet 6 inches, was to be the official length of a rod, pole or perch. *(If this story is true, however, it has just struck me that men in the 16th Century must have worn very clumpy shoes or boots. I wear a size 12, and my shoes are just over 12 inches long. 16 men my size would have only just produced such a combined length today – and we are always told that people several hundred years ago were much smaller than today).*

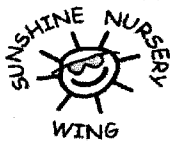
You are probably wondering what on earth this has to do with allotments: well the answer is that Simon told me recently that allotments were originally measured in perches, and he believed those in Aston Abbots were. I have since done some research myself, and discovered that he was right, and that the traditional size for an allotment was 10 perches. But hold on, I hear you saying: you have just told us that a rod, pole or perch is a measurement of length of 5½ yards. How can this be the size of an allotment? Well, just to be really confusing, a rod pole or perch can also be a square measurement, and is an area 5.5² yards – or 30.25 square yards. *(For those readers who were brought up on the metric system, this is about 25.3 square metres)*

I have checked, and can confirm that my allotment is indeed, give or take a foot or so, 10 perches – or in modern money 302.5 square yards *(or about 253 square metres)*, and I suspect the other allotments on the Aston Abbots allotments site are the same. I find it fascinating to think that not only the size of my allotment, but also of thousands of other allotments, throughout the length and breadth of the country – and there are said to be between 250,000 and 300,000 of them - are still based on this ancient and now largely archaic measurement, which is probably unknown to most of today's population.

I hope you do too. As you may have guessed, not a lot happened at the allotments this month. . .

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Our trip to Comlongon Castle 5 December 2006

The trip started in September when Mandy and I went to London to a friend's retirement from The Metropolitan Police. When we left the Thames side pub, the Millenium footbridge (you know "the wobbly one") was immediately in front of us. it was a very warm evening. we walked across the bridge slowly. London was ablaze with its usual nighttime array of lights. I had spent many hours walking these streets during the high security patrols in central London and so was able to point out to Mandy many of the more interesting features. Once on the South bank, Mandy spied the London Eye. There was no queue at the ticket stalls in County Hall.

Within 10 minutes of deciding we were in the gondola starting to be raised above London at the start of our *flight*. There were about 10 other tourists in the same cabin.

As we got higher I continued to point out landmarks to Mandy... but then the tourists started listening. and they continued to listen whilst we talked. When the gondola got to its highest point, I somehow managed to fumble some words which implied that we should get married. And so it was... witnessed by 10 sightseers.... the deed was done but really the sightseers were more interested in me telling them where the Queen's home was. The idea of going to Comlongon Castle near Dumfries came from one of Mandy's detectives on a course at Hendon. The vacancies were limited but fortuitously they coincided with availability of friends and family but it did mean a midweek ceremony. We studied the website..... it looked impressive so we took the plunge and booked it. One of our villagers had decided she was to be our wedding coordinator, having laid claim to the post months ago. However the castle provided its own so a very special sorry to our anonymous wedding coordinator.

Gosh only then did I realise that we needed to get people up to Scotland in the right place on the right day at the right time. The intended wedding time was scheduled for 3 pm ., even that changed when we realised that the wedding was at 3 to accommodate formal pictures while there was still daylight. We delayed that time till 4pm. The extra hour was good as it allowed people to travel up more easily on the day of the wedding.

Some of us though went the day before, 10 of us in all. Two cars of 3 people went from Aston Abbots , one car from Gloucester, one car from Leicester. By the power of mobile phone, email websites and Satnav, we all managed to get to the Tickled Trout next to the M6 for lunch after just a 3 hour drive, all arriving at about the same time. After lunch we set off independently for the hotel in Dumfries to stay the night before the wedding. Huntingdon House Hotel was very pleasant and the owners very accommodating. They went out, brought back a Thai curry and red wine for us . Their restaurant was closed during the winter but they let us eat in and use their bar. At breakfast, the owner Terry Hawkins drew a route on the map for Mandy and I to follow post wedding for our few days away. Excellent advice as it turned out. The dinner and evening's conversation was all very humorous (or so it seemed to me till after the wedding when vengeance by the ladies was the name of the game) Off to the castle for the wedding. Mandy went with the girls from our party of 10. I went with the boys. We got their independently so I was taken to the local pub for a beer. Mandy was being tended by hairdressers and make up ladies. By good fortune I was in the wood panelled reception hall complete with suits of armour and weaponry on display as every guest arrived between about 1 and 2pm. Introductions between the total of 24 guests and preliminary drinks in the bar ... then off to change. Some people's travel arrangements went a lot smoother than some other's but I will allow Simon and Tracey to tell you about aspect suffice it to say that it was not Simon's make up which created a security problem at Stansted check in desk (was it Tracey?) We were both glad though that everyone we asked, made it on time. *Continued on page 21*



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The registrar arrived and I checked the word "obey" was not part of the vows. Relief ... it was not there. There were some horrible turret steps for our respective fathers to negotiate in order to get to the Great Hall, the venue of the wedding itself. With support of our guests they made it. The big open fire was lit, the scene was set, so many colourful flags and shields adorned the room. Colour everywhere and mottos on the ceiling frieze including a reminder of our human frailty. It read "When he dies you'll be rich". Our guests were there. My main witness, Philip, to whom I had been best man some 26 years ago, prevented me from falling into the fire. The Scottish piper played loudly and led Mandy up the winding turret stairs. The door opened and Mandy entered.... well entered does not convey the speed at which she crossed the room. It was more like the speed used when we were young to chase decamping suspects. The guests demanded a re-run so they could get pictures. I am glad they did... she glowed in her wedding clothes and make up which I had not been allowed to see... even though many of the arrangements had involved friends from our village, in particular Amanda Dewhirst and Clare Fletcher (indebted and thank you). The odd thing was that they had also been with me to buy my clothes to ensure that I was suitably attired, but no secrets had passed their lips.

The vows were spoken for us to repeat as if Mandy and I had just met with such phrases as "importance of communication in a relationship". I nearly told the registrar a thing or two but decided that discretion should pervade. My lips were seen to curl with humour.

After the ceremony, downstairs for a glass or two of mulled wine in a room full of luxurious and deep green leather settees before a 5 course banquet, lit mainly by candles on candelabras. The tables were pristine white with deep baronial red runners. Mandy and I were formally piped in to the banquet hall by the fully regaled Scottish piper. Philip had stolen the group email addresses of the guests and asked them for humorous stories to relate in a speech from the period of our courtship ie 27 years. There were quite a few as you imagine. My reply to that toast was brief and is equally appropriate to all who read this article at this time of year "Whatever else the future may bring to us, may it bring us happiness above all".

After dinner was a firework display. The gods were good to us, the fireworks were only allowed to take place if it did not rain. Bearing in mind that when Mandy and I had been escorted by the piper around the outside of the Castle after the ceremony, we had been provided with a big golf umbrella to ward off the rain... we were lucky.

I mentioned the word vengeance earlier. In the bar, the ladies had decided that I should have my chest and back waxed by way of punishment for my humorous behaviour on the Monday night in the hotel at Dumfries. I am told about three packets of the strips were used which left some clearings on an otherwise well covered back and chest.

The evening was rounded off with a Jacuzzi bath in our bedroom which did little to remove the excess wax from my chest and back. I am not sure what the correct terminology would be but I got my own back on those miscreants when the bath I was in apparently dripped water through the ceiling of the room in which they sitting directly beneath my bathroom. Such is life.

Huge breakfast the next day and everyone left. As you know we went to Isle of Skye and surrounding Highlands for a short break. Our guests came home, all made it safe and sound.

Since our return to Aston Abbotts we keep finding presents on our doorstep, flowers from 630 Club, champagne from several friends in the village and cards. Thank you all very much from both of us for your good wishes and presents. We did tell our guests no presents.. we did not want 11 kettles, 14 toasters etc .. but even they defied us and gave gifts.... thank you all. Enjoy Christmas and remember what I said about happiness. Life is better that way. *Jeff and Mandy*

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

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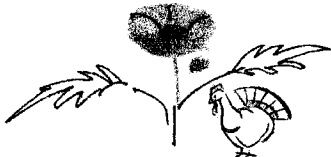
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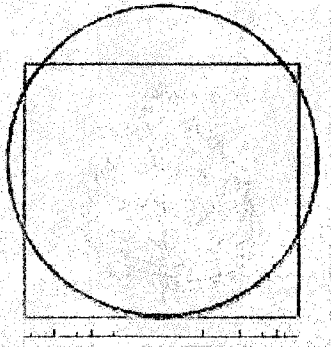
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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 29th November 2006

PRESENT Cllrs P. Shorrocks (Chair), C. Higgs, D. Dicken, R. Clarke, M. Hinds and Mrs. K. Curry (Clerk). 1 member of the public attended.

Apologies were received from Jackie Farrands, Tom Manning and Peter Cooper.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllrs. Shorrocks and Higgs both declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda, as both serve on the informal committee responsible for organising the Czech weekend. They subsequently took no part in the discussions about that item.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

- 5/8/06 The gate on Lines Hill has now been repaired, but the car driver responsible was not traced, so the Parish Council will become liable for the bill.
- 8/8/06 Highways have finally been out to look at the overgrown hedge outside the Royal Oak.

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

No one was present from any of the above organisations.

PLANNING

- There were no new planning applications.
- It was agreed that, in order to comply fully with public attendance rules, planning subcommittee meetings will in future take place in the Church Room, not private houses. Proper notice (three clear working days) will be given of these meetings.

SECTION 137

- A letter has been received from April Curnow, detailing the committee's proposals for next year's Czech celebrations, to which everyone in the village will be invited, and requesting a grant from the Parish Council towards the cost. Resolved to award the committee £250 from next year's Section 137 budget.

DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2007-8

- The Clerk presented the draft budget for the next financial year. Resolved to accept it and use it as the basis for determining the village precept.

TOURING ARTS PROGRAMME

- The Clerk was asked to select and request appropriate dates for the Perfect Village Sunday and Music in Quiet Places programmes.

WASTE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CONSULTATION – No comments were made.

HIGHWAYS

- To discuss quotation for more streetlights in Brickstock - Resolved to accept the quote from Andy Muskett Ltd.
- Discuss whether to request a speed data tube – it was decided that a speed tube would be too expensive to hire.
- Look at quotations for a new Parish Council notice board – deferred to next meeting.
- Discuss applying for grants for salt bins for Moat Lane and Lines Hill – the Clerk was asked to apply for grants for two new salt bins from the delegated budget.
- Discuss alternative route for proposed A418 improvements – agreed to send a letter to BCC supporting the alternative route, even though it was not included in the original consultation.

RECREATION GROUND

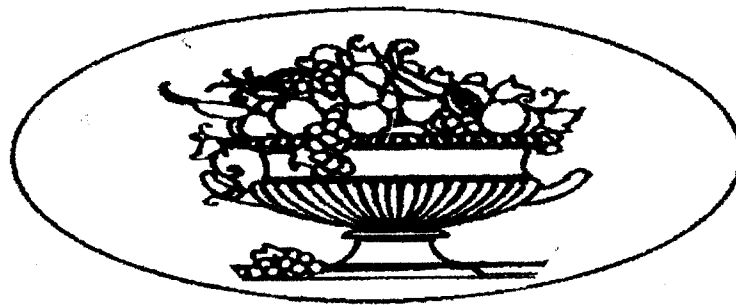
- Safety check – children's play area. Up to date
- Bonfire night review – It was agreed that this year's bonfire night was a success. The 'clean burn' bonfire was much better, and the grass can now be restored in the area. The skip lorry delivering wood churned up the grass badly – he will not be asked again. Parts of fireworks which went into the crowd were from cheap fireworks brought by members of the public. It was decided to limit what the public bring to rockets only, to alleviate this potential problem.
- Official opening of the new children's play area - discussion deferred to the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10th January 2007 at 8pm in the Church Room.

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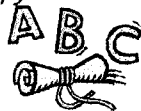
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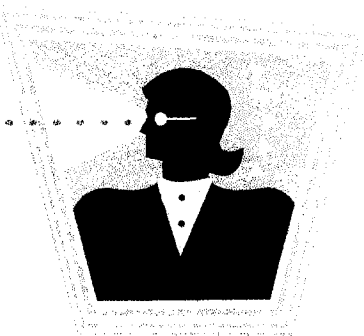
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30th Nov.

20 members were present at today's meeting. The minutes were read and signed.

Members chose five carols and four readings for our annual Christmas Service to be held in St. James Church at 2.30 on December 14th.

Our Chairman the welcomed Lyndsey Smith who entertained us with 'A Victorian Christmas' comprising carols, songs, poetry and prose. She was thanked by Margaret Hinds.

Tea hostesses today were Daphne Rogers and Doreen Liddle.

The raffle was won by Shirley Ford

Dec. 14th

Today we held our annual Carol Service in Church at Aston Abbotts The Reverend Siv Tunnicliffe took the Service comprising mainly of five carols and four readings. A collection was taken and the proceeds going to Church funds.

Members then retired to the Church room where they enjoyed a Christmas tea which had been provided by the 'Aston Abbotts' members.

Each member then took a present from a basket.

A collection raised £60.00 which is to be sent to the Ian Rennie Hospice.

Shirley Ford.

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Tarzipan

How do you make milk shake?

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How did Frankenstein's monster eat his lunch?

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He put her on every ride in the park:

* The Death Slide

* The Wall of Fear

* The Screaming Monster Roller Coaster

Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. Right away they journeyed to a McDonalds where her loving husband ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate milk shake .

Then it was off to the movies: the latest Star Wars epic, a hot dog, popcorn, all the Coke she could drink, her favourite lolly and M&Ms .

What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed onto the bed exhausted...He leaned over his precious wife with a big smile and lovingly asked "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed... "I meant my dress size, you t**t"

The moral of this story: Even when a man is listening, he's still gonna get it wrong.

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GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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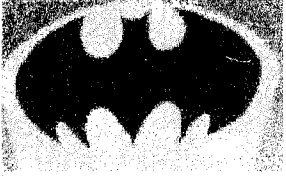
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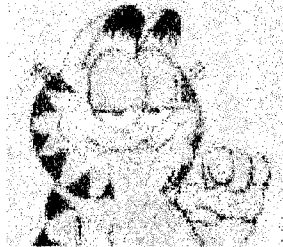
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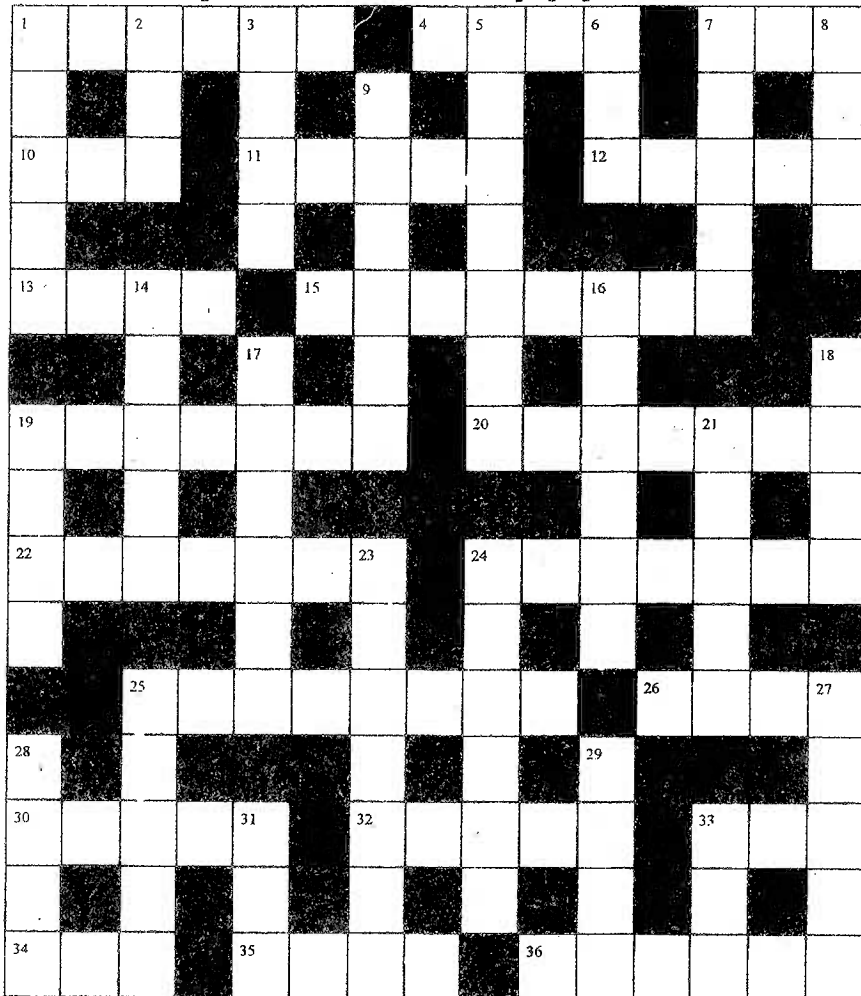
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January 2007 — Happy New Year



DECEMBER SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Red nose 5 Brawls 8 Santa
 9 Reindeer 11 Open can
 13 Krypton 15 D.E.F.R.A.
 17 Strangers 20 Christmas
 23 Gasps 25 Kiddies
 27 Outside 29 Keep Warm
 31 Cheap 32 Bow Tie
 33 Nodular

DOWN

- 1 Responds 2 Dunce 3 Ova
 4 Errands 5 Flicker 6 Giddy
 7 Toe 10 Ends 12 Claus
 14 Trees 16 Fired 18 Tea
 19 Night 20 Cake
 21 Message 22 Snowman
 24 Sleepers 26 In-put
 28 I Deal 30 Ego 31 Cod

ACROSS

- 1 Soldiers (6)
 4 Over for another year (4)
 7 Noise (3)
 10 A cut turf (3)
 11 Not day (5)
 12 Short explanations (5)
 13 Circular current of water (4)
 15 Serious, strict (8)
 19 Small fish (7)
 20 At rest (7)
 22 Recite quickly (4-3)
 24 Smash glass (7)
 25 Quarrel (8)
 26 Boast (4)
 30 Look on with horror (5)
 32 Look at words (5)
 33 Laps on the sand (3)
 34 Call for help (1.1.1)
 35 Precious metal (4)
 36 Brought for you (6)

Compiled by Rod Rothero

DOWN

- 1 Recognise a flavour (5)
 2 Peculiar (3)
 3 Slang for smell (4)
 5 Girls best friends (7)
 6 Opposite to daughter (3)
 7 Simple song (5)
 8 Birds home (4)
 9 Alike in opinion (6)
 14 Move to music (5)
 15 Basket on desk (2-4)
 17 Goodbye (2-4)
 18 Old name for Russia (1.1.1.1.)
 19 Deep mud (4)
 21 Not sooner (5)
 23 Relating to the thigh (7)
 24 Follows Saturday (6)
 25 Lost to the Aussies (5)
 27 Used when driving a car (5)
 28 Found on the roads (4)
 29 Someone who uses a product (4)
 31 Construct (3)
 33 Popular daily newspaper (3)

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Derek Witchell's first service at AA

Enthusiastic ringing of the Church bells some thirty minutes before the service, on a cold, bright winter's day, must have left no doubt across the village that there was to be a church service at 10.00 that morning. Indeed, by the time Derek started to conduct his first service in Aston Abbotts, our church was quite full.

His style proved to be quite relaxed, and, with some personal anecdotes and a gently 'conscience pricking' sermon delivered from the 'body' of the Church rather than the pulpit, I think most of us there felt pleased to know he is our 'Priest-in Charge'.

During the Service, he 'let slip' that he has sung at the Wycombe Swan theatre. Certainly he has a good, robust voice, and this combined with Nigel Palmer played the organ ensured even I enjoyed the singing the hymns.

By the end of the Service, noses began to 'twitch' as the smell of mulled wine and mince pies started to drift from the back of the Church. After the Service, these were appreciated those who stayed to enjoy a very pleasant social occasion.

a. bee [see alternative review on page 34]

Evensong services in Aston Abbotts

Just a reminder that the services are held on one Sunday each month in our village church. They commence at 6.00pm and are usually conducted by Colin Smart.

With our very own Nigel Palmer playing the organ, are becoming increasingly popular, so if you would like to come along to these friendly and uplifting services, please make a note that the first four in 2007 are to be held on:-

Jan. 28th

February 25th

March 25th

and April 22nd



a bee

TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

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BENEFICE DATES

January 2007

6th 7.70pm Village Concert at St Nicholas, Cublington
 8th 7.30pm Aston Abbots PCC
 10th 7.30 Wingrave Men's Group
 11th Diocesan Day 'leading a multi-parish benefice into growth', Cheltenham
 13th Branch Ringers 6-7.15 Wing
 14th 10am Wingrave Methodist Covenant service
 15th 8.30 Wingrave People's praise team
 16th Wing PCC
 Wingrave first talk in fortnightly series of 6: 'What did Jesus say about.....'
 18th Wingrave PCC
 20th 9.0am Men's Breakfast, Wingrave chapel
 21st 6.0pm BYG (Benefice Youth Group) at Wingrave
 23rd 7.3 Wingrave Mens Group 8.0pm joint wardens meeting
 24th Archdeaconry Conference, Gerards Cross
 27th Aston Abbots Burns Night
 Wing Scrabble Drive

SUNDAY 7 TH <i>Epiphany 1</i>	Aston Abbots		
	Cublington	08.45	Holy Communion
	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion
		10.00	Holy Communion
Wingrave	10.00	Holy Communion	
THURSDAY 11 TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 14 TH <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Aston Abbots	10.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Communion
	Wing	10.00	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Methodist Covenant Service at Wingrave Chapel
THURSDAY 18 TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 21 ST <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Aston Abbots	10.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington		
	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion
		10.00	Parish Praise
Wingrave	10.00	Holy Communion	
THURSDAY 25 TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 28 TH <i>Epiphany 4</i>	Aston Abbots	18.00	Evensong
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service
	Wing	10.00	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Holy Communion

Please note: Rev Peter Binns will now conduct the service on the 2nd Sunday of the month

There are no Church Room bookings in August. WANTED a Coordinator for 2007 Fete

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 21st Mr A Bystra
 28th Mr A Ford

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6th -
 13th Mrs Curnow/ Mr Higgs
 20th Mrs Ford/ Mr A Ford
 27th Mrs A Parker/ Mr A Bystra

'I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.' John 10:10 NRSV

Do you ever dream of doing a particular thing with your life but feel it will never happen because you're 'not good enough', don't have the experience or training? Try this:

List all the things you have ever done, large or small, and then think about and note down the skills and experiences these events show you have (for instance, things as simple as designing a poster or shopping for a relative display skills of design, responsibility with money, caring etc. Everything we do equips us in some way. But many of us discount these simple tasks as irrelevant in providing the skills that can lead to life in its fullness. They're not! It's a very interesting and encouraging exercise that I recommend everybody to try. I meet many people who feel that their usefulness is limited and yet, if they stopped to reflect in this way, would find that they have an enormous wealth of skills and experience to offer.

Next think about tasks/jobs that excite you, that make your hearts beat faster. This is where your passion lies, and when you get passionate about something you not only enjoy doing it, you do it well.

Now relate your passion with the skills you discovered in the first part, and what you come up with is a personal 'Mission Statement'. Jesus had a great mission statement, which is recorded in John's gospel:

'I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.'

Here is a mission statement that's nearly 2000 years old! Every activity that Jesus undertook – whether turning water into wine, playing with children, holding seminars by the sea, or dying on a cross – was a result of his mission statement. It's not a new-fangled invention but a Godly tool to

help us all focus our skills and passions which he then asks us to use for the benefit of others. When we use our gifts and talents to help others live life 'abundantly' we'll find that our own lives start to become fulfilling too.

Jesus commands us to 'Love God' and 'Love your neighbour', and to encourage others to follow His way too, but we often struggle with them, especially the last one. We somehow don't feel equipped. We can love God in our worship and offer a stranger a cup of tea but we struggle to tell that same stranger about the hope that is within us, and we end up feeling guilty. I believe that Jesus did not command us to encourage people to follow him just to make us feel guilty! I believe in a God of abundance who gives to his children 'good gifts' in abundance, filled to the brim, pressed down and still overflowing, to enable us to obey him. I believe we are made for mission.

St. Paul wrote:

'Christ changed us from enemies into friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also.' (2 Cor. 5:18 TEV)

I believe one of the ways of discovering what gifts God has given us is to do the above exercises and come up with our own personal 'mission statement'. I think the result will both surprise and reassure you for they will direct you into work which excites you and for which God has already equipped you. If you'd like me to help you with that I'd be only too glad.

Debbie and I wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year.

shalom,
Derek

(PS my mission statement is: "to enable people to know the Lord Jesus and life in all its fullness, and to serve him in their place of gifting")

Our new vicar The Reverend Derek Witchell conducted his first Communion Service at St James Church on 10th December.

The large congregation enjoyed a refreshingly relaxed service and were treated to a sermon that commenced with Derek singing an excerpt from Godspell 'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord'; Derek has appeared in a production of Godspell at the Wycombe Swan (perhaps the village could put on it's own version?)

At the end of the service the congregation were able to chat with Derek over a glass of mulled wine and mince pies.

Judy Hardcastle

What's On In January

Wednesday 3rd	Czech Meeting Committee 7pm	Oak Farm
Thursday 4th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 7th	Rambling Club meet at Cublington XRd 2pm	
Monday 8th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 10th	Parish Council 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 11th	Coffee/ Shop 10 -12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
	Whist 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 25th	Coffee/Shop 10 - 12noon	Church Room
Saturday 27th	Burns Night Supper 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 28th	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Thursday 1st Feb	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist 7.30	Church Room
Saturday 3rd Feb	Allotment Rents 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Please pay at Church Room	
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630 Club

It was rather unfortunate that our hard-working editor had flu over Christmas. Unfortunate on two counts: firstly because he missed the 630 Club Annual Christmas Dinner and, secondly, because his not being there means that I (*Phil Spooner - ex Editor of great distinction*) have to do the write-up!

It doesn't take much to persuade 630 Club members through the doors of a pub, and the traditional Christmas dinner is a well-anticipated excuse for imbibing a few tonic waters. With his typical Teutonic efficiency chief organiser Ray Wilkinson made sure that the event ran like clockwork. Motts Coaches whisked the 630 Club members out of the Royal Oak and down to the Doghouse in Broughton Crossing with such little effort that throats hardly had time to get dry. Although it was just three days before Christmas a surprising number of members were able to attend; the two long tables provided were big enough to seat us all. The Doghouse put on a great feast and the odd tipple was partaken before Motts dragged us all back, through the fog, to Aston Abbots.

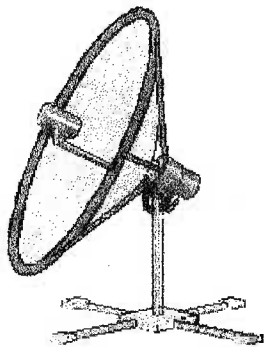
A raffle during the dinner raised £95 for our troops serving in Afghanistan. Untypically for a Ray Wilkinson raffle, there actually was a prize - a bottle of champagne, won by Sally Palmer.

Our thanks to Ray and his helpers for organising the event, and to Gary and the staff at The Doghouse for looking after us. Our commiserations to the editor for missing out on the fun. Glad you're better now John - and there's always next year to look forward to! [*have put entry in next year's diary already. Ed*]

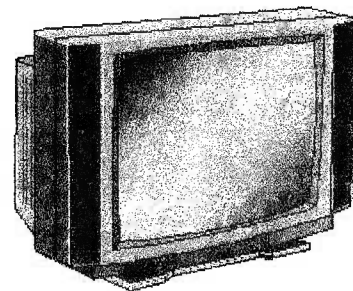


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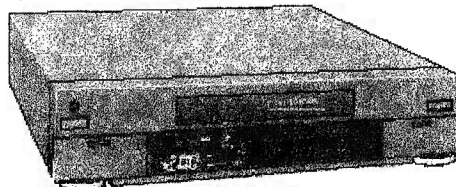


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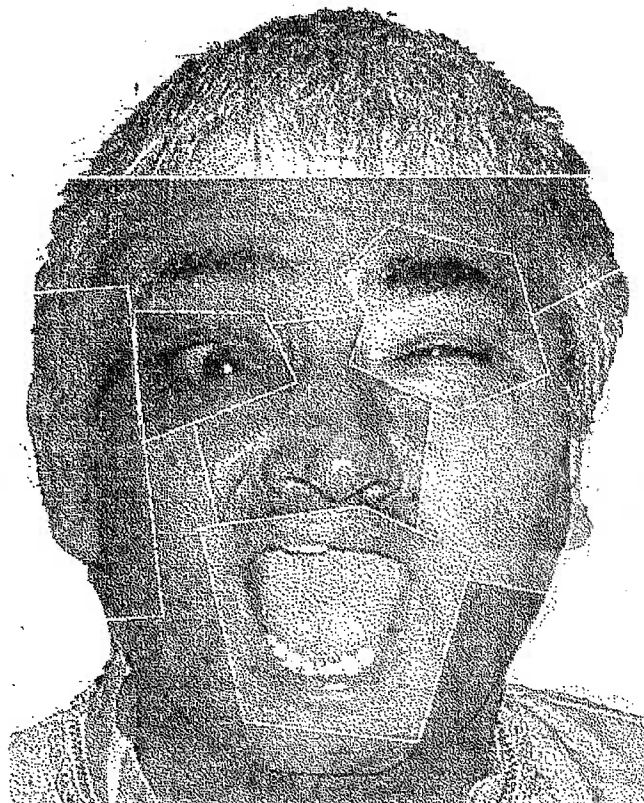
Villagers are being asked to keep a careful look out for the evil creature pictured on the right.

On the night of Friday December the 22nd 2006 this man fled the Doghouse in Broughton Crossing without paying for his Christmas dinner!

His whereabouts are currently unknown, but he was last spotted lurking on the fringes of Aston Abbots trying to interfere with the judiciary.

Members of the public are warned not to approach this man, as he could be outrageous.

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