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VILLAGE FETE MEETING

MONDAY 14TH MAY AT 7.30PM in the CHURCH ROOM

The fete is such an important event in our village calendar as it raises funds for the Church to help pay the parish share, for future refurbishment and general day to day maintenance of the Church Room, for the recreation ground and it also ensures that everyone receives a free copy of the Chronicle.

Our village fete in particular is known to be the best in the area and people come from miles around to enjoy it.

A number of people who have run stalls at previous fetes have already agreed to do so again, for which grateful thanks. There are many small jobs on the actual fete day where we would appreciate some help such as moving enough chairs from the Church Room to the Green for the band. If you have organised or helped with any part of the fete in the past or you would like to be involved in some way this year please come along on 14th May to the Church Room. We will welcome everyone with "open arms" but would particularly like our new friends and neighbours to come along so that we can get to know them better.

If you are prepared to help in some way but are unable to come to the meeting on 14th May please telephone April Curnow on 681459 before 14th May.

Email : editor@aachronicle.co.uk

Editorial

At the Annual Parish Council meeting Peter Cooper, our District Councillor, gave a review of Council matters particularly concerning the new A418. I expressed the wish that the junction at the Wingrave crossroad should provide access for traffic only to and from Aylesbury and not permit traffic from Milton Keynes onto our local road network. Peter Cooper explained that the design of junctions was being reviewed. The decision of whether the 'pink' or 'blue' route would be recommended was likely to be decided later this year.

On other matters he went on to mention that Rural Post Offices were threatened with closure and it was likely that only the Wing Post Office would be kept opened in our area. If this is true, then this is very bad news as the Wingrave Post Office and Stores is such a valuable asset to our village. Hopefully we can assist Steve at Wingrave in any campaign to resist closure of his Post Office.

April Curnow has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this year's Village Fete. April is asking for as much support as possible from us all. It is an important event and I urge you to let April know how you can assist. Help is needed in gathering cakes/plants/produce/books/bric-a-brac and raffle prizes etc, setting up and taking down, running stalls etc. Please go along to the first meeting on Monday 7.30pm 14th May at the Church Room.

Becky Hunt has taken over as Parish Clerk. We wish her and the new Parish Councillors fresh energy for the coming months. My wife Judy is one of the new Councillors. I can assure you that 'Chinese walls' have been built and the integrity of your Editor is assured.

The housing site behind The Old House on The Green is being excavated by archaeologists prior to the commencement of construction works. The search has revealed evidence of a Saxon village/settlement. More details on Page 19.

I'm an armchair Fulham supporter. I'm being treated to go and watch them play Liverpool at Craven Cottage by one of my sons who is a Liverpool fan. I'm hoping for a miracle, which might mean Fulham stay up this year.

I saw two swallows on April 21st. They don't make a summer but it felt like one.

John Hardcastle

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Alison's Gossip Column



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Whilst on holiday in Tobago, I bashed my toe on a rock and dislocated it. I visited the local medical centre but they couldn't deal with me so I was sent on to A&E at the main town, Scarborough. This was like taking a step back in time about 30 years. It reminded me of the programme "The Royal". But within an hour. I had had my toe yanked back into place, an X-ray, medication and it was all free! I was very impressed.

Laura Whyte was 18 in April and after doing the normal family type stuff she had a riotous cowboy party in Stewkley. Happy Birthday Laura xx

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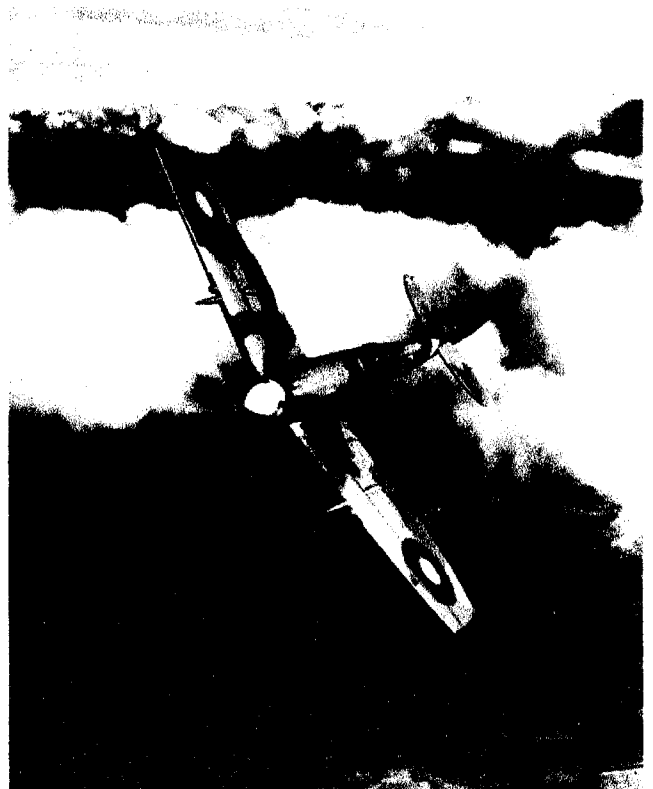
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MP visits Wingrave School

March 9th saw a visit to Wingrave School by MP John Bercow. Mr Bercow spent over an hour touring the school and seeing all the children at work. He was also very interested in the school's current projects – including the school council, playground equipment upgrade and the proposals for the new kitchen.

Mr Bercow showed particular interest in the school council – a group that comprises of children representing all classes within the school from Year 1 upwards. The council meet every month to discuss issues affecting the children and their education – issues ranging from playground organisation to displays of their work. The council have introduced a playground buddy scheme with specially designed badges to ensure children feel safe, comfortable and have someone to play

Czech/Village fun afternoon/early evening

24th June 2007 starting at 2.00 pm

Lottery money, donations from our Parish council and the Slovak Veterans plus our own fund raising efforts is resulting in funding being available for what we hope be an afternoon/evening to remember.

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We hope you will bring along your friends & families. Bring your gazebos and/or barbeque and have a family picnic.

(There will even be toilets on the 'rec'.)

with at all times. During his tour, Mr Bercow spoke to the children on the council about their role.

After the tour, Mr Bercow praised the Headteacher for the atmosphere and character of the school. Recently, the school has received a letter from Mr Bercow saying:

"As I hope was apparent, I was thoroughly impressed by everything I saw. Naturally the school's success on television has not only provided a welcome financial boost, but an invaluable fillip to morale. Everywhere I went, I detected a feeling of pride and a sense of purpose. The children are clearly very proud of what they have achieved and they rightly look forward to the installation of the new kitchen.

Yet beyond the benefit of the new kitchen, I was struck by the quality of the facilities, the dedication of the staff, and the positive atmosphere for learning which radiated throughout the school."

The school is now looking forward to moving their current projects forwards. The installation of new playground equipment for the upper school is due to commence at half term and the designs for the new kitchen are underway.

Lynne Roxbee Cox (Chair of Governors)

A418 Improvements

Extract from article published in Bucks Herald 28th March.

Bucks County Council has rejected the possibility of using the alternative 'Cheddington route' for the proposed bypass between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes.

BCC said the assessment highlighted the fact that the Cheddington route would not fulfil the county council's aims for the A418 improvements to the same extent as the published consultation routes known as the Pink and Blue routes.

A spokesman said 'The negative environmental impacts of the Cheddington route, such as its impacts on the local ecology and landscape, were proven to be greater than the consultation routes. Adding to its negative environmental impacts, the Cheddington route would also involve approximately two kilometres of additional road construction and therefore increase journeys for the majority of traffic movements between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. This would involve an increase in costs of approximately £15 million compared to the other consultation routes.'

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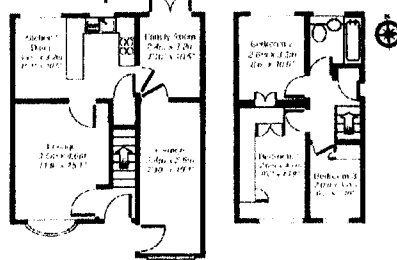
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Letters to the Editor

First published in Bucks Herald 11th April

Can loss of land be justified? In regard to the plans for an Aylesbury bypass, why should hundreds more acres of Buckinghamshire countryside be destroyed forever just so that drivers can cut a minute or two off their journey times? *M Wenble Aston Abbots*

Name and address supplied

Praise for WingravePO

Some residents will be aware of the free service provided by Steve of the grocery section of the Wingrave Store. An incident this week demonstrated the service provided by the Post Office section.

I happened to notice that the tax disc on my car was three months out of date. Being a law-abiding chap I immediately had visions of an exclusion zone thrown round Aston Abbots; helicopters hovering overhead and a dawn raid by armed helmeted police on my home. So I rang Wingrave Post Office to ask whether they had a required form that I could complete.

I was given a number to ring. I did so and the recorded voice informed me that they were busy and what their office hours are and rang off.

I found another number and a recorded voice gave me (at great speed) an address to write to.

Shortly afterwards there was a ring at the door and a member of the Post Office staff at Wingrave said 'We've discussed it and all we want is the insurance certificate, MOT, cheque and registration certificate. The last item was new to me and has apparently superseded the log book. My present car was provided for me by an old friend two and a half years ago and I gave him a cheque and he gave me a car and a mass of documents. I put these in a drawer of my desk and being retired have not yet had time to look at them.

I went to the drawer and produced 'Handbook' 'Owner's Guide' 'Service Guide' 'Audio Guide' and a large folder 'Servicing Bills' 'MOT certificates' 'Insurance' 'Fiesta' - none of which was acceptable but with a triumphant shout the lady seized a bit of paper and said 'That's it'.

I got a new tax disc and all my documents back except the cheque. **Close local post offices? Well certainly not Wingrave!**

Change in Neighbourhood Inspector

Dear Everyone involved in Neighbourhood Policing

I have been asked by Chief Superintendent Paul Tinnion to undertake a new role within neighbourhood policing. As the first Inspector to pilot the scheme I have a greater level of knowledge and experience than most, which is now to be used within the County as neighbourhood policing is rolled out across the region. I will still be based at Aylesbury Police Station and I will still be available and involved in neighbourhood policing within Aylesbury Vale. However, the role of Neighbourhood Inspector is being taken on by Inspector Bob Gregory.

Matthew Deprez, Community Safety Team, Aylesbury Vale District Council says "We have enjoyed working with Anne over the last couple of years. A tremendous amount of positive activity has taken place and we are sure that Bob will continue with this and move with us successfully through the coming year".

Bob says "I view this as a fantastic challenge and an opportunity for me to listen to partners and community members, to shape neighbourhood policing to make it as effective as it possibly can be. I want to work towards true community engagement, with everyone involved actively participating in the management of the neighbourhoods, each fulfilling the role for which they are best suited.

This is an exciting time for us all with more Police Community Support Officers being recruited by the day and I know that we can work together to facilitate their smooth transition in to their neighbourhoods".

Dave Hartin, Community Safety Team, BCC says "We are pleased to have developed a close working relationship with our partners which has been instrumental in introducing PCSOs to the community. We are looking forward to building on the solid foundations already laid in conjunction with Anne by continuing to liaise closely with Bob".

I am sorry to be leaving the neighbourhood team and all of you when so much work is still to be done to extend and improve neighbourhood policing across the Vale. The experience I have had to date, and the support given by so many people across the community to working in closer partnership to identify and deal with issues key to the public, has been fantastic. There is so much still to be achieved, but I am sure that with your contribution - it can be done.

Good luck, and keep in touch.

Thank you.

Inspector Anne JONES

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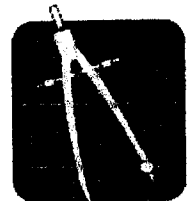
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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Residents of Aston Abbots

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Submarine Pete [Ellwood]

MY MONEY WAS ON SOUP SLURPER

A splendid evening of fun was had, après Grand National, with a Race Night at the Church Room on 14th April. Never mind that I didn't back Silver Birch - there was the opportunity to put your faith in horses with names like Chop Suey, Bottom Scratcher, Trouser Trumpeter, Sacre Bleu and Nail Biter.

The evening was orchestrated by Andy Bystra. Many questions were raised when it became apparent that Rita was regularly visiting the payout window after nearly every race. The Tote was ably run by the Hines duo Tony and Lol with the start of each race being Phil Spooner's responsibility. The 'big screen' was generously provided by Dave Lewis. Peter Harvey provided the race video from which each race was randomly selected.

The mid-session fish and chips were safely delivered by Geoff Curnow.

The evening climaxed with a final auction of each of the eight horses in the last race. Richard Clarke and your Ed managed to sweep in the £100 first prize for predicting that Numbskull would win by a short nostril.. Half was handed back to the evening's fund total which finally stood at £171 (raised for the Czech Weekend). Ed



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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Whanne that April with his shoures sote

The droghte of Marche hath perced to the rote

For the benefit of those readers who are not fluent in Old English, these are the opening lines of Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, and mean

When April with his sweet showers

Has pierced the drought of March to the root.

The reason why I am beginning my piece with this couplet is not just to show off the fact that I still remember a smattering of stuff I learned around 50 years ago for English Literature "A" level, but to ask "What the hell has happened to our weather?"

Chaucer lived from around 1340 till 1400, and in his day it was clearly usual for March to be dry ("*the droghte of Marche*"), and for April to be showery. My memory only goes back for some 60-odd years, but my recollection is that this is the weather pattern that has prevailed during that time. "April" and "showers" are two words that go together, like bacon and eggs. To the best of my knowledge, it has been customary for March to be dry-ish, and April showery, every year since Chaucer was writing. This year, however, it seemed to rain practically every day in March, and at the time I am writing this article, on 21st April, we have not had a drop of rain in the village during the whole of April – not a single shower so far (although rain is forecast for next week)!

I know that there are arguments that global warming is not happening, and that our weather simply goes in cycles – it is well known for example that in the Middle Ages, there was a time when the weather in England was so cold that the Thames froze over, and the ice became so thick that Londoners could even roast oxen on it; and it is said that when the Romans were in Britain, it was sufficiently warm in the north, that they could plant grapes near Hadrian's Wall. However, what has happened this year has nothing to do with England becoming hotter or colder, it is a matter of the



weather behaving totally differently to the normal pattern.

And in these days when news is available of what is happening elsewhere in the world, one cannot

avoid reading news stories of freak weather occurring all over the globe. I cannot help but think that this must be due in part to what the human race is now doing, and that CO2 emissions, greenhouse gases, etc. are a contributory factor. The problem is that if I am right, then the whole world needs to do something about it, and not just the population of a relatively tiny island like ours – and especially the big polluters like the USA and China. Heaven only goes how we are going to get such universal agreement and co-operation: history suggests it won't happen.

But enough of these depressing musings. The sunny weather has brought allotment holders out in force, digging, rotavating, and planting this year's crops. Gordon is back from the Antipodes, and is valiantly trying to stem the tide of weeds that has started growing on that part of his allotment that was not carpeted. I watched with envy as Vic picked a vast crop of asparagus. Simon's new greenhouse is full of young seedlings basking in the warmth of their temporary home before being planted out in May. Andy's patch, as always, is already looking very neat and organised. I have picked the last of my purple sprouting broccoli, and dug the plants up so that son number 1. could perform his annual job of rotavating my patch, which saves me many hours of strenuous digging. God's in his heaven: all's right with the world – apart from the fact that because of this wretched drought, I have for the first time ever had to keep watering my newly planted vegetables in April!

Peter Shorrocks

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MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2007

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th April in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT Peter Shorroch (Chairman of the Parish Council), Kate Curry (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Sarah Allwood (Bucks Community Action) and 21 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 **Apologies** - County Councillor Quintyn Ings-Chambers, Shirley Ford

MINUTE 2 **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved by the Meeting as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 3 **Matters arising** – none.

MINUTE 4 **County Council, District Council and Police**

No one was present from the County Council or Police

District Councillor Peter Cooper talked to the meeting about the following issues:

- New theatre complex in the town centre – construction has now begun, and should be finished by the end of 2009. The shopping area is behind schedule, but contracts are expected to be signed soon – it will take four years to build.
- A418 improvements – the decision between the routes has been delayed, but should be made by the summer
- Speed limit review – this is also delayed, and this is having a particularly detrimental effect on Rowsham. In view of recent accidents, the District Council is asking for the Rowsham stretch of road to be considered separately.
- The Highways dept. is considering installing semi-permanent diversion signs in Aston Abbotts for when there are accidents on the A418 and A413.
- Planning – There are indications that the Government would like to remove the District Council's planning powers on large developments. The DC is fighting this plan. The new Local Plan will be debated in the near future.
- Post Offices – The District Council is battling to keep our rural Post Offices. If the PO in Wingrave was to go, the shop would almost certainly be lost as well.

Cllr. Cooper then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

MINUTE 5 **Annual report from the Parish Council Chairman.** Peter Shorroch read his annual report (to be published separately)

MINUTE 6 Sarah Allwood from Bucks Community Action gave a short presentation on **Parish Plans**, and what we would need to do if we wish to do one. She also said grants were available to help finance such projects. The meeting generally agreed it would be a good idea.

MINUTE 7 **Village Activities.**

Reports were given on activities during the year of the following organisations: G.N.O.M.E.S. (April Curnow), Ladies' Club (April Curnow), Czech Connection Day (April Curnow), Church (Rev Derek Witchell), P.C.C. (Colin Higgs) and Parish Council (Peter Shorroch)

MINUTE 8 **Children's Play Area and Recreation Ground**

Jackie Farrands informed the meeting that the first phase of the refurbishment is now complete. She gave an official vote of thanks to everyone who was involved with fundraising for this very successful project. There is now a good range of equipment, which is well used by children of all ages.

MINUTE 9 **Church Room**

Peter Shorroch informed the meeting that the lease will shortly be taken on by the Church Room Trustees, and plans for the renovation of the toilets are well under way.

MINUTE 10 **The Chronicle**

John Hardcastle (editor) thanked the new advertising manager, Phil Corrigan, for his hard work. Thanks also went to Andy Bystra (printing and distribution) and John Whyte (Finances) John reported that the finances were stable, and urged villagers to continue to support the Chronicle.

MINUTE 11 **Fete 2006**

Dickie Dicken reported that for the first time in the last six years, it rained on the day of the Fete and the proceeds were much reduced compared with previous years. In the event we raised almost £2000 whereas in previous years the figure was over £3000. The money earners were the draw, Indian food, Teas and gardens.

Since 2000, the fete has raised about £19,000. The beneficiaries have been the Church (£7600), the Church Room Fund (£6600), the Chronicle (£2500) and the Recreation Ground Fund (£2000).

The success of the fete is largely due to the efforts of a relatively small group of villagers: the coordinators who bear the brunt of the work in recent years have been Barbara Bellingham, Jackie Farrands and for the last two years, Poonam Gupta. It is a task that requires a great deal of coordination and organisation and it is appropriate that we should record a vote of thanks to them all. In particular we should thank April Curnow who has been persuaded to organise this year's event along with her other busy roles of the running of the Thursday Morning Coffee in the Church Room, and this summer's Czech weekend.

MINUTE 12 **Fete 2007**

After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:

Chronicle £500 (regardless of actual takings) Church Room - fund for refurbishment 35% of the remainder

Church Room – short term maintenance 10% Recreation Ground 15% Church 40%

MINUTE 13 **A.O.B.**

It was noted that there is to be a public meeting about the A418 improvements at Stewkley Village Hall on April 30th.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - 15th April

The middle of April and it hasn't rained for several weeks – amazing. Although all this sunshine is absolutely lovely I'm afraid I wish we could have an April shower or two. The top of the ground is uncomfortably dry and a shower would do a world of good both in the fields and especially in the vegetable gardens.

I was once told that ten days without rain was officially classified as a drought – in that case things are pretty serious now. The grass, although growing, is in fact growing slowly. This has its compensations in that the lawns don't need mowing quite so often and, in the fields, slower growing grass, as long as there is enough of it, is much better for sheep.

I do know that one or two cattle farmers are already concerned about the availability of grass for their livestock and there are predictions that it will be a poor summer for grass.

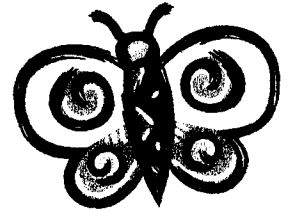
Be that as it may doesn't countryside look lovely! Isn't it amazing that for years, under the management of simple farmers the countryside has looked beautiful but that now it needs DEFRA to tell farmers how to run things for the benefit of us all.

The blackthorn is at its very best just now with mauve or white blossoms in the hedges. The first blackthorn to come into bloom seems to be a patch by the Rubbish dump on the way to Tring that was blooming (or 'blowing' as it used to be called) in the second week of February. I know one bush that is yet to come out in the middle of April – that's a spread of 8 weeks.

The timing of natural things fascinated me. The peach, a native of warmer climes, flowers too early for its own good in this country and the blossom is often ruined by frost in February. One would think that despite it flowering in February in Mexico the climate

over here would delay it until March/April. But no. The peach looks at the calendar, says 'Oh, its February – I must flower' – strange thing nature.

We've had the usual Yellow Brimstone butterfly in our garden every day lately. I got to thinking why are there never loads of Brimstones, only one or two; why don't their numbers vary from year to year? I took down the butterfly book and read up.



First of all the Yellow Brimstone is the male of the species, the female is white or greenish white. Secondly the eggs are only laid on a shrub called Buckthorn – most butterflies are specific in their food plants. OK so can anyone tell me where the nearest Buckthorn bush to Aston Abbots is? I suspect it will be on the Chilterns, and even there I doubt it is common. So it's not surprising we don't have loads of Brimstones about in some years – it's amazing we have any at all.

A friend has recently returned from a trip to South Africa and brought me back a copy of the South African magazine Farmers weekly. It certainly puts our weather problems in perspective. I quote: - 'Eastern Cape province was hit by a wet and windy cold snap in early March resulting in the death of 20,000 adult angora goats'. A quote from the market analysis section: - 'Wool prices are expected to move sideways with further upwards potential'.

Headline: - 'Pork moves sideways'.

Headline from Aston Abbots: - 'Lamb moves up and down in Spring Sunshine'.

Peter Knight

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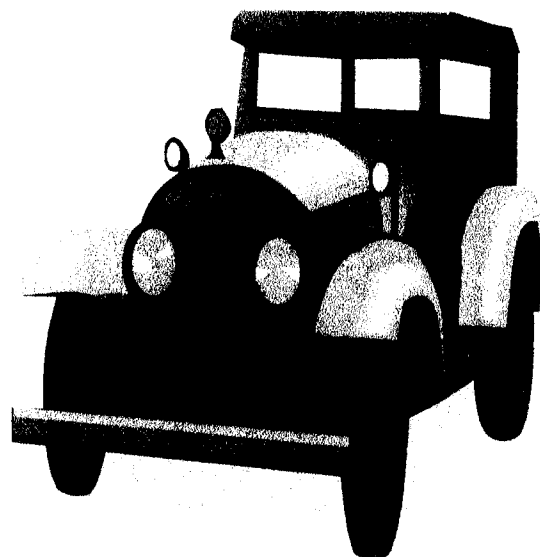


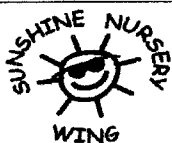
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ARCHAEOLOGY in ASTON ABBOTTS



When Steve Green popped in on Mon. 23rd April to say the archaeologists would be starting their investigative dig that morning as a prelude to him starting to build, I thought little of it. After all these investigations are routine these days and this site, though at the beginning of Moat Lane, is quite some distance from the 'old village' now largely under the turf in the Grove .

Rita and I were surprised therefore when Steve appeared that afternoon, clearly excited, to announce that they had found considerable evidence of a sizeable Saxon building. Large post holes were the first clue followed by a rather puzzling 'pattern' of ditches, probably dug at different periods. Fragments of 'daub and wattle' may be evidence that this structure was used as a dwelling rather than to house animals; a fact backed up by the discovery of various small items including the rim of a sizeable cooking or storage jar.

Initial thoughts are that these and other fragments found are from a Saxon habitation. However, there's more since further digging during the detailed examination of the ditches and post holes, knapped flint tools were found which seem to indicate that human habitation, in what we now know as Aston Abbots, could date back some eight thousand years.

Perhaps this isn't too surprising since this small paddock is probably the highest point in AA. and certainly has a commanding view over the surrounding countryside and Vale of Aylesbury. Furthermore, the area is, and probably always has been fed by numerous springs.

The investigation is obviously in it's early stages at present. However, the next few weeks could be quite exciting and I will endeavor to obtain details for our readers. Hopefully, we will eventually be able to publish a map of the site showing the position of buildings etc. This is an exciting find for this village and when fully investigated will add considerably to our already well documented, though relatively recent, history.

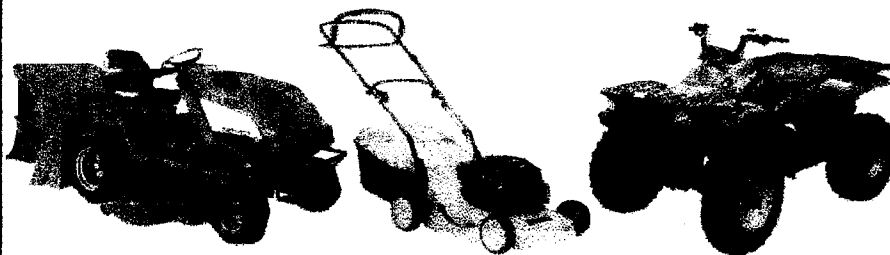
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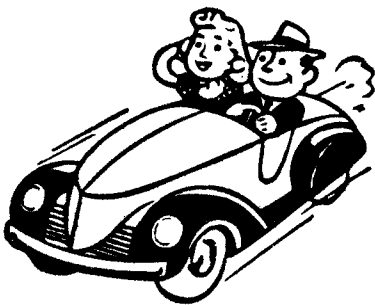
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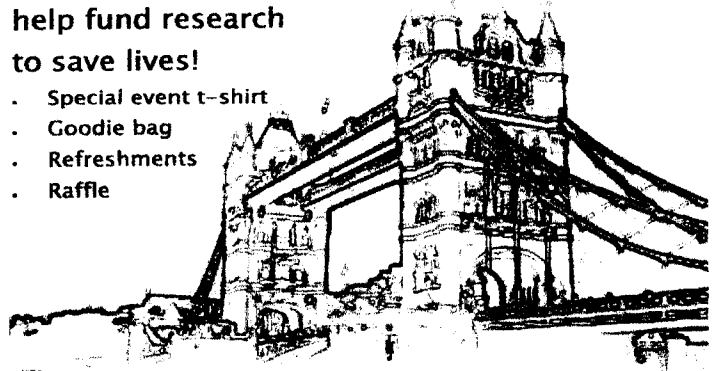
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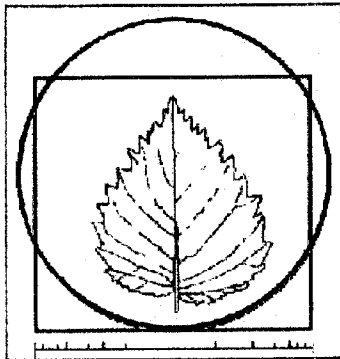
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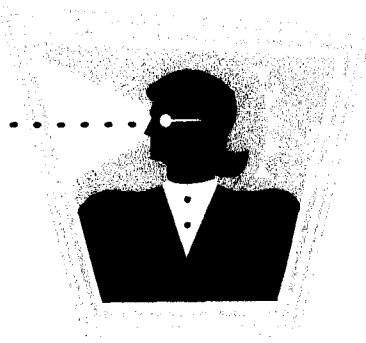
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Joan then introduced today's speaker, Miss Joyce Whipps from Wingrave. Joyce is no stranger to the club and once again gave us an entertaining afternoon, telling us the horrors of a recent stay in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. She followed this with an 'A to Z' of places she had been on holiday.

She was thanked by Irene Lowden.

Tea hostesses were Avril Bradley Davis and Audrey Stephenson. The Raffle was won by Shirley Ford

Shirley Ford.

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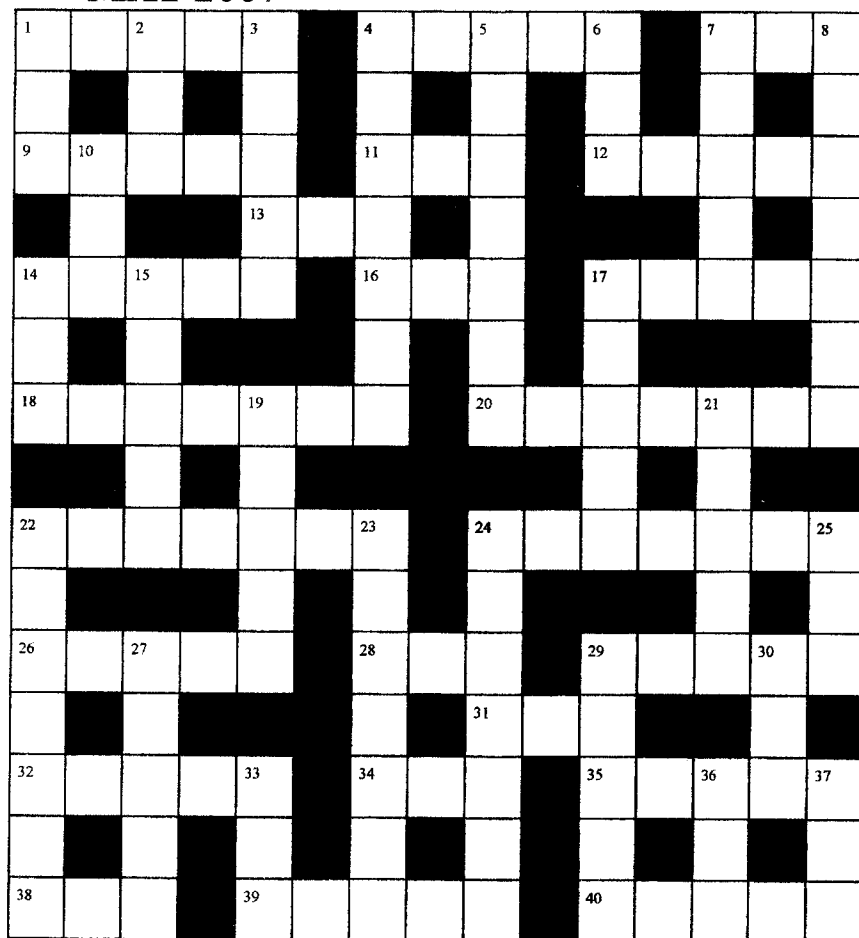
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ACROSS

- 1 Amour 4 Rated 7 Tic
 9 Sport 11 Net 12 Eager
 13 Tea 14 Pansy 16 Wye
 17 Banff 18 Lottery
 20 Scandal 22 Federar
 24 Milkman 26 Alley
 28 Ton 29 Sabre 31 Amp
 32 Final 34 Ear 35 Earth
 38 Lay 39 Batch 40 Tapir

DOWN

- 1 Ass 2 ONO 3 Ratty
 4 Run away 5 Tatters
 6 Dye 7 Tag on
 8 Careful 10 Pea 14 Pal
 15 Motive 17 Brawl
 19 Early 21 Demob
 22 Fearful 23 Retreat
 24 Monarch 25 Nye
 27 Lanky 29 Spent
 30 Rat 33 Lob 36 Rip
 37 Her

ACROSS

- 1 Skill in making object (5)
 4 To ride a bike (5)
 7 Cambridgeshire river (3)
 9 Good with eggs (5)
 11 Put into service (3)
 12 Living (5)
 13 Group of European countries (1-1-1)
 14 Adjust after failure (5)
 16 Olde pub (3)
 17 Room on a boat (5)
 18 To do with eyes (7)
 20 Used for digging (7)
 22 Containing ten parts (7)
 24 Played on a lawn (7)
 26 Looks after children (5)
 28 Cry (3)
 29 Brush (5)
 31 Towards the stern (3)
 32 Own up (5)
 34 Make a mistake (3)
 35 Disagree (5)
 38 Not Mum (3)
 39 & 40 Small cakes (5-5)

Compiled by ROD ROTHERO

DOWN

- 1 American taxi (3)
 2 Something curved (3)
 3 Brushwood for hedges (5)
 4 Of extreme importance (7)
 5 Dust, polish etc (5-2)
 6 Female sheep (3)
 7 Go up (5)
 8 Afternoon show (7)
 10 Beer (3)
 14 Former capital of Brazil (3)
 15 Smooth fabric (5)
 17 Type of coffee bean (5)
 19 Biscuit (5)
 21 Insult (5)
 22 Used for putting 10 down in (7)
 23 Pudding (7)
 24 Show in nightclub (7)
 25 On your basin (3)
 27 Homeless (5)
 29 Employees (5)
 30 Australian bird (3)
 33 Push over (3)
 36 African antelope (3)
 37 Greek goddess of dawn (3)

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The View from the Vicarage

As I was sitting on the terrace this afternoon enjoying the sunshine this story came to mind....

"A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter. 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, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked the students once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous -- yes.

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and proceeded to pour their 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 recognize that this jar represents your life." "The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your children, GOD-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 rocks. The same goes for your 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 with God. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix things. Take care of the rocks 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!"

Shalom *Derek*

Evensong Services in Aston Abbotts

Just another reminder that services are held on one Sunday each month in our beautiful village church. They are very 'user friendly', commence at 6.00pm and are usually conducted by Colin Smart.

With our very own Nigel Palmer playing the organ, they are becoming increasingly popular, so if you would like to come along to these friendly and uplifting services, please make a note that the next will be held on;- May 27th, July 22nd, 26th Aug, 23rd Sept. 28th Oct. 25th Nov. and 23rd Dec.



Church Sidesman

6th Mr A Bystra
13th Mr G Kemp
20th Mrs A Curnow
27th Mr A Ford
3rd June Mrs S Ford

Cleaning

w/e 5/6 Mr Bystra/Mr Higgs
12/13 Mr Kemp/Mrs Goodman
19/20 Mrs Parker/Mrs Curnow
26/27 Mrs Bean/Mrs Ford

Flowers

5/6 Mrs Bean
12/13 Mrs Johnson
19/20 Mrs Parker
26/27 Mr C Higgs
2/3 June TBA

WINGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Garden and Plant Sale

The annual Garden and Plant Sale will take place on

Saturday 12th May

Breakfast will be served from 9.30am

All contributions of garden produce, such as plants, cuttings, vegetables, fruit, etc will be very welcome

Also jams, marmalade, eggs, cakes etc

Sylvia Francis 681566

If you are unable to do your duty rota please arrange to change with the next person



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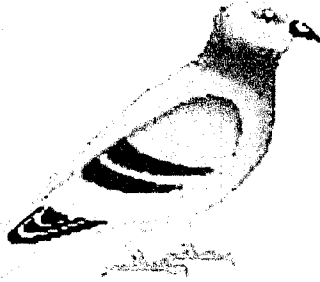
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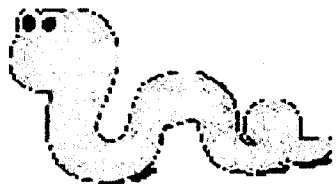
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SERVICES FOR MAY 2007

*Aston Abbots – St James; Cublington – St Nicholas;
Wing – All Saints; Wingrave – St Peter & St Paul*

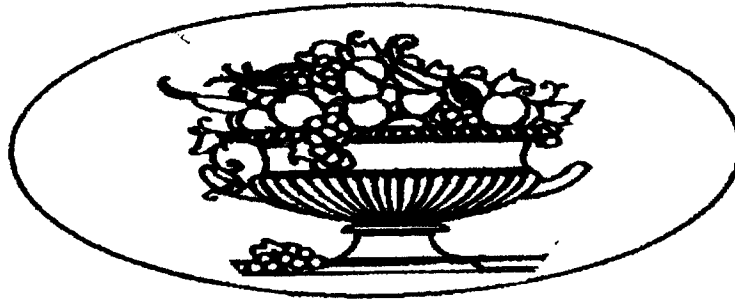
THURSDAY 3RD	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 6TH <i>5th after Easter</i>	Aston Abbots	09.15	Morning Prayer
	Cublington	09.15	Family Communion
	Wing	08.00 10.45	BCP Holy Communion People's Praise
	Wingrave	09.15	Holy Communion
THURSDAY 10TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 13TH <i>6th after Easter</i>	Aston Abbots	09.15	Holy Communion
	Cublington	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wing	09.15	Family Communion
	Wingrave	08.00 10.45	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion
THURSDAY 17TH <i>Ascension Day</i>	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 20TH <i>7th after Easter</i>	Aston Abbots	18.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wing	08.00 10.45	Holy Communion Holy Communion
	Wingrave	09.15	People's Praise
THURSDAY 24TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 27TH <i>Pentecost</i>	Aston Abbots	18.00	Evensong
	Cublington	09.15	Family Service
	Wing	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.45 18.00	Holy Communion Pentecost Praise
THURSDAY 31ST	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion

Did you know? About three people are born every second, and about 1.333 people die every second. The result is about a net increase of between 2-3 people every second. Almost ten people more live on this Earth now, than before you started reading this fact.

Did you know? The Himalayas cover one-tenth of the Earth's surface.

Did you know? Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

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NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47			

Please let us know of any errors or omissions

MOWING ROTA

5th May	Gordon Kemp
12th	Adam Shorrocks
19th	Ray Wilkinson
26th	Bob Bean
2nd June	Caroline Lane

If you are unable to match the rota please change with a colleague

BOOK THESE DATES

Sat23/Sun24th June

Flower Festival

St James Church to coincide
with Czech Event.

Sat21/Sun22nd July

Festival Weekend

MORE MOWERS WANTED

As our climate has changed the Church grass has had to be cut a lot earlier in the spring and a lot later in the autumn. We are appealing for more mowers to add to our rota of nine at the present time. The rota is for the grass to be cut once a week preferably at weekends. Each of our mowers cuts the grass just three times a year.

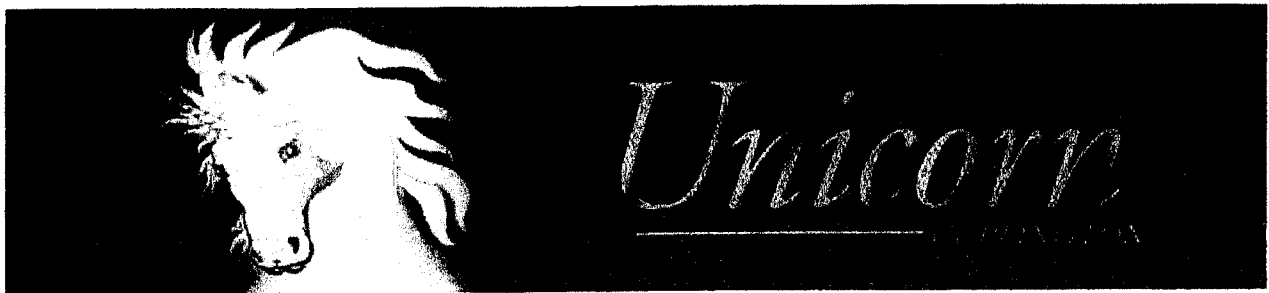
We have a sit-on mower for the main areas and a petrol driven hand mower for round graves and edges. For most members on the rota the job takes approximately an hour with each machine. Some of our members prefer to pair up for company so that the whole job can be done in one hour each time. Of course this means that they also have to share each others' duty.

It's not hard work and would also suit maybe a husband and wife team. Nobody would be on their own until they are perfectly comfortable with both machines.

If you fancy joining our "merry mowers" please contact Geoff Curnow at Leafy Oaks on 681459.

Geoff Curnow





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What's On In May

Tuesday 1st	Coffee/ Shop 10 -12noon	Church Room
	Freighter 12noon - 3.30pm	The Green
Thursday 3rd	Election Day 7am - 10pm	Church Room
Wednesday 9th	Annual Parish Council 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 10th	Coffee/Shop 10 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Friday 11th	Refuse Collection <u>NOT THURSDAY</u>	
Saturday 14th	Race Night 8pm	Church Room
Sunday 13th	Rambling Club Teas in Church Room	
	Annual Spider Walk 3.30 - 4.30pm	
Monday 14th	Fete Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Tuesday 15th	Quiz Evening 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 17th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 24th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 27th	Rambling Club 2pm	meet Ashridge
	Enensong 6pm	St James Church
Monday 28th	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 31st	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Friday 1st June	Refuse Collection <u>NOT THURSDAY</u>	

Address

Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to John Hardcastle, Marloes, Lines Hill, Aston Abbotts, Bucks. HP22 4NG

Email submissions to:

editor@aachronicle.co.uk

Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list

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630 Club

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		VILLAGE FETE MEETING		
		Monday 7.30pm Monday		
		14th May		
		Church Room		
		If you cannot attend the meeting then		
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		on 681459 before the 14th		
		to offer your assistance.		
		Every little bit helps.		
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6.30 Club St George's Night Dinner – 5th May 2007

After several successful functions at the Dog House, we have decided that, for the sake of variety, the 2007 St George's Night Dinner will be held at the Plough & Anchor in Kingswood. The format of the evening will be similar to previous years. A coach will pick us up at 7:00pm from the Royal Oak and we will return shortly after midnight. Guests of members are welcome to attend.

The cost of the function will be £30.00 per person. This is the first increase in 3 years.

The menu is attached; I would be grateful if you would indicate your choices and return the form to Ray Wilkinson, Andy Bystra or Tim Peacocke.

Dress will be Black Tie for the gentlemen and equivalent for the ladies. The cost of the function will be £ 30.00 per head.

So that we can finalise the arrangements we need a firm commitment from members as soon as possible. Please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible to Ray Wilkinson, Andy Bystra or myself and if you are attending, please enclose cash or a cheque made payable to the 6:30 Club for the full amount payable.

From:

I shall/shall not be attending the 6:30 Club St George's Night Dinner. I shall/shall not be accompanied.

I wish to invite the following guests:

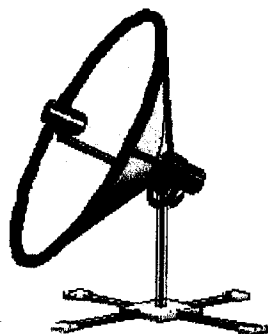
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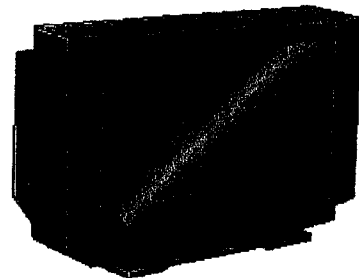


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The Truth About That Broken Toe

We sent our investigative reporter out to discover the true story behind the broken toe suffered by Alison Lewis on a recent holiday in Tobago. Unfortunately he got two different versions of events, so we print both here and leave it to you, the reader, to make up your own minds about what really happened.

**Chronicle
Investigation**

Alison's Story

I just don't know how I did it. I had just finished a little light lunch and I thought I might refresh myself by quietly paddling in the shallow water at the sea's edge. Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain in my foot. Looking down I saw my toe sticking out at an odd angle. I must have caught my foot on something.

I'm a trained medical person so I made no fuss, but everybody was most concerned and absolutely insisted upon taking me to the hospital straight away.

The hospital staff were very attentive and impressively thorough, eventually diagnosing a dislocated toe. Then they suddenly wrenched the bones back into position without anaesthetic. That was the worst bit.

Of course, with the pain of the broken toe I was incapacitated for the rest of our time in Tobago. Fortunately I had my darling husband with me and, under my quiet guidance, he was able to take care of those few odd little chores that were quite beyond me because of the pain.

Oh dear, I suffered constantly for the rest of the holiday.

Dave's Story

I just don't know how the silly cow did it. She'd just downed her second lunchtime bucket of rum punch when she suddenly leapt to her feet and charged off into the sea like a demented rhinoceros on heat. There was one rock - just one bloody rock on the whole beach - and she had to go and trip over it!

I've never heard so much fuss. I wanted to leave it until sundown, but she made me miss the afternoon's sunbathing to take her down to the hospital.

The hospital staff were as slow as petrified snails, although they *finally* diagnosed a dislocated toe. Then they suddenly wrenched the bones back into position without anaesthetic. That was the best bit.

Of course, she then laid in a sunbed with her foot up and didn't do a bloody thing for the rest of the holiday. She continually ran me ragged - "Fetch this", "Fetch that", "You had better get me another glass of champagne now".

Bloody Hell! I suffered constantly for the rest of the holiday.

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