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Editorial

I hope you managed to get a good view of the flypast by a Spitfire at the Czech Festival - the weather would be the one of the reasons for a poor view or no-view. The one event that didn't prevent the Festival going ahead was the unfortunate slip that resulted in April Curnow breaking her ankle - but April, being the wonderful lady she is, has kept a firm grip on the reins, and despite her difficulty in getting around has been a tower of strength and organisational skill. The Village Fete is in good hands.

I trust you have grown plants and are planning to provide mounds of cakes (I'm partial to Almond Cake and Fruit Cake) and jams and chutneys etc. Hopefully you will have some contribution to make for the Tombola and Bric-a Brac stalls.

It's not every day that a boat is launched in Aston Abbots. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Simon Roberts an ancient row boat was saved from a derelict house and was launched onto the biggest pond in my Wild Garden. Myself and Simon's son Harry were aboard at the launch. The boat was named Harry Willow X and a small bottle of Tonic Water was unsuccessfully smashed against the prow - although when it was drunk it did look and behave like champagne.



John Hardcastle

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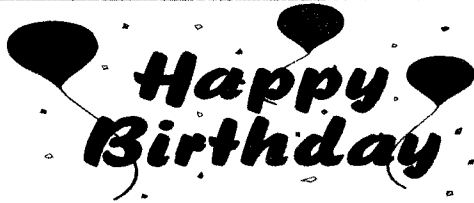
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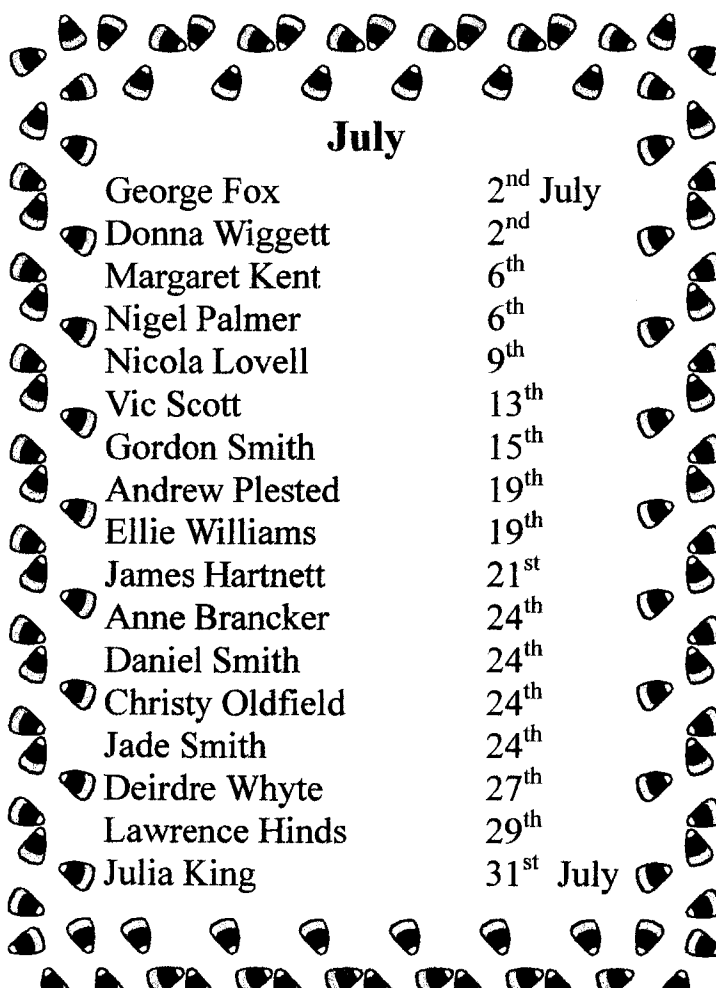
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Alison's Gossip Column



July



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| George Fox | 2 nd July |
| Donna Wiggett | 2 nd |
| Margaret Kent | 6 th |
| Nigel Palmer | 6 th |
| Nicola Lovell | 9 th |
| Vic Scott | 13 th |
| Gordon Smith | 15 th |
| Andrew Plested | 19 th |
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| James Hartnett | 21 st |
| Anne Brancker | 24 th |
| Daniel Smith | 24 th |
| Christy Oldfield | 24 th |
| Jade Smith | 24 th |
| Deirdre Whyte | 27 th |
| Lawrence Hinds | 29 th |
| Julia King | 31 st July |

Congratulations to Sally Turnham and Andy Stefanczyk who had a baby girl, Anya, born on 8th June, 5lb 10oz.

That well known local celebrity, Bernard Osborn, has just celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations Bernard.

The catalogue of medical emergencies carries on. April Curnow tripped over and suffered a particularly bad fractured tibia She is now recovering at home after surgery. And Christine Scott is about to undergo heart surgery after 3 heart attacks. Good luck and a speedy recovery Christine.

Dear Editor

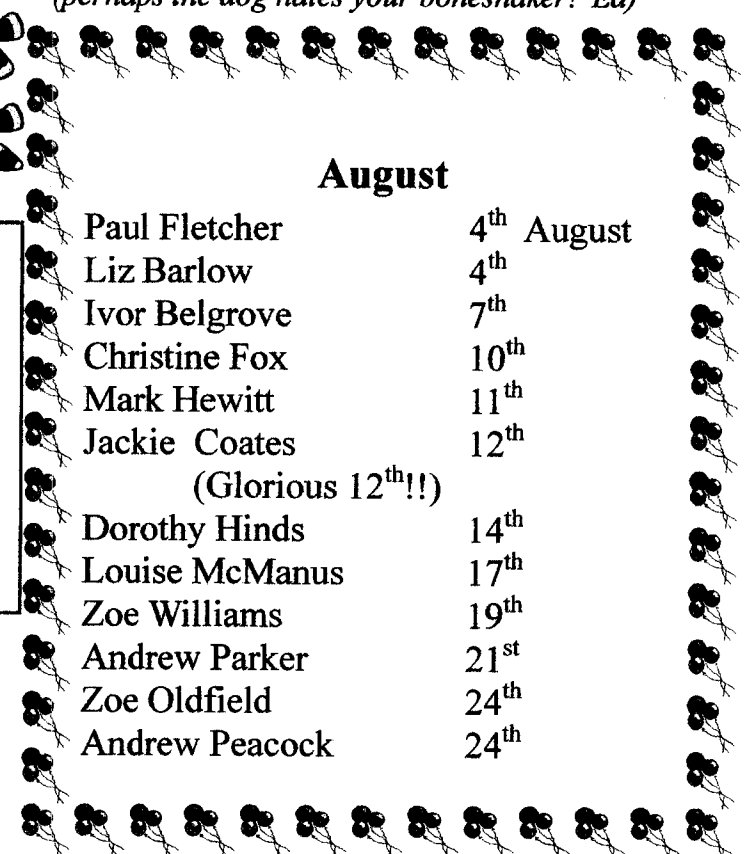
Our dog has been prescribed some medicine by the vet. The bottle has a computer printed label that says, "May cause drowsiness. If affected do not drive or operate machinery. For animal use only." My question is this: our dog sleeps all day, so how do I know when he is too drowsy to drive? Do you think I should hide his car keys?

Yours truly,

Phil Spooner

(perhaps the dog hates your boneshaker? Ed)

August



- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Paul Fletcher | 4 th August |
| Liz Barlow | 4 th |
| Ivor Belgrove | 7 th |
| Christine Fox | 10 th |
| Mark Hewitt | 11 th |
| Jackie Coates | 12 th |
| (Glorious 12 th !!) | |
| Dorothy Hinds | 14 th |
| Louise McManus | 17 th |
| Zoe Williams | 19 th |
| Andrew Parker | 21 st |
| Zoe Oldfield | 24 th |
| Andrew Peacock | 24 th |

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Sheila Nuttall

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Letters to the Editor

From April Curnow

"I would like, through the Chronicle, to say a huge thank you to the wonderful people in this village who have wrapped me in a cocoon of warmth since I came out of hospital having broken my leg rather nastily on 31st May. I have received so many cards and phone calls with good wishes and friends and neighbours have ensured Geoff and I are well nourished with wonderful dinners, puddings, cakes and chocolates. I am surrounded by vases of beautiful flowers and with all this cosseting I am sure I will be back on my feet in no time. Thank you all so much."

From Christine Scott

(Christine is back in the Coronary Care Unit of Eaglestone Hospital, following another heart attack. Vic says she is improving slightly, and whilst not in a position to write herself, she has dictated the following for inclusion in the Chronicle.)

Three heart attacks in five weeks seems a bit excessive, but the good wishes, cards and lovely flowers from so many friends in the village have been a great boost to my morale; I thank you all most sincerely.

There has been a justifiably high demand for sympathy in the village in recent weeks! So thank you all and may I say 'Get well soon to the rest of the Afflicted'.

Again, many thanks.

From Margaret & Tony Hinds

We would like to say a very big thank you to Peter Knight for his monthly article 'Countryside Diary' in the Chronicle.

It was always the first page we turned to. It's good in this Hi-Tech Modern age to be reminded of the simpler things in life, what to look out for in the changing seasons, the first blossom in the hedgerow or the first swallow seen. So many sayings and observations remind me of our childhood things we sometimes tend to forget. So thanks again Peter. We shall miss your page.

from Richard Clarke, on behalf of Aston Abbots Parish Council, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Malcolm Miles of Miles Scaffolding Service, Cheddington Lane, Long Marston. 01296 668164, who kindly donated and delivered a scaffold pole used to repair the goal posts on the Recreation Ground.

From Sally Turnham and Andy Stefanczyk We are very proud to announce the arrival on Friday 8 June 2007 of their baby daughter Anya. She was born at 7.08pm and weighed 5lb 10oz. Despite an emergency caesarean birth, mother and baby are doing fine and are recovering at home. Anya is a little sister for Tom. Mummy and Daddy would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind wishes. With regret Andy and Sally are going to postpone "Breakfast at the chapel" due to their recent arrival. Anya apologises for any disappointment caused and promises she will try and convince them to stage it later this summer.

From Anita Parker

Thanks to all those in Ross Road, the Green and Cublington Road who gave so generously during Christian Aid Week in May. £85 98 was raised....a huge increase on last year's amount.

The total amount collected in Aston Abbots was £145 63.

(I don't know who else collected....sorry)

From Sheila Nuttall

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From Phil Spooner

I was sad to read in last month's issue that Peter Knight has decided to lay down his pen and retire from the Chronicle.

As editor in residence when he started writing his column I was delighted to have such interesting and enjoyable piece to print every month. My pleasure in receiving each submission was only slightly tempered by the knowledge that I would have to transcribe his handwritten pages onto the computer myself. Although I did my best with the transcribing (and Peter did his best with the handwriting) I did make the occasional howler. For some time I was rather suspicious that Peter kept deliberately slipping in the names of obscure breeds of Leicestershire sheep, just to try and catch me out.

I am sure that many readers will miss Peter's knowledge of the land and I hope the editor may persuade him to submit the occasional piece in the future. Thank you for all of your interesting articles Peter.

You deserve the best

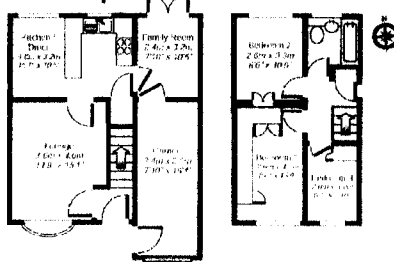
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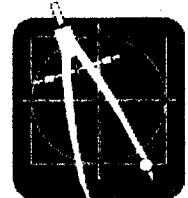
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	Venues	Dates and Times
BEACONSFIELD	Fitzwilliam Centre Windsor End Beaconsfield Old Town (behind St. Mary's Church)	Friday 22 June - 14.00 'til 21.00 Saturday 23 June - 10.00 'til 16.00
AYLESBURY	County Museum Church Street Aylesbury	Friday 29 June - 14.00 'til 21.00 Saturday 30 June - 10.00 'til 16.00
BUCKINGHAM	Beales Hotel A421 Ring Road Buckingham	Friday 6 July - 14.00 'til 21.00 Saturday 7 July - 10.00 'til 16.00
HIGH WYCOMBE	Carrington Room Guildhall High Street High Wycombe	Friday 13 July - 14.00 'til 21.00 Saturday 14 July - 10.00 'til 16.00

SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

A packed meeting discusses A418 Improvements Alternatives Report.

Stewkley Village Hall welcomed over 140 people on 30 April to hear about the Alternatives Report, which has been jointly commissioned by Buckinghamshire County Council and local Friends of the Earth groups. Aylesbury Vale and South Beds Friends of the Earth explained that this Alternatives Report was looking for realistic and deliverable alternative to the proposed A418 Improvements.

Steer Davies Gleave, who are the largest independent transport consultancy in Europe, are working on the report along with a steering group of top experts. These are Peter Headicar who is Reader in Transport and Planning at Oxford Brookes University and who has advised the South West Regional Assembly on their transport schemes, Lynn Sloman of Transport for Quality of Life, whose clients include the DfT, the National Trust and city councils, and Stephen Joseph, OBE who is the director of Transport 2000. Ian Smith of the national Highways Agency said that the Government knows it cannot build its way out of congestion - the results would be unsustainable and harmful to the environment. Instead the Government's aim is to manage the existing network so that where possible the number of car trips is reduced through interventions such as workplace travel plans.

The consultant from Steer Davies Gleave said that new roads normally encourage more traffic into the area, as happened with the M25. He explained that a final scheme must be to improve the quality of life for those living along-

side the A418, reduce congestion and increase accessibility by public transport for those who live in the villages. The scheme must also support the economic viability of Aylesbury. The report will look at a package of possible measures such as traffic calming in the villages, safe cycleways, fast and frequent buses, reducing the school run, workplace travel plans. It would not rule out minor road improvements. There was then a passionate speech from Sean Kelly a Wing resident who talked about preserving the rural character of the area and how changing our personal travel behaviour was essential.

In the lively debate that followed concerns were raised about the road linking the M1 to the A41, thereby creating a link to the M25 through our area.

Friends of the Earth stressed that they were keen to hear people's views about alternatives to road building and they urged people to e-mail their views to alternatives@wingbypass.info so that they can pass them to the consultants. See www.wingbypass.info for further information or ring Victoria Harvey of South Beds FoE on 01525 385 097.

Buckinghamshire County Council is paying £20,000 towards the report. Local Friends of the Earth, with help from villagers, needs to provide an additional £20,000. **An anonymous donor has given Friends of the Earth £15,000 towards their contribution, but we still need to raise a further £5000. Stewkley Parish Council has given £500. Any donation, no matter how small, is a real help. Cheques should be made payable to South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth and sent to Ken Barry 97 Bideford Green. Leighton Buzzard LU7 7TJ.**

Victoria Harvey Coordinator South Beds Friends of the Earth

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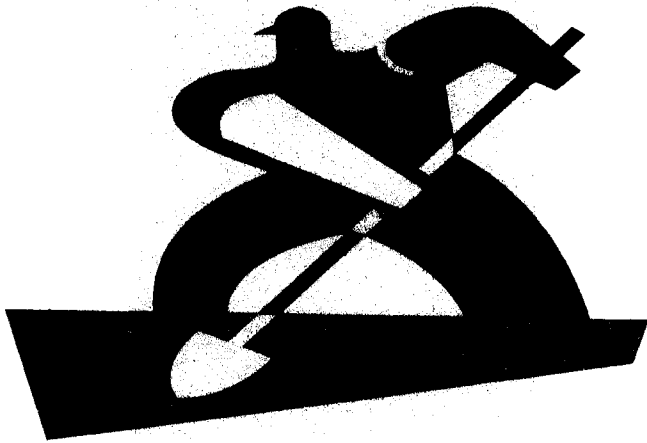
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ALLOTMENT DIARY



As recently as April, I was bemoaning the fact that I was writing these notes three quarters of the way through April, and we had not had any rain. As you might have expected, these words have now come back and bitten me on the bum. May and June have had more than their fair share of rain to compensate, and indeed in June so far, it has largely been a case of trying to find a time between the showers and heavier bursts of rain to do any work on the allotment. The weeds, of course, are loving it: were there a prize for the best crop of nettles, I would be strong contender.

I recently took a few days off to do some walking in the Lake District, leaving my allotment a brown expanse, with some young vegetables just popping their heads above the surface. By the time I got back, and it had stopped raining long enough for me to work on the allotment again, it was (as the Beatles sang) a sea of green!

I don't want to be contentious, but if there is anything in the theory of Creationism, surely the plants that would grow best would be vegetables, and it would be weeds that struggled to live? In the real world this is certainly not the case! If vegetables grew like weeds, the companies which make artificial fertilisers would go out of business

For those gardeners who have succeeded in keeping the weeds at bay, this is so far proving a very

productive year: everything seems to be growing well. I found that my carrots were late getting going this year – no doubt because of the dry April – but they are now flourishing. Strawberries are of course ripening fast – although as usual, it is a race between the slugs and myself who eats them first – and I have now got my first crop of raspberries.

In conclusion a little poem – or song - to be precise, to be sung to the tune of “Mad Dogs and Englishmen”, which is not my own work, but is apposite:-

Mad dogs of gardeners go out in the pouring rain

To prove they're Anglo-Saxon

They rarely put their macks on:

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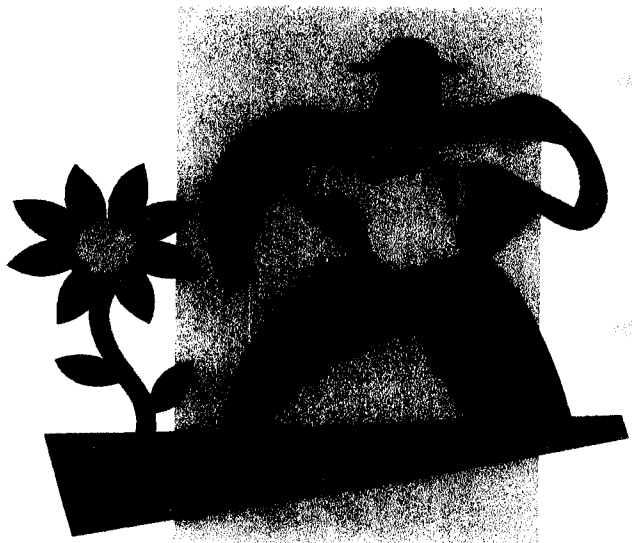
Then leaves the mud and silt on

The Wilton

I think the poet must have been a woman . . .

Peter Shorrock

P S This is nothing to do with allotments, but I have a mystery that I hope one of my readers can solve. In the middle of June some unknown benefactor deposited a ski-ing machine in my garage. Could he or she get in touch and let me know what I am to do with it? Is it intended for sale at the fête? Or what?



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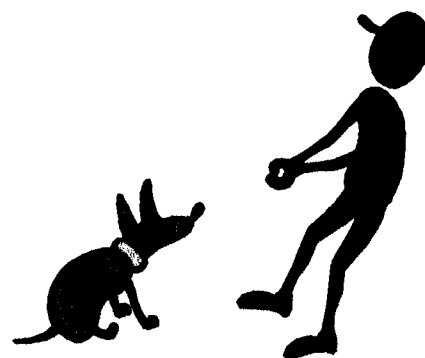
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WINGRAVE CE COMBINED SCHOOL

The children recently took part in a fashion show modelling clothes for a company called Kids on the Catwalk. What a credit the children were to the school – they appeared extremely confident and happy walking down the catwalk, striking various poses and performing short dance routines. There must have been around 30 children taking part, ranging from Reception to Year 6. The audience of proud parents, grandparents and friends clapped in time to the music and we all seemed to enjoy the atmosphere as much as the children.

The idea was that at the end of the show, parents were able to buy the clothes which had been modelled, and a percentage goes to the school. I thought the clothes were good value and the children loved them. This was yet another extremely well organised event by the PTFA who do such an excellent job raising money for the school to buy ‘extras’, such as the new playground equipment currently being installed.

Well done PTFA, but especially well done and congratulations to the children.

Jackie Farrands

RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO GREEN PARK

Class 5/6 have recently returned from their residential stay at Green Park, in Aston Clinton; a stunning setting for this activity based week of team building, where children also faced a number of new challenges.

“Our first activity was LOW ROPES. It was really good and Georgia and I were the first people over the rope net. It was a little bit scary at first but according to Georgia I sounded really relaxed!” by Charlotte O’Carroll

“First we had to climb a wall which was about 3 metres and it didn’t have any ropes or dents. It was just a flat wall. It was rather funny as we had to lift and pull Mrs Britnell up the wall! We completed this course” by Harriet Boughton and Tori Smith

The Tutors encouraged and praised the children to face these new challenges, and thanked them all for their excellent behaviour, co-operation and team spirit.

“We had to try and get up a flat wooden wall by helping each other, which was quite difficult” by Sophia Stornach

“This morning we were kayaking first and it was great!” by Georgia Pethick

“Going down the hills and bumps on the mountain bikes was great because you felt you were going to go over the top and you go super fast with your wheels spinning” by Lathan Diamond and Billy Daniels

“My favourite thing I did today was rock climbing because I tried my best and enjoyed it!” by Rebecca Thompson

“At first I was a bit scared about the kayak turning toppling over and me getting stuck but after I had practised a bit I was much more confident” by Matthew Booth

The restaurant staff were encouraged to see the children’s healthy appetites and desire to eat fruit and vegetables.

“The food was delicious” by Devon King

“First we had a real fry-up and had a real fun time at the table” by Matthew Devitt and Charlie Bystra

“I really liked the food it was great” by Tom Harding

All of the children learnt to work as a team encouraging each other and learning to solve problems. The weather was kind to us and helped to make this a memorable week for all.

“I’ve really enjoyed my stay at Green Park and being trusted. I would like to do mountain biking again and archery. I also liked playing around” by Amy Upton

“We both enjoyed this holiday and we both feel really happy” by Lisa Holt and Stephanie Buysman

“I want to do it again, it was the best because it was with the school” by Danielle Thompson

“Do I have to leave? This is now like my home and I really don’t want to leave” by Rowena Holland

“I really liked it here with all the activities and had great fun even though some were scary” by Amy Luscombe

We would all like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mr Diamond, Mrs Boughton and Mrs Jones for taking part in this event and making it so enjoyable for all. Mrs Britnell, Class 5/6 Teacher

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I've been reading a brochure issued by The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

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Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

Dear Editor Due to numerous family events and problems (many unforeseen) over the last month, I have found it difficult to allocate time to compile this month's crossword. I have missed the deadline and I am also away now for few days with family. Please apologise to all the readers and rest assured that the following months will be on time. My few days away will include night feeding new grandson (Alfie William Adams 9lbs 13ozs - by caesarean). A good event to arise from this month; so not restful, but pleasurable. My apologies once more. *Rod Rothero*

Harvest Festival Aston Abbotts

23rd Sept 2007

A family friendly Service
will be held in our village church

followed by a

Harvest Supper

and produce auction.

Please make a note in your diaries;

Watch this space.

Further details will appear in
the Sept. issue of the Chronicle



Bedrolls and Campfires

Wingrave Guides (from 1995) Reunion

Please come and join us on Monday 9th July at 7pm for an end of term reunion party. There will be time to catch up with friends and tune your voices at a campfire. You can reintroduce some of the old favourites which we may have forgotten! Do contact others who may not read this invitation.

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The girls are very keen for guides to continue and there are several on the waiting list. We have just returned from an excellent camp which included climbing, abseiling, potholing (for the brave), cooking on wood fires and campfire. There is a huge variety

of activities available for the girls but they do need leaders who can organise them. I am very willing to give as much help as is needed to ensure a smooth transfer but I am unable to continue as leader.

It is very important that I know about leaders before our final meeting on July 9th so the girls can be told whether they will be returning in September.

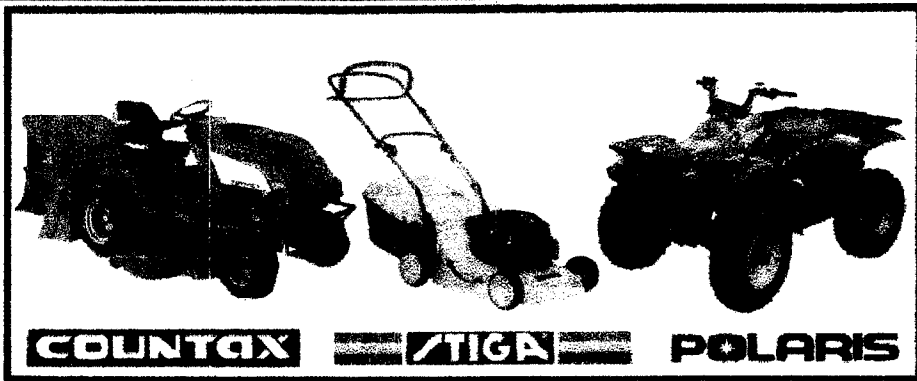
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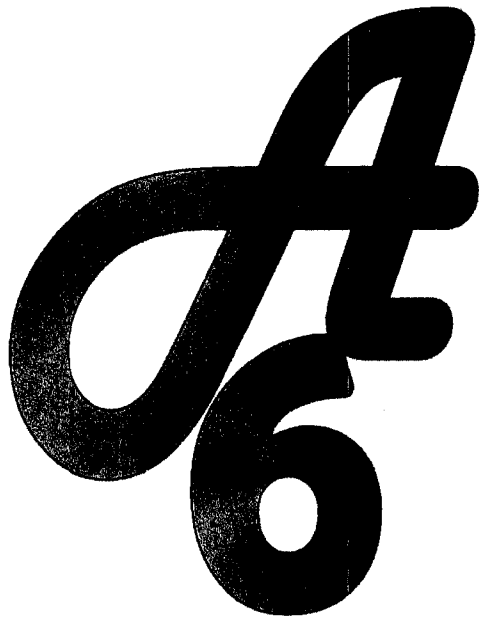
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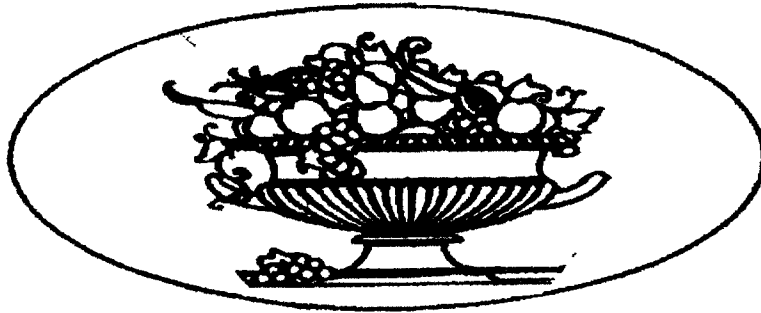
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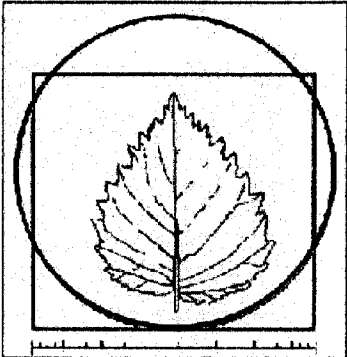
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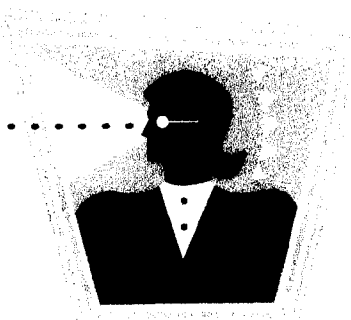
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ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

Ladies Club April 26th

21 members were present at today's meeting. After the minutes were read and approved our speakers for today were introduced. They were in fact two sisters, Liz Lloyd & Cherry Ann Evans who had come along to deliver a talk intriguingly entitled 'How to be an evacuee'. Evidently, in September 1939, they and their mother moved to Wingrave with eighty or so other children to get away from the bombing. For their particular family, what was hoped to be a relatively short stay, stretched out to be ten years! However, their time in Wingrave was far from dull as their highly amusing talk about people and events of the time demonstrated.

They were thanked by Daphne Rogers.

Tea hostesses were Margaret Hinds & Doreen Powys and our lucky raffle winner was June Brine.

Shirley Ford.

OPEN MORNING – Wingrave C.E. Combined School

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- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

(4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine...

- (5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- (6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

(7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine...

- (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.
- (11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women...

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Ascott stands on high ground with a view of the Chilterns across the Vale of Aylesbury. The 30 acre garden is a blend of the formal and natural with a remarkable collection of specimen trees and shrubs many of which were chosen for their autumn foliage

CZECH DAY

A church service, with The British Legion and representatives from the Czech and Slovak Embassies and villagers, opened the Village/Czech Festival on Sunday 24th June. Many people have contributed their time and efforts to make sure the event was a great success and many events have been organised to raise funds to pay for all the attractions. Everyone hoped that the weather would be kind and that the 'deluge' would stay away.

The Rec looked a picture with the marquees and the crowds who came to enjoy the music and games were not disappointed. Highlight of the afternoon was the flypast by a WW2 Spitfire from The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight accompanied with rousing music from The Great Horwood Band

The audience were treated to maypole dancing by children from Wingrave School. The result of the five-a-side football match between AA/Wingrave and the Czech/Slovak Embassies ended in a win for Wingrave this despite some strange decisions by the referee. The Karpaty Dancers from Slovak Dancing were a great success and managed to encourage many onlookers to join in.

The Sports for all ages were well contested by the younger members. Apple bobbing was popular its always fun to get wet. There were too many winners to mention but in the end every contestant got a prize. Unfortunately the weather did not really help us to entice any older contestants to take part.

Everyone agreed the day had been a great success.

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A recent report suggested we're getting ruder and more selfish (even committing that greatest of sins for the English - queue-jumping!), and many of us would love to be able to 'make a difference' and return to 'traditional values'. As the above story suggests, it's how we treat each other as individuals that can make that difference. We can make our society a better one, but we can only do it one person at a time and starting with giving our kids the best model we can.

So what is the best model? It's to follow the maker's instructions. If you've ever tried to make one of those model kits without following the instructions you'll know the result will be a bit of a 'pigs ear'! It's the same with our society. If we don't follow the maker's instructions, if we reject the idea of God and don't listen to the one who created his wonderful universe to evolve from a Big Bang to the glories of our planet, it ends up a mess. And what are the maker's (God's) instructions? We call them 'The Ten Commandments'.

At this point I know you may have started to loose interest. Surely, people say, the Ten Commandments are old hat, outdated, restrictive, a fairy tale, and impossible to keep anyway. But consider this list of our societies ailments:

The '**addiction**' of wanting what others have got (consumerism and globalisation) – God says: '**Do not covet!**'.

The '**uncertainty**' from cheating and lying, 'diving' to earn a penalty, using false number plates, not knowing if you can believe your partner – God says: '**Don't lie!**'.

The **worry** of break-ins or mugging – God says: '**Don't steal!**'

The **emotional trauma** from relationships breaking up, one-parent families, unwanted pregnancy – God says: '**Don't commit adultery!**' (sex with anyone after your 'first!')

The **Fear** of knife attack, of loosing loved ones through dangerous driving – God says: '**Don't murder!**'

The **lack of respect**, especially for the more senior folks – God says: '**Honour your father and mother!**'

The prevalence of **stress-related illness** – God says: '**keep the Sabbath!**' (you need a day off each week just to do nothing)

The **frustration** of trying to make sense of this life without God – God says: '**Don't misuse my name!**' (don't ignore him or insult him by turning our backs on him)

The **futility** of chasing after (worshipping) fame, fortune, the perfect car or a perfect body – God says: '**Don't make idols!**' (I'm the only one worth worshipping, only in me will you find fulfilment and meaning.)

The **darkness** of a loveless life – God says: '**have no gods but me!**' (God is love, and loves you to bits with a totally reliable, never-ending, intense, forgiving love – if you'll let him into *your* life)

It seems to me that, rather than being totally irrelevant, the Ten Commandments are **the only** 'instructions' that can make this world a wonderful place to live in – not surprising since they come from the Creator himself. During the summer we're exploring them every Sunday. So why not join us?

Shalom *Derek*

BRAIN TEASERS

Two ducks in front of a duck, two ducks behind a duck, one duck in the middle - How many ducks/

Two fathers and two sons go hunting. Each shoot one rabbit - How many rabbits were shot?

A man ate an egg each day. He did not have any chickens at home. He never bought, borrowed or stole chicken eggs. How is this possible?

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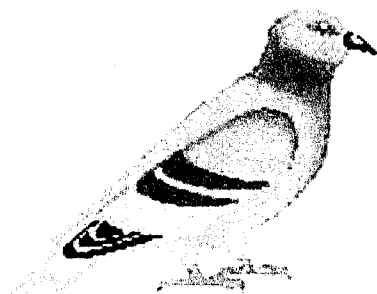
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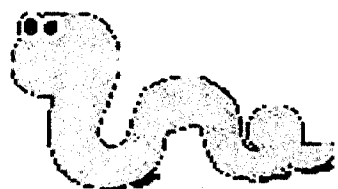
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SERVICES FOR JULY 2007

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

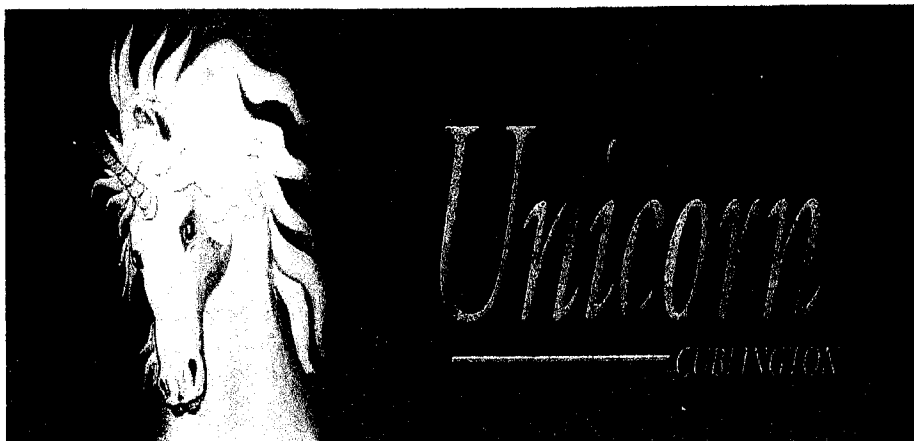
SUNDAY 1ST <i>Trinity 4</i>	Aston Abbotts	09.15	Morning Worship
	Cublington	09.15	Family Communion
	Wing	08.00 10.45	BCP Holy Communion People's Praise
	Wingrave	18.00	Songs of Praise
THURSDAY 5TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 8TH <i>Trinity 5</i>	Aston Abbotts	09.15	Holy Communion
	Cublington	09.15	Family Service
	Wing	09.15	Family Communion
	Wingrave	10.45	Family Communion
THURSDAY 12TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 15TH <i>Trinity 6</i>	Aston Abbotts	18.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wing	08.00 10.45	Holy Communion Holy Communion
	Wingrave	08.00 09.15	BCP Holy Communion People's Praise
THURSDAY 19TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 22ND <i>Trinity 7</i>	Aston Abbotts	18.00	Songs of Praise
	Cublington	09.15	Family Communion
	Wing	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.45	Holy Communion
THURSDAY 26TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 29TH <i>Trinity 8</i>	Cublington	10.00	4 Parishes Holy Communion
	Wing	18.00	'Fragments' a time of praise

Please note that Services for August may be subject to change - please check with Church.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

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

THURSDAY 2ND	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 5^H <i>Trinity 9</i>	Aston Abbotts	09.15	Morning Worship
	Cublington		at Aston Abbotts
	Wing	08.00 10.45	BCP Holy Communion People's Praise
	Wingrave	09.15	Holy Communion
THURSDAY 9^H	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 12^H <i>Trinity 10</i>	Aston Abbotts		at Cublington
	Cublington	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wing	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.45	Family Communion
THURSDAY 16TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 19TH <i>Trinity 11</i>	Aston Abbotts	18.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wing	08.00 10.45	Holy Communion Holy Communion
	Wingrave	08.00 09.15	BCP Holy Communion People's Praise
THURSDAY 23RD	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 26TH <i>Pentecost</i>	Aston Abbotts	18.00	Benefice Evensong
	Cublington	09.15	Family Service
	Wing	09.15	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.45	Holy Communion
THURSDAY 30TH	Wing	09.30	Holy Communion



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What's On In July/August

Thursday 5th	Coffee/Shop 10 - 12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Sunday 8th	Rambling Club Member Meet 2pm	Wilstone
Tuesday 10th	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting	County Hall
Thursday 12th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Saturday 14th	Astonbury 7.30pm	The Rec
Sunday 15th	Cream teas 3-5pm	Hulcot Church
Thursday 19th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Saturday 21st	Fete/Festival Floral Dispay/Teas	The Green St James Church
Sunday 22nd	Floral Display 2-5pm Songs of Praise 7.30pm	St James Church St James Church
Thursday 26th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Sunday 29th	Rambling Club Members Meet 2pm	Woburn
AUGUST		
Wednesday 1st	AVDC Childrens' Holiday Fun 11am	Church Room
Thursday 2nd	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon Whist 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Wednesday 8th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm	St James Church
Sunday 19th	Rambling Club Members Meet 2pm Anyone else welcome	The Green
Monday 27th	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 30th	Bucks County Show 8am	Weedon Park

Extract from The Chronicle 100 editions ago - things haven't changed much Ed.

(June 1998) Preparations are once again under way to ensure this year's Fete is a great success. The Fete 'committee' (mostly press ganged 'volunteers') have started beaver-ing away to organise this popular event and after only the second meeting it is clear that (if the weather is kind to us) it should be at least as good as last year's.

It has already been confirmed that both The Green and The Grove will be needed to house all the events and stalls. The church will be decorated in the manner of a flower festival, teas and refreshments served in the church room and the Bull & Butcher will be open 'all day'. In addition entertainment for all ages is being arranged and will include - a barbeque, skittles, tractor pull, tombola, pony rides, gifts, plant sales, bric-a-brac, barrel organ, Morris dancers, coconut shy, rides in a genuine 30's model 'T'.

Reprinted from 14th July Daily Telegraph - **Readers were asked to compose a piece of prose crammed with as many infuriating phrases as possible - I particularly liked this one, submitted by Nick Godfrey Ed**

I hear what you're saying but, with all due respect, It's not exactly rocket science. Basically, at the end of the day, the fact of the matter is you have got to be able to tick all the boxes. It's not the end of the world, but, to be perfectly honest with you, when push comes to shove, you don't want to be literally stuck between a rock and a hard place. Going forward we need to be singing from the same song

sheet but you can't see the wood from the trees. Naturally hindsight is 20/20 vision and you have to take the rough with the smooth before proceeding onwards and upwards. The bottom line is you wear your heart on your sleeve and, when all is said and done, this is all part and parcel of the ongoing bigger picture. *C'est la vie* (if you know what I mean).

Address

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

Email submissions to:

editor@achronicle.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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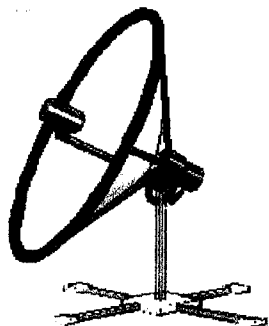


Ruby Baggins – Springer Spaniel of the Parish - would like someone to walk her for 45 minutes or so for 3 week days each week.

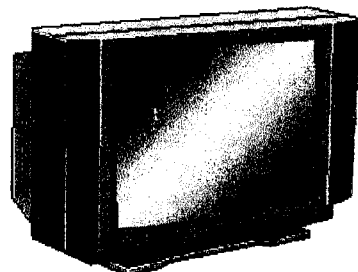
If you're interested then please contact Simon Guy on 07795 548666 or come and meet Ruby! She resides at 3 Church Row.

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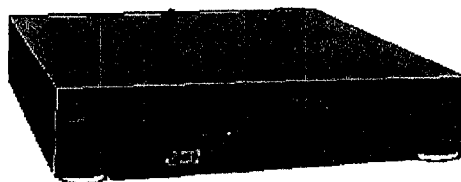


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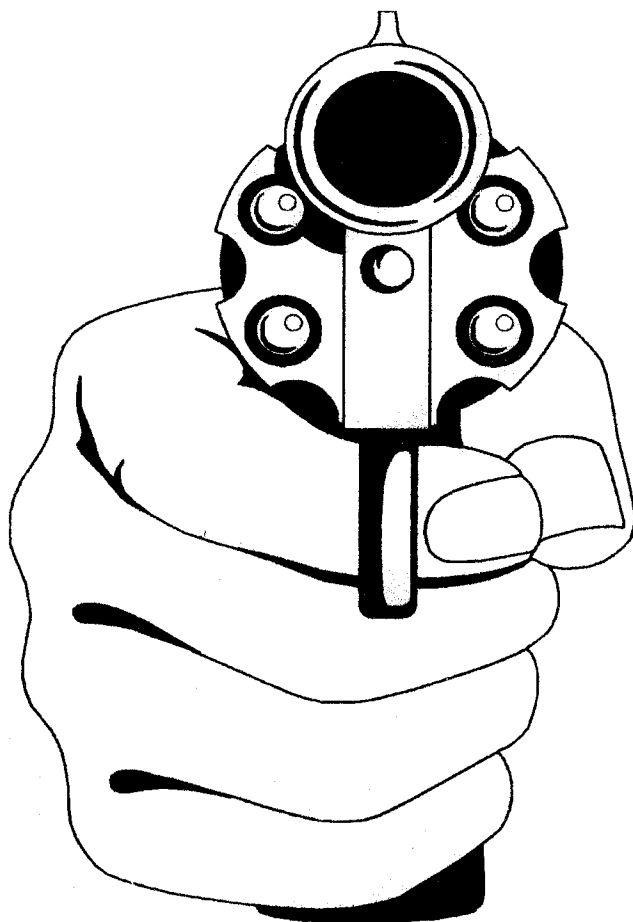


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