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Editorial

We had a full house on Christmas and Boxing Day. Our four children and their partners and another family that included a visiting parent from Australia. Our dogs have had the pleasure of one of my daughter's dog to keep them on their toes - they had to be vigilant at all times to ensure that no scrap or dropped piece of food was missed.

With the reorganisation of the parish duties of our vicar Derek Witchell we start the New Year with a new vicar, the Reverend Michelle Morton.

The local authority have done very little gritting of the local roads. During the cold spell Lines Hill and Moat Lane were very treacherous. There have been a couple of accidents - one car was reportedly on its roof at the bottom of the Hill. Being a bus route I would have expected the road to be gritted. The workings of Aylesbury Vale are indeed mysterious.

I was subtly asked to be absent when the GNOMES had their Christmas get together at our house. I played golf that afternoon and having consumed too much alcohol to drive home stayed with friends overnight. I'm pleased to say that on my return there were no signs of damage or unruly behaviour.

I arranged a family outing to see 'Joseph and his amazing technicolour dream coat'. Sorry to say that none of us really enjoyed it. A lot of unintelligible singing with rather minimal scenery and props. Not up to the normal Andrew Lloyd Weber standards. The show finished on a high note but that's the best bit - I remember enjoying the show when it was first performed some 30? Years ago.

Judy treated me to a two day visit to Bruges via Eurostar. Bruges is otherwise known as the Venice of the North and lived up to that description. Fabulous city; if you haven't been then I recommend a trip

For this year's Chronicle I'm proposing to use photos of the village for the front cover. If you have a picture you'd like to submit please send me an email with the photo attached.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.



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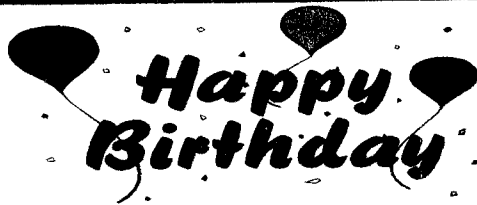
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Don't forget to tell us about your birthdays, anniversaries, etc, so that we can send you a greeting in the Gossip Column

New Year's greetings to all friends and families of Margaret & Tony Hinds and Sally & Nigel Palmer.

Get Wells to Anne Dicken and Sharon Wilkinson who are both recovering from abdominal surgery. Pleased to report that Rita is making a good recovery following the after effects of a stomach bug.

The Gnomes Christmas party was held at Judy Hardcastle's this year and we would all like to thank her very much for her hard work and hospitality. Despite the freezing weather it was well attended. The food was of the usual high standard and the drink flowed.

Colin, Natalie & Mervyn wish to thank everyone who sent donations in memory of their mother. The grand total of £1135 will go toward the new Church path. *Colin Higgs*

Nigel & Sally Palmer wish all their friends in Aston Abbots a very Happy New Year. As usual we sent no cards within the village this Christmas but made a donation to charity instead.

Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning.

The wonderful group of people that came to the Church Room for their usual "shop and chat" coffee morning on 29th November managed to raise £150 to be donated to Macmillan Cancer Care to help fund their wonderful nurses. The normal price for refreshments is 30p but on this occasion everyone was asked to pay £1 for their coffee and cake. This they willingly did and purchased endless amounts of raffle tickets thus raising this massive sum.

We were delighted to welcome a group of cyclists from Berkhamsted who came to enjoy our refreshments and they were kind enough to make a goodly donation.

A cheque was presented to the Rowsham Band, who donate any money received when they play at various events to the Macmillan Cancer Care, at the Christingle Service on 16th December. *April Curnow*

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Ellwood (*copy to Editor*)

I refer to the article in the December issue of the Aston Abbotts Chronicle and, after reading it several times, offer the following comments.

Whilst I would fully support and wish you luck with the Aston Abbotts Parish Plan, I cannot help but feel it will in the end be a complete waste of time and money. The article states that - **A Parish Plan is a locally inspired vision of how a village should develop; in essence it is an aspiration of how we would like our village to be and that village opinion should play a significant part in that development.** Sounds very grand, and who could not support it, but will our wishes really be truly considered.

I give you a very recent excellent example of the sort of thing I am trying to say.

We, that is the whole village of Aston Abbotts and the immediate surrounding area, objected most energetically to a Planning Application for an 18,000 bird Chicken Farm located within 1/2 mile of the village, immediately adjacent to 3 properties and very close to a further 10 or so dwellings.

There were over 100 letters of objection which is the most AVDC had ever had opposing a planning application and for the first time ever they had to hire the Aylesbury Civic Centre for a Planning Control Committee Meeting because so many people wanted to attend.

This application was also opposed by our Parish Council, and involved our MP John Bercow and local councillor Quentin Ings-Chambers. As well as all the letters I sent to the planning officer,

Bill Nicholson and his boss Norman Skedge, I also sent a letters to the Prime Minister, David Cameron. Sir Menzies Campbell and AVDC Chief Executive Richard Carr all of whom appeared not to be interested.

Because all our objections were getting us nowhere with a planning department that appeared to have already made their decision, the residents living nearby at their own expense, employed a lawyer to fight theirs and indirectly our corner but to no avail. None of our well founded objections were considered and AVDC granted planning permission. It is only because of these residents appealing that this Farm in not up and running yet for which we are all very grateful. To rub salt in the wound a local councillor at the planning hearing even said something like they are pretty birds and a few of them would not be a problem. What chance have we of this Parish Plan succeeding when a councillor who voted for the application could not grasp the concept of the size of the Farm, its location, 18,000 birds and all the problems associated with them.

My point is that while the whole village and surrounding area were opposed to this development, nobody in government or AVDC would listen or even truly consider our objections. We feel our village is now blighted with houses that when they do go up for sale take a long time to sell.

Do you really think that this Parish Plan will make any difference. I hope it will and that it will be made to work. But I think that in the end AVDC will do exactly as they please, irrespective of what we aspire to. *Fred Paul*

Dear Mr Paul

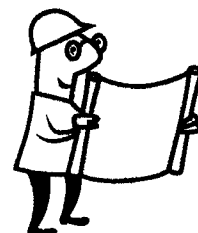
Thank you for your input and good wishes. I share your scepticism over AVDC approach to planning issues; I was closely involved in the Chicken Farm debacle and have witnessed their tactics at close range.

The Parish Plan, I think, addresses slightly different issues; it attempts to influence long term plans at their conception rather than opposing current projects. It could be argued that AVDC will adopt the same approach but taking the 'do nothing option' would play into the hands of the Council and, therefore, we must do something. The key is to be realistic, identify and address issues that we can influence and discard those we cannot.

I value your comments and would be grateful for your continued input as the plan progresses. *Peter Ellwood*

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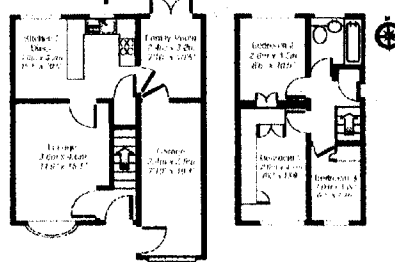
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council Wednesday 5th November 2007

Present: - Cllrs. C Higgs, D Dicken, R Clarke, K Curry, J Hardcastle, P Shorrocks, A Stefanczyk and P Bruton (Clerk). There were three members of the public in attendance.

It was reported to the meeting that we had received notification of the proposed re-organisation of the Mursley Deanery. The current proposal will mean that Aston Abbotts would no longer be part of the Wingrave benefice and we would be linked with Cublington, Stewkley and Soulbury. It was agreed that we should write to the Reverend J Waller, with copies to the Arch Deacon and Bishop in support of the PCC and on behalf of the community to express our concern over the proposed changes.

The recent Police surgery meeting had been better attended. We had suggested a return to attending the Parish Council meeting were advised that the Police wished to continue with the current approach for at least a year. The main area covered by the Surgery concerned the level of burglaries and the need for increased awareness.

It was noted that the kerb repairs had been completed.

We had received a letter from the Fire Authority requesting details of potential events that may require audits in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. It was agreed to seek advice from BALC in case the Annual Fete and Astonbury were considered notifiable events.

The meeting was updated on the current progress regarding the lease on the Church rooms and it was noted that the date for spending the Section 106 monies was July 2009. There followed a discussion on what the monies could be spent on and proposals were considered. It was agreed that we should contact the Solicitors to obtain up to date position on the lease. It was further agreed that the legal documentation would be checked for a possible definition of "improvements" that the monies could be assigned to. It was also agreed the matter would be included on next month's Agenda for a decision on how the monies would be spent and a date for action.

It was reported that there was a further meeting of the Village Plan Group scheduled for week commencing 10th December. There had been no further volunteers to take part, and there was a questionnaire available to use as part of the process.

We had received a reply to our objections to the proposed Switching off of Street lights – Phase 2. Buckinghamshire County Council had noted our concerns but felt that the enhancement measures they would introduce would maintain safety and in any event that conditions would be monitored throughout the trial period.

It was reported that work on six of the streetlights had been ordered. We had sufficient funds for a further six and we should budget to have the remaining lights replaced over the next 2 years. It was agreed that the priority of lights to be repaired would be decided by members of the Council.

The quotes received for the clearance of the work on the Recreation Ground were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to negotiate with the preferred supplier.

It was confirmed we had applied for a grant in respect of the above mentioned clearance work, and at this stage it was agreed to include the full amount in the budget.

The budget for 2008/09 was reviewed and various expense categories were reviewed and amended as appropriate. It was agreed the amended figures would be circulated and the budget finalised when the outcome of the grant application is known

It was agreed that the dates of the future meetings would be:

Wednesday 16th January 2008 Wednesday 27th February 2008 Wednesday 9th April 2008

It was agreed to set the dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

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You stand next to a fan

What do you get if you cross a bear with a skunk?

Winnie the Pooh

How do fish travel to school?

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What is the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?

Your teeth

What do you call a woman far away? Dot

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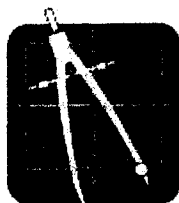
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Nothing happened. Well, it didn't on my allotment anyway.

So I thought I'd fill up the space with some more stuff about the history of allotments. I mentioned in an earlier article the fact that allotments as we now know them began with the Allotment Acts of the 19th Century and early 20th Century. However I have now discovered that allotments go back much earlier than this. There are some small Celtic fields (dating back to about 100 B.C.) near Lands End in Cornwall, that are still used as allotments to the present day, but it was in Anglo-Saxon times (around 1000 A.D.) that we discover the first "allotted" pieces of land. A community would clear the woodland that then covered much of England, and the land thus liberated for cultivation was then shared out between the members of the community.

Between this period and around 1500, the communal pattern of land owning persisted, but increasingly the land came into the hands of the Church, monasteries and manorial lords. However, come the Reformation in the mid-16th Century, the Church and monasteries had their lands confiscated, but this did not mean that the man in the (village) street acquired more of it: it generally fell into the hands of the robber barons – some of whose descendants still sit in the House of Lords today.



Then, in the reign of Elizabeth I, manorial land was enclosed and commoners were compensated with allotments of land attached to their cottages. In these days, of course, the allotment was more a means of survival than a recreation or an alternative to the supermarket.

At the end of the 18th Century and early 19th Century there were many more enclosures, especially as a result of private Acts of Parliament which allowed this, which led to considerable unrest among the labouring classes. By 1845, the fear of a peasant revolt led to the General Enclosure Act. Commissioners travelled the length and breadth of the country authorising enclosures, on condition that land was set aside as allotments. However the full weight of the law was required to ensure there were enough allotments to keep the working classes fed. Then from 1887 onwards the pendulum swung back in favour of the common man; there came the various Allotment Acts about which I have already written, by which local councils were put under a statutory duty to provide land for cultivation as long as it was not required for commercial purposes, and these acts led to the allotments that we still have today.

We allotmenters need no longer fear our allotments being purloined by robber barons or ecclesiastical authorities, but of course we face a new threat: the risk of someone deciding (and persuading the powers that be) that our allotments would make a good site for a new housing development. I do not think there is any chance of this happening here in Aston Abbots, but this has happened in many parts of the country.

Well, I think that's it for 2007: I hope you all had a good Christmas; and may I wish you all a Happy New Year. *Peter*

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Public Launch and Presentation of the A418 Alternatives Report

by it's author Tom Cohen from Steer Davies Gleave followed by a Question and Answer session.

Bucks CC will be present to answer questions and to give an update on the various options for the A418. Stephen Joseph OBE, Director of Campaign for Better Transport will chair the meeting.

The Alternatives report was commissioned by South Beds FoE,
with the support of Aylesbury Vale FoE and Bucks CC .

The meeting is hosted by Wing Parish Council

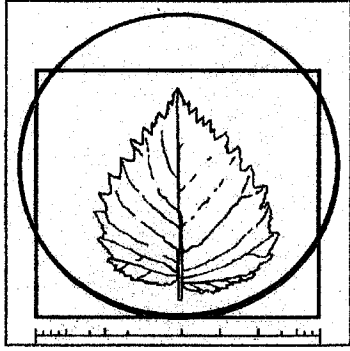
Green Scene – An opportunity to solve problems along the A418

Over the past 18 months Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth (AVFoE) has been working with South Bedfordshire FoE on the future of the A418 north of Aylesbury. The 'A418 Improvement scheme' proposed by Bucks CC in the summer of 2006 consisted of four route options of bypasses around Wing and Rowsham. The public consultation created a lot of NIMBY opposition as all routes traversed through or near other villages, as well as support and proposals for modification. However, AVFoE took the stance that any major road building scheme was highly undesirable and unsustainable and other options had to be investigated. This led to major fund raising to commission various reports from top transport consultants.

The first report was written by a very well respected consultant and government advisor. He looked at the modeling work (the traffic models etc) Bucks CC had done on the proposed road scheme and whether they had followed Government guidelines. One noted shortcoming was an incomplete evaluation of the impacts of improved public transport and other sustainable transport measures along A418 corridor. Following this report, South Beds FoE supported by AVFoE commissioned a scoping report to see what could be covered and the cost involved in commissioning a much more detailed study into how alternative transport measures along the A418 would compare in outcome to major road schemes. Dialogue and meetings between FOE and Bucks CC officers followed. The end result was that local FoE groups and Bucks CC agreed to enter into a working partnership which was '*practically unheard of*' (Alternatives Report). Together they commissioned an Alternatives Report on the A418 costing £40K! It has been quite some achievement for the local FoE groups to raise £20K. Thanks to national networking by the local FoE groups with the support of Campaign for Better Transport, top sustainable transport experts were invited to join the steering group, along with officers of Bucks CC and FoE representatives.

However in October, Bucks CC made an announcement that due to several significant changes in Government guidance, there were many uncertainties surrounding the making of a decision on a solution for the A418 corridor. One of the significant changes in Government guidelines was the funding implications for Bucks CC as the new draft guidance stated that BCC would have to find at least £8 million to fund this road scheme (10% contribution). Therefore before any decision could be made the County Council would have to agree to fund this amount. There is also the issue that in order for the road scheme to get funding from the government it has to be recommended by the region (in our case the South East Region) as a priority for the whole region. At present it is not in the top list of priorities for the SE region, however the priority list is due to be refreshed at the beginning of 2008 and therefore it is unknown whereabouts in the list the scheme will be placed. However it is unlikely to be funded in the near future.

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GREEN SCENE

What is the key concern for the local FoE groups is that something is done as soon as possible to alleviate the many problems and issues faced daily by people living and travelling along the A418 corridor. Inaction is not an option.

So what does this Alternatives Report suggest? Firstly the Report goes right back to the beginning and spells out what objectives any package of measures should achieve so that they can transparently be measured against any scheme. The objectives in the report differ slightly from those of the road scheme as they include social inclusion as a main objective. This was added due to increasing local concern for the isolation of elderly and young people in the villages due to lack of public transport.

The report then goes on to list the constraints operating. In the past the justification for building a road has largely been assessed on a time saving (saving in minutes and seconds) and a reduction in accidents, but in this time of increased car ownership, environmental and health impacts, there are far more factors that need to come into the equation. One needs to know how much of the traffic is local and how much is through traffic and work out how to reduce the number of cars and HGVs through the villages. The measures looked at in the Report include, frequent high quality buses both to railway stations and to urban centres, demand responsive taxi buses, increasing the safety for pedestrians and cyclists within Wing, Rowsham and Bierton, making sure travel plans are in place and followed and looking at the feasibility of minor road improvement within Wing itself and along the A418.

The Report uses a new computer assessment tool that feeds different packages of measures into a computer programme and weighs them up against the objectives and constraints. This is an exciting and new way of transparently weighing up the benefits and disbenefits of a transport scheme, so that everybody can understand the decisions making process and what weight is being given to different factors by the decision makers. The report examines and questions the way that the government funds sustainable transport and appraises road schemes. The Report is being released to the public at the beginning of January and a **public meeting is planned at Wing Village Hall on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30pm.** Please come along to discover the interesting findings of this research. This Report could well have national significance.

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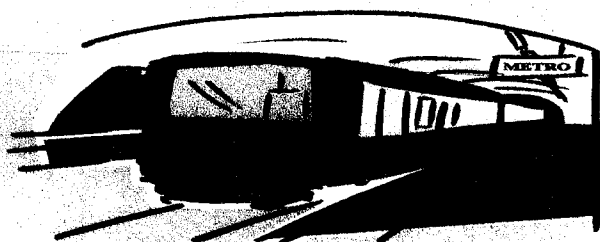
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any.'

3) 'Do you want the good news first or the bad news? The good news is that last Friday was my birthday and I hit the town and had a great time. The bad news is that there is a points failure somewhere between Stratford and East Ham, which means we probably won't reach our destination.'

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5) 'We are now travelling through Baker Street... As you can see, Baker Street is closed. It would have been nice if they had actually told me, so I could tell you earlier, but no, they don't think about things like that'.

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7) During an extremely hot rush hour on the Central Line, the driver announced in a West Indian drawl: 'Step right this way for the sauna, ladies and gentleman... unfortunately, towels are not pro-

1st Wingrave Scout Group

For the first time for very many years we will be starting the New Year with no Scout meetings running in the village. Although we have leaders running a Beaver Scout section and Cub Scouts, the Scouts (aged 11-14) have had to close. There have been no volunteers to take over from our long serving Group leader Jeff Pollard, who is standing down after over ten years service and from Julia Ellis who ran the Scout section.

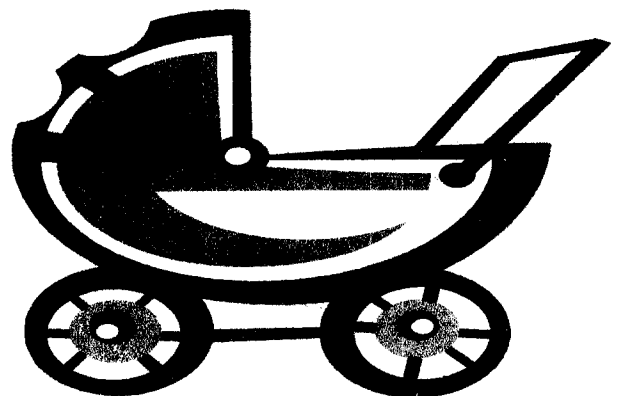
The 1st Wingrave Scout Group serves the villages of Wingrave, Cublington, Aston Abbots and Rowsham and comprises over 50 boys and girls from the villages. At the end of the year in which the Scout Movement celebrates its centenary, it is a shame that the older age group has been forced to close in our village because of a lack of volunteers!

If you can spare the time to be involved for the Scouts of these villages, full support and training will be given. Please contact Jeff Pollard on 01296 625454.

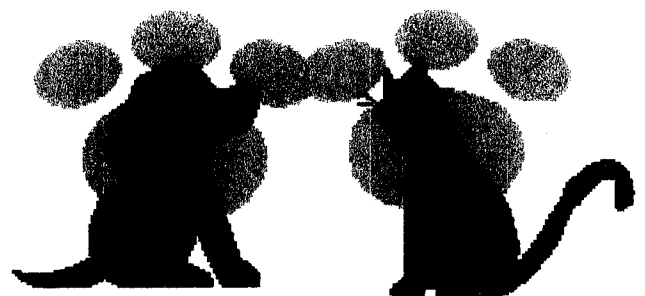
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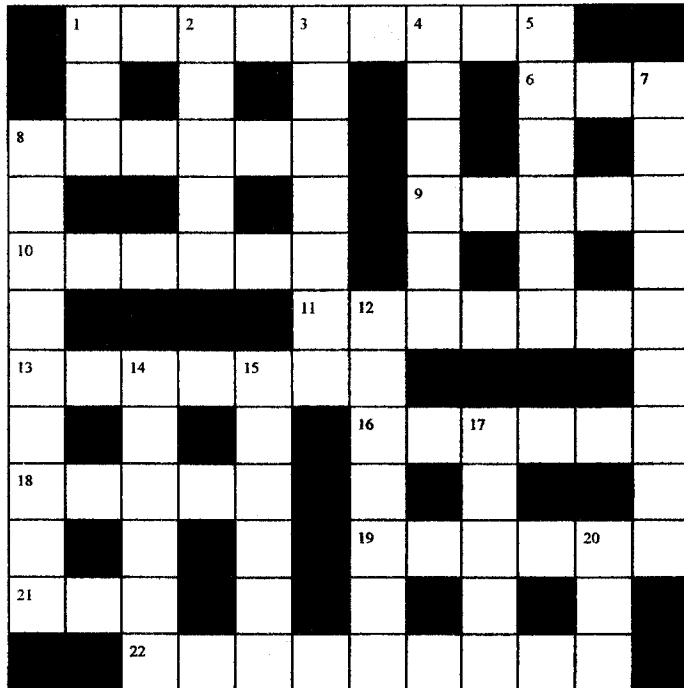


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The Chronicle Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Goldcrest 6 Asp 8 Morsel
 9 Along 10 Naboom
 11 Baklava 13 Emotion
 16 Goblet 18 Infer Lunacy
 21 Sen 22 Delicious

DOWN

- 1 Goo 2 Lasso 3 Colombo
 4 Embark 5 Tacoma
 7 Pageantry 8 Mince pies
 12 Angelic 14 Offend
 15 Israel 17 Banjo 20 Cos

ACROSS

- 1 Coarse herb (9)
 6 White linen vestment (3)
 8 Damage/weaken (6)
 9 Seasons greetings (5)
 10 Region of central France (6)
 11 See 10 across (3-4)
 13 Lower part screws (7)
 16 Wade in sea (6)
 18 Balkan state known for olive oil (5)
 19 Moored boat (6)
 21 Small drink (3)
 22 Mixed up (9)

DOWN

- 1 Old type cleaning powder (3)
 2 Cook (5)
 3 Stuck on the bottom (7)
 4 Type of nut (6)
 5 Type of bird (5)
 7 Girls partner (9)
 8 Restless (9)
 12 Two handed sword (7)
 14 Show connection (6)
 15 Missing (6)
 17 Design on metal surface (5)
 20 Finished (3)

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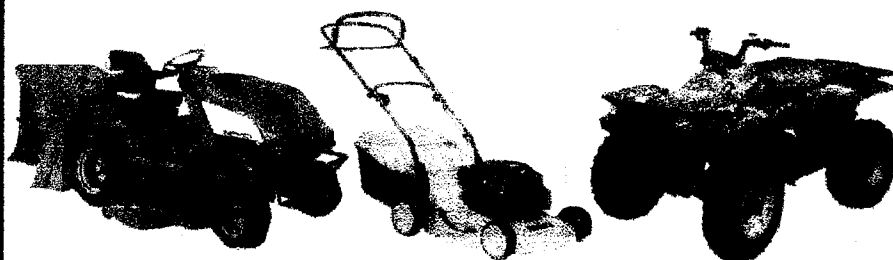
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CHRISTINGLE and CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas Service held in our Church on the 16th December was as usual very well attended, with every pew, and all the additional seating in use. The Rev. Derek Witchell took the service and it proved to be very much family orientated and extremely enjoyable. With the Rowsham Band provided rousing music for all the carols, even 'non singers' like myself were able to join in.

Christmas readings were given by Peter Shorrocks, Peter Knight and George Copping. The congregation so enjoyed the way in which George read his rather lengthy passage that he was spontaneously applauded.

'Christingles' were handed out (mostly just to the children) in kit form and assembled as Derek explained their significance. The highlight was perhaps when the candles were lit, and the church lights turned off while the children sang 'Away in a manger'.

All in all, a very appropriate, pleasant and festive way to start the Christmas celebrations.

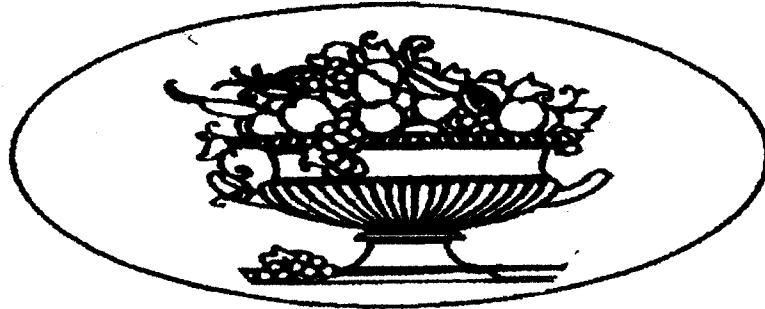


What do you call a ghost that haunts TV chat shows? *The Phantom of the Oprah!*

What do you call a teacher with earplugs? *Anything you like - he can't hear you!*

What do gorillas sing at Christmas time? *Jungle bells, Jungle Bells!*

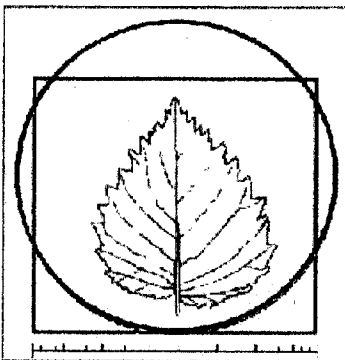
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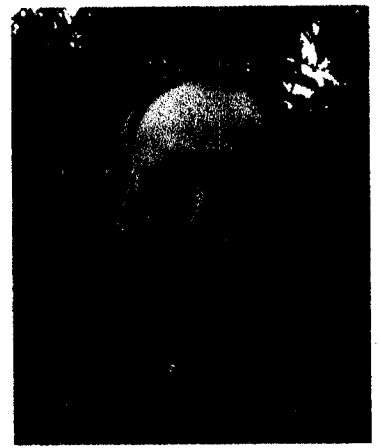
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View from the Vicarage.....

A New Year, like the loss of a loved one, can cause us to take a long look at the place we find ourselves in. George Carlin, a U.S. comedian of the 70's and 80's who lost his wife recently, writes eloquently about the place he finds himself in. I offer it for you to ponder.....



“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.”

Shalom *Derek*

(this is possibly Derek's last 'View from the Vicarage'. The Revd Michelle Morton takes over 1st January 2008. Ed)

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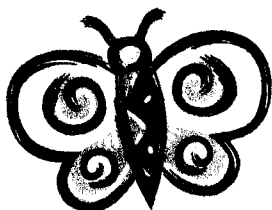
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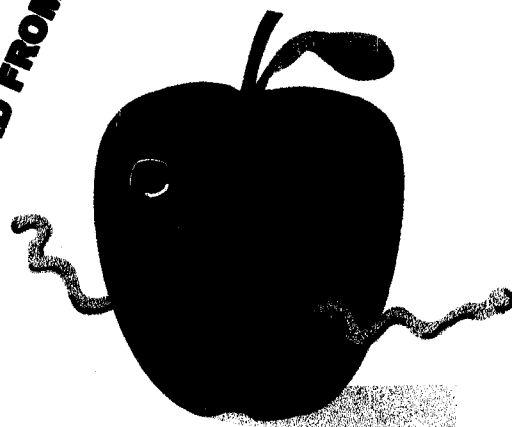
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Wednesday 9th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 10th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Saturday 12th	Rambling Club New Year Party 7pm	Link House
Sunday 13th	Village Footpath Walk (to Wing) 2pm	The Green
Wednesday 16th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
	Parish Council 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 17th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 23rd	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Tuesday 24th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 27th	Evensong 3pm	St James Church
Wednesday 30th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 31st	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	

Address

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SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY

GOSPEL CHOIR

ST JAMES CHURCH

7pm

(Tickets on sale early Feb)



NEW YEAR

REFUSE COLLECTIONS



Normal Day

Revised Day

Thursday 3rd January Saturday 5th January

Thursday 10th January Friday 11th January

Then back to normal schedule

If you have any questions about refuse collections

Call 01296 585510

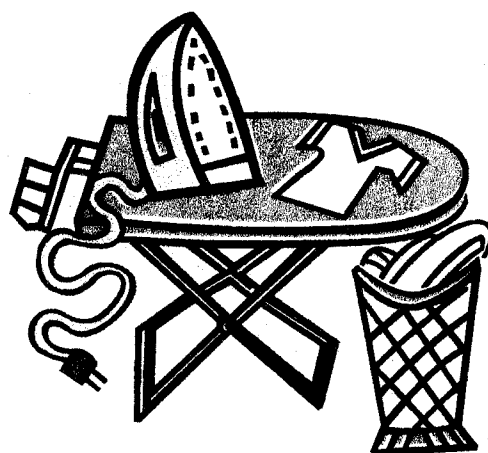


CHRISTMAS RUBBISH

Extra rubbish can be taken to household waste sites in Buckingham and Aylesbury. Christmas trees, cardboard, cans and glass can also be taken there. Christmas cards can be taken to shops like WH Smith & Tesco, as they can't go in your paper recycling box.

Christmas wrapping paper cannot be recycled or composted either because of sticky tape, glitter and foil.

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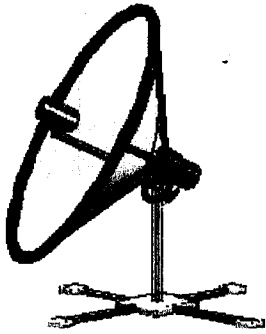
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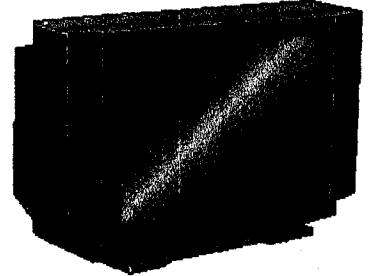
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