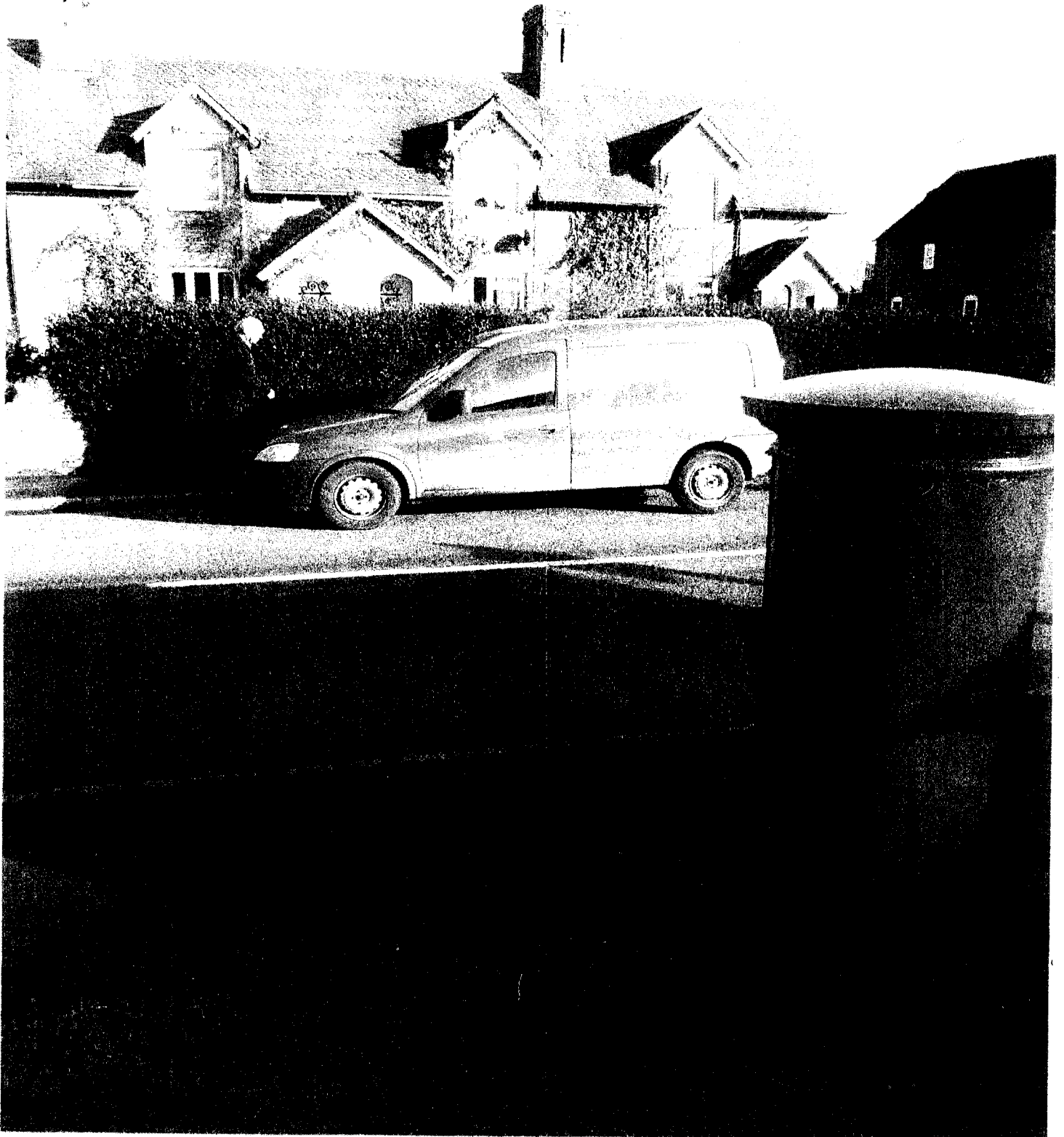


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# Editorial

Reading an article in the press spurred me on to buy two elm saplings to be planted in my Wild Bit. They are reputedly the only elm cultivar that has a proven tolerance to Dutch Elm disease (*Ulmus americana* 'Princeton'). I recall Peter Knight commenting that the views over the Vale of Aylesbury were very different when the hedge lines had their full quota of elms. The elms are only three feet tall at the moment but I would like to think they might grow into mature specimens. Another tree I've planted is our Christmas Tree. I hope that survives as well.

We've certainly had a lot of rain. The ponds in my Wild Bit are full to overflowing and the ground is completely saturated.

To try and determine the choice of wines for our daughter's wedding some intrepid local wine-tasters from the village ploughed their way through 9 bottles of white and 9 bottles of red, all washed down with cheese and biscuits etc at a wine tasting at Marloes. The results are shown in detail on page 21, if you are interested. Nearly all the wines came from Majestic Wine - there were a couple of additional ones from Waitrose but I imagine they are available from many other outlets.

There were some interesting comments on the tasting sheets - a couple saying that 'The sloe gin was better than any of them!' and 'Love the sloe gin John!' My error was to leave a decanter in view - such was the dedication of the tasters that they had to try everything. One sampler identified himself as 'Wine Connesseur Extraordinaire' - spelling not being one of his other attributes. Bottle 17 on one sheet was noted as 'not available - some bugger drank it all'.

I attended the meeting in Wing when the A418 improvements were discussed. Friends of the Earth with Bucks County Council tried to discuss the alternatives to the bypass (lack of funding for the new road probably means it will not happen before 2016/18). The hall was packed and everyone there seemed frustrated that nothing was going to happen for the foreseeable future. Peter Cooper's words, principally addressed to Councillor Letheren of BCC, were well received - he wanted her to press for a review of the funding decisions taken to date. My overall view is that progress is likely to be slow.

*John Hardcastle*

*In This Issue*

- Allotment Diary
- Crossword
- What's on in February
- Countryside Matters
- Colin Higgs Quiz Night

Front cover shows Graham, one of our postman, on his round on The Green. *If you have a photo of our village you'd like to submit for the front cover then please let the Ed have a copy - contrasty photos are best - our printing facilities are limited.*

Please support Tara when she runs the Flora London Marathon raising funds for 'Beating Bowel Cancer'.

See page 16 for details.

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# Alison's Gossip Column

Happy Birthday

## February

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Ivy Brandon	5 <sup>th</sup>
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Andy Garton	9 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher Ellis	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Copping	10 <sup>th</sup>
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Dana King	14 <sup>th</sup>
Irene Lowden	18 <sup>th</sup>
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Sally Dutton	22 <sup>nd</sup>
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Fred Poulter	24 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Wheaton	25 <sup>th</sup>
Nikita Dowdell	25 <sup>th</sup>

## VALENTINES DAY

*Hope I get at least one card*

*Ed*

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

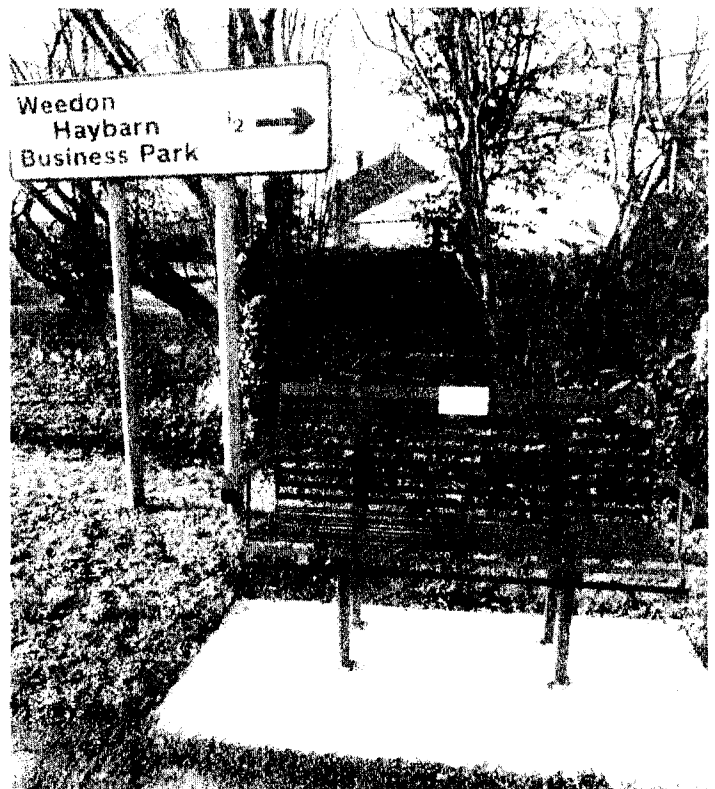
Huge Congratulations to Irene Lowden who is 80 this month.

Also congrats to Tony Hinds who has turned 60.

Andy and Becky Swain had a baby girl at SMH on 19<sup>th</sup> January weighing 6lbs 14ozs. More Congratulations. A little sister for Mia.

A Landmark many will appreciate – the scaffolding has disappeared at Paul and Trinna's!

Gossip's always better when it's at the expense of someone else! So I can't reveal the identity of the well known personality who arrived at the airport with only her Pink Radley passport holder but no passport! And yes she did miss her flight, had to come home and then go back later! Thank Goodness she has such an understanding husband at home!



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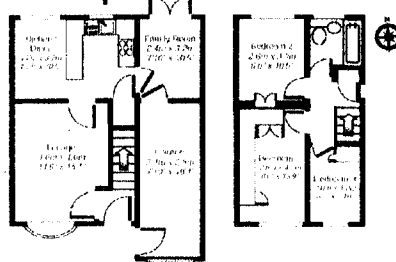
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## **Aston Abbotts Parish Council**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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

It was agreed that circulars/posters should be posted in the Parish Notice Board if appropriate to the Local Community, and if space allowed arrange for publication in the Chronicle.

The meeting was updated on the current progress regarding the lease on the Church rooms and confirmed a meeting had recently taken place between our Solicitor and representatives of the Church and he was awaiting their report.

The meeting was advised that having reviewed the documentation there was no definition of the work improvements and as a result it was felt the monies could be assigned to the items highlighted at last month's meeting. It was **AGREED** that 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 noted that we had received notification that the Planning applications 07/03138/APP and 07/03140/ALB in respect of Church Farm House, Church Row had been withdrawn.

The Planning Committee notified the Council of the following decisions that had been made at the Sub Committee meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008:

07/03414/AGN (R.G. Towle, Windmill Hill Barns, Moat Lane)

Erection of Barn to Store Machinery.

**RESOLVED** to oppose this application.

It was reported that at the recent meeting it had been agreed that P Elwood would draft a consultation questionnaire for review at the next Village Plan meeting with a view to circulating to residents in the near future.

The meeting was advised that we submitted our application for funding under the Local Committee Delegated Budget Scheme for a footpath to the Wingrave cross roads. We had received an acknowledgement from Bucks CC

It was **AGREED** a new Inspection Record form was required following changes in the equipment on the Recreation Ground. The inspection had been carried out and we were awaiting quotes for the repairs to the fencing and gate.

It was **AGREED** that R Clarke and A Stefanczyk would meet with the preferred supplier to agree the scope of works and a revised quotation in respect of the clearance of the recently acquired land.

It was reported to the meeting that discussions had taken place with the suppliers of the Aerial runway, which required remedial works, as they had indicated any works would be chargeable. An independent review had been sent by our Inspector and as result GB Sports had, as a good will gesture agreed to re-set the loose leg at no cost. We had requested a copy of the Installation Guarantee for our records. We were awaiting contact from GB Sports to agree scope of works and a date for the repairs to take place.

It was confirmed that we had received notification of approval of our grant application in respect of the above mentioned clearance work in the sum of £1,000. The documents were handed to the Parish Clerk for completion of the relevant forms.

The budget for 2008/09 was reviewed and the Parish Precept **AGREED**.

The dates for the meetings for 2008 were **AGREED** and P Bruton would email details to all.

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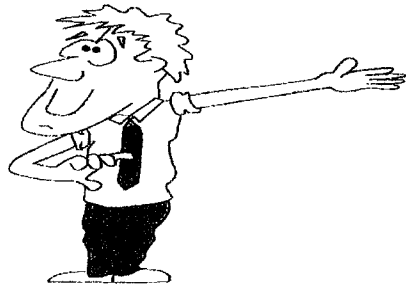
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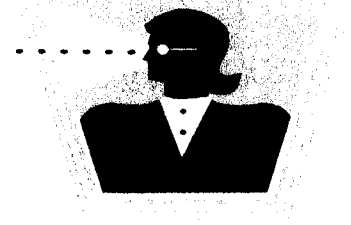
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- June 17th Garden party



**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Ladies Club held it's first meeting of 2008 in the Church Room. 17 members and 2 guests were present. The minutes were read and signed. Joan Alexander, our Chairman, welcomed today's speaker Mr. Richard Revels, who had come along to give a talk and slide show about the animals and birds of the Falkland Islands. His photography was stunning and narration excellent and he was thanked by Carol Morris.

Today's tea hostesses were June Loader and Margaret Hinds, and Margaret Hinds won the raffle.

*Shirley Ford*

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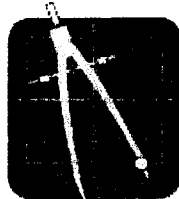
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## ALLOTMENT DIARY

It was my sister-in-law who unwittingly gave me the idea for this article. She had just returned from France and was telling us how she had wanted to buy some parsnips while she was there, but could not remember the French name. In the end she pointed at some and asked what they were called in French; and was told that the local word for them was "l'ancienne" – the ancient vegetable – clearly the vegetable that was used before the new-fangled potato was introduced (or the pomme de terre, as the French call it: the apple of the earth). This set me thinking how little I knew about where our English names for vegetables had come from; and I have accordingly done a bit of research. I list below some of the more interesting word histories I unearthed.

### **Artichoke**

There are, as you probably know, two sorts of artichoke: the globe artichoke and the Jerusalem artichoke. The former has a flower-head that you eat; while with the latter it is the underground tuber that is eaten. I was unable to discover why both plants have the same name, since they are not related. The globe artichoke was the first to arrive in England, in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, and the name is a corruption of the Italian "*articiocco*". (the "*ci*" is pronounced "*ch*"). The Jerusalem artichoke arrived in the following century, but it has nothing to do with Jerusalem. The plant was called in Italian "*girasole articiocco*", and since the word "*girasole*", (which means "sunflower", because the plant is related to the Sunflower family), was incomprehensible to English speakers, it got changed into "*Jerusalem*".

### **Asparagus**

This comes from the old Greek "*asparagos*". The most interesting thing about this name is that in many parts of the country it was for some time called "*sparrow-grass*" – again an attempt to corrupt the name to words that the people growing the vegetable recognised.

### **Bean**

The name is remarkably still the same as that used for the plant in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Beetroot**

This is a nice bit of tautology. The word "*beet*" comes from an old Germanic word meaning an edible root – and then we have tacked the more modern word "root" on the end.

### **Cabbage**

This is derived from a 14<sup>th</sup> Century French word "*carboche*", meaning "head". However, it is interesting to discover that the First World War slang word for a German soldier – "*Boche*" – comes from the same root, by way of an old French slang word "*Alboche*", which was a play on the French word for German, *Allemand*.

### **Cauliflower**

The French word for this vegetable was "*choux fleuri*" (cabbage flower), which became adopted in English, but the word "*choux*" then got changed to "*cauli*", because "cole" is an old English word for cabbage.

### **Courgette**

A direct steal from the French: a "*courge*" is a gourd, and a courgette is a little gourd.

### **Garlic**

From the old 12<sup>th</sup> Century English "*garleac*", where "*gar*" means "spear", and "*leac*" means "leek". (Garlic and leeks are of course both members of the same, onion, family). The "spears" are apparently the cloves of garlic forming part of the bulb. The leek is clearly a very old and wide-spread vegetable: the word is almost the same in modern German, Finnish and Russian.

### **Lettuce**

This derives from an old 12<sup>th</sup> Century French word, which in turn came from the Latin word "*lac*" meaning "milk" – which alludes to the plant's milky juice.

### **Marrow**

The word "marrow" comes from old German, and the original sense was the fatty substance found in the cavity of bones, which was said to be highly rich and nutritious. For some reason the word was extended to this vegetable in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, when it was originally called "vegetable marrow". I cannot imagine why, since in my view it is a far from rich and nutritious vegetable!

### **Onion**

This comes from the old French "*oignon*", and this in turn is derived from a Latin root connected with the word "*unus*" meaning "one"; and the same root gives us the modern word "union" – the connection being the united layers of the vegetable: as you remove one layer of an onion, you have a perfect, identical onion underneath.

### **Parsnip**

Derived from a 14/15<sup>th</sup> Century French word "*panais*"; and the suffix "nip" was added by association with the existing words "neep" and "turnip"

### **Pea**

The interesting thing about this 17<sup>th</sup> Century English name is that the word used to be "pease" – which still survives in the hyphenated word "pease-pudding". Because it sounded like a plural word, ignorant people started to use the word "pea" as though it was the singular form, and this gradually became accepted – no doubt to the despair of 18<sup>th</sup> Century pedants.

### **Potato**

The word is a corruption of the Spanish word "*patata*", the Spanish evidently having discovered it before Walter Raleigh.

### **Radish**

Directly derived from the Latin "*radix*", a root.

### **Tomato**

This is from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century French, Spanish or Portuguese, who in turn seem to have got it from the word "*tomatl*" used by the Nahuatl Indians.

I hope you found this as fascinating as I did. Nothing much interesting happened on the allotments. . . .

Peter Shorrock

allotment rents due - see page 33

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## COUNTRY MATTERS

The Livestock farming industry have had a pig of a year, yes I know you think farmers are always wingeing and probably at times in the past you may well have been right, but for this last year they have had much to moan about. Firstly, the return of foot and mouth disease originating from Purbright animal Testing station, where they actually make the vaccines for other countries. The virus escaped through the drains and caused mayhem in the surrounding areas. Animal movement restrictions nationwide came in immediately and up until recently sheep on the hills of Cumbria, northern England and Scotland faced starvation because they could not be moved to lower pastures. The lambs were slaughtered for welfare reasons and fetched £10 per head. How the devil they still charged £25 for a leg of lamb in the supermarkets beats me. Then of course there was avian influenza with the slaughter of hens and free range Christmas turkeys. Not forgetting blue tongue disease which was caused by midges blown across from the continent, adding to this was the £116 million fine for certain large supermarkets and dairy processors colluding in anti-competitive practices. To top it all the excellent work done by local producers to bring fresh produce to local markets has now been high jacked by a major brand calling their tinned soup range "Farmers Market". They ought to pay royalties on every can to a charity of the NFU's choice!



What is it about the Leighton Road that makes people dump rubbish, old car tyres or try to drive like complete morons? The young man who climbed out of his car, which had come off the road on the S bend and landed on its roof 20 yards into the field, could not understand how it happened. I suggested he completely missed the corner by driving at 60 mph on sheet ice. He looked at me in complete disbelief.



Returning to a topical subject, those hideous road signs, mentioned in last months article, have already had to be repaired due to wind damage within two weeks of their erection.

Finally, like it or not. the simple facts are that foxes kill lambs. Foxes have to be controlled. The hunt meet at Winslow on Boxing Day was as big as I have ever seen it. Well over 120 riders and over two thousand people in attendance. How come now more people attend hunt meetings than before it was banned? I think it might not be so much about the hunting issue but may just be about the fact that folk are getting fed up with being told what to do by our 'nanny' state.

*James*

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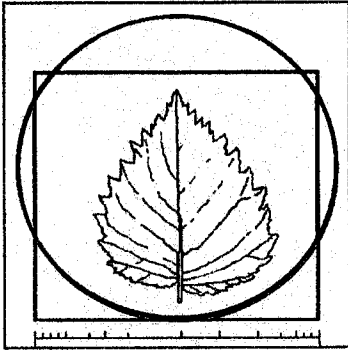
*No kebab for me, thank you*

*I'm not interested in fighting you*

*Oh, I just couldn't - no one wants to hear me sing*

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# **VOLUNTARY IMPACT**

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## **Buckinghamshire's Volunteer groups seek renewed public input.**

Voluntary Impact Bucks, the association of volunteer centres in the county, has launched a new recruitment drive to encourage more members of the public to get involved in volunteering work. The move comes at a time of year when volunteering is at its most appealing, fuelled by the traditional trend towards New Year resolutions.

The group incorporates three volunteer centres; **Vale Volunteers** in Aylesbury, the **Volunteer Centre in High Wycombe**, and **Voluntary Action Chiltern & South Bucks**. The centres exist to put members of the public who are interested in volunteering in touch with organisations which need their help.

"Our role is that of a broker," says Christine Hodgetts, Manager of Vale Volunteers. "We're a bit like recruitment consultants, or even a dating agency in many respects.

"Some people approach us with a very specific idea of the sort of work they want to do. If they know they want to help out but aren't entirely sure in what way, however, then we'll meet them to establish what skills and experience they've got, and when and where they want to work, and we look to establish a match."

Many people are surprised by the sheer diversity of volunteering activities that are available. Alongside more obvious roles like helping out in community centres and befriending older people, there are opportunities for minibus and van drivers, assistants in museums and theatres, assisting teachers, gardeners, decorators, charity shop assistants and caterers. Accounting and general administrative skills are always in demand, and there are many roles involved in working with animals and birds.

Similarly, peoples' reasons for volunteering go beyond simply wanting to do something worthwhile. Some treat the process as an opportunity to make new friends; others use it to develop business skills which they hope to put to use later in a job, or as a way of easing themselves back into a work mentality after a long time spent unemployed. Many retired people use volunteering as a way of retaining the skills they picked up in their professional life. Some use it as a road to recovery from mental or physical illness.

The following Volunteer Centre Managers are available for interview:

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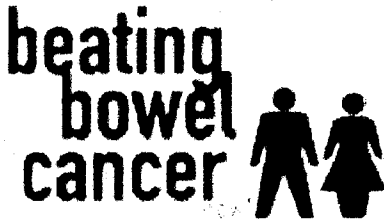
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*'To know him was to love him'*



## WORDS WOMEN USE

**FINE** This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks - this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

**FIVE MINUTES** This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

**NOTHING** This means "something," and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with "Fine"

**GO AHEAD (With Raised Eyebrows!)** This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine"

**GO AHEAD (Normal Eyebrows)** This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care" You will get a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

**LOUD SIGH** This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment, and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing"

**SOFT SIGH** Again, not a word, but a non-verbal statement. "Soft Sighs" mean that she is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe, and she will stay content.

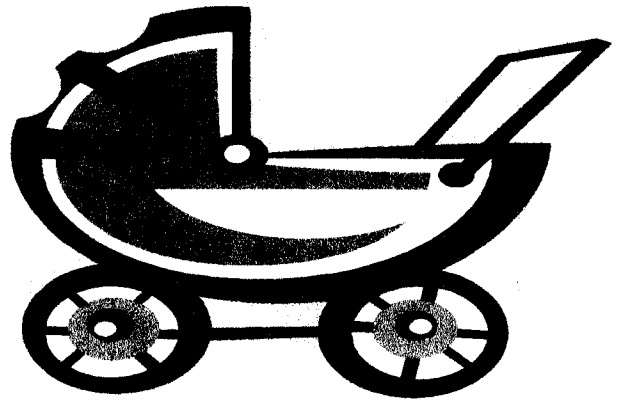
**THAT'S OKAY** This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you back for whatever it is that you have done. "That's Okay" is often used with the word "Fine" and in conjunction with a "Raised Eyebrow."

**GO AHEAD!** At some point in the near future, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

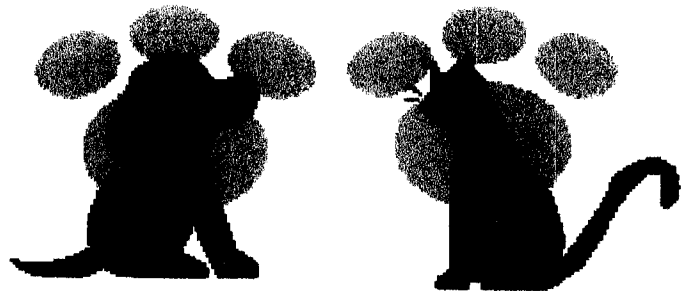
**THANKS** A woman is thanking you. Do not! faint. Just say you're welcome.

**THANKS A LOT** This is much different from "Thanks." A woman will say, "Thanks A Lot" when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have offended her in some callous way, and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh.." Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh," as she will only tell you "Nothing"

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The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.'" A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of their school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

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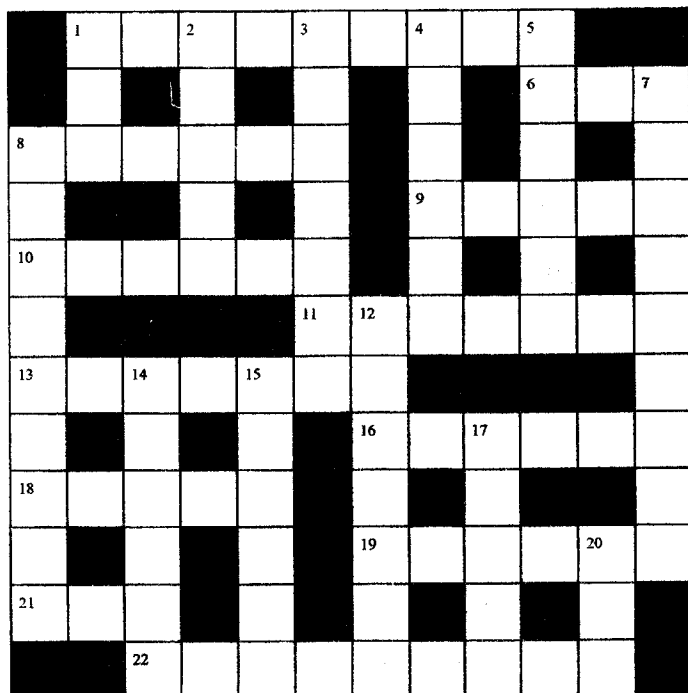


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# The Chronicle Crossword

**FEBRUARY 2008**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Verbascum 6 Alb 8 Impair
- 9 Happy 10 Poitou 11 New Year
- 13 Threads 16 Paddle 18 Ellas
- 19 Docked 21 Tot
- 22 Entangled

**DOWN**

- 1 Vim 2 Roast 3 Aground
- 4 Cashew 5 Magpie 7 Boyfriend
- 8 Impatient 12 Espadon
- 14 Relate 15 Absent 17 Decal
- 20 End

**ACROSS**

- 1 Replying (9)
- 6 Wash against (3)
- 8 Type of verb (6)
- 9 Overhang of roof (5)
- 10 Seen at the station (6)
- 11 Type of power saw (7)
- 13 Used by farmer (7)
- 16 Used in weather reports (6)
- 18 Organise something (5)
- 19 Mountain range in USA (6)
- 21 Type of grass (3)
- 22 Putting back (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Help (3)
- 2 Smell (5)
- 3 Trade barrier (7)
- 4 Keep in (6)
- 5 Worn on hands (6)
- 7 Used on computers (9)
- 8 Served before a meal (9)
- 12 State in USA (7)
- 14 Part of a stag (6)
- 15 Great (6)
- 17 Lives in Oman (5)
- 20 Beer barrel (3)

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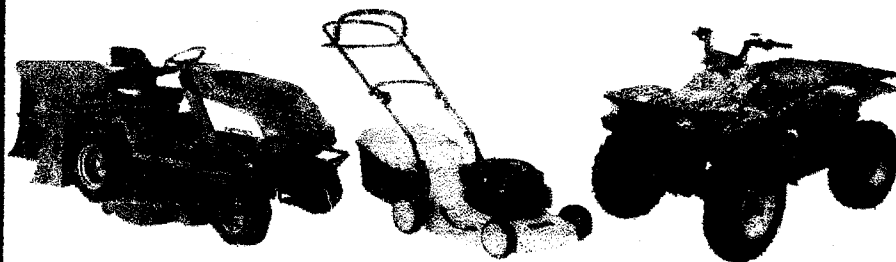
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7) What was King George VI's first name?

8) What colour is a purple finch?

9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need 4 correct answers to pass.

Answers on page 27

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day." ~Frank Sinatra

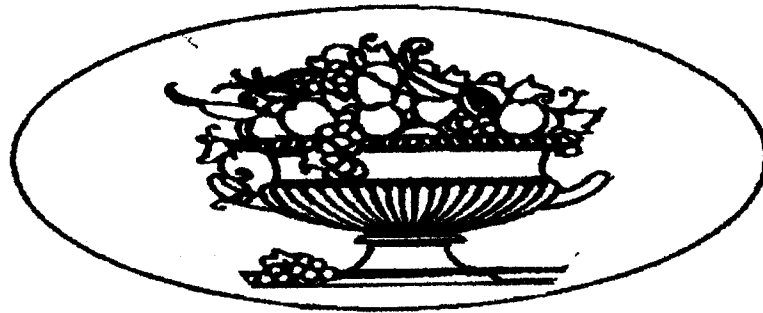
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Farleigh Estate Reisling		####	#####	###	#	12
Argento Pinot Gris	###	###	#####	####		28
Boschendal Sauvignon Blanc		#####	###	##	#	19
Pinot Gris Alsace	#	#####	###	###	##	14
Oyster Bay Chardonnay	#####	####	#####	#	#	38
<b>RED</b>						
Kings River Shiraz	###	#####	##	###		35
Antonys Yard Graham Beck		#####	####	##	#	23
Dogajola Carpineto	##	#	#####	#	###	12
La Vielle Ferme Rouge		#####	#####	##	#	24
Ch Guiot Costieres Nimes	#####	#####	####	#		49
Waika Cabernet	###	#####	##	#		40
Porupine Ridge Syrah		#####	#####	#	#	17
Campo Viejo Crianza	#####	####	##	#		48
La Buame Merlot		###	####	###	#####	-5

For the *Whites* it looks like those old reliables Macon Lugny and Oyster Bay and for the *Reds* Ch Guiot and Campo Viejo

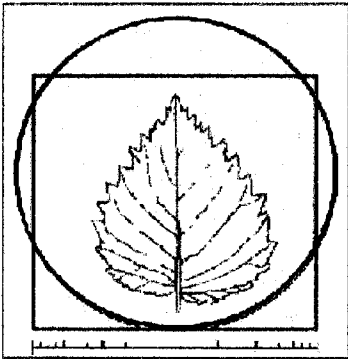
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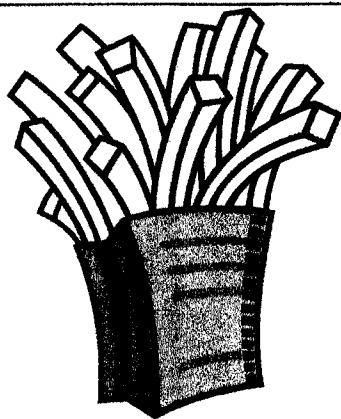
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## After Christmas Blues



'Twas the week after  
Christmas, and all through  
the house  
Nothing would fit me, not  
even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled,  
the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lum-  
ber).

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt

I said to myself, as I only can  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.



I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and  
life is a bore  
But isn't that what January is  
for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a  
riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to  
all a good diet! :-)

~Author Unknown~

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHIL- DREN WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1940's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!**

Dames at Pantomimes can no longer throw sweets to the children  
in the audience in case it hurts one of them and even a ban on  
playing conkers or carrying coffins in case they the bearers hurt  
their backs, Has the world gone mad?

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or  
drank while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese  
dressing, tuna from a tin, and didn't get tested for diabetes. Our  
baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.  
We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets  
and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention,  
the risks we took hitchhiking .

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.  
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## **ANSWERS TO THE EASIEST QUIZ**

**1) How long did the Hundred Years War  
last? 116 years**

**2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador**

**3) From which animal do we get cat gut? Sheep  
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**4) In which month do Russians celebrate the Octo-  
ber Revolution? November**

**5) What is a camel's hair brush made  
of? Squirrel fur**

**6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named  
after what animal? Dogs**

**7) What was King George VI's first  
name? Albert**

**8) What colour is a purple finch? Crimson**

**9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New  
Zealand**

**10) What is the colour of the black box in a com-  
mercial airplane? Orange (of course)  
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## From the Rev Michelle Morton.

The Deanery re-organisation has been and still is a painful process, but hopefully it won't mean too many changes. The most obvious change will be that I am going to become your incumbent (priest in charge) from January 1<sup>st</sup>, informally in the beginning as it will take up to two years for the legal paperwork to go through. But my hope is that we will be able to work together, and that you will still maintain your many links with Wingrave. I have negotiated with Rev. Derek Witchell and will be going into Wingrave School so that I will be able to maintain links and make connections with the children in the village.

### *A bit about me ....*

I am married to Michael and have three children, Alex who is 18 years old who goes to Bletchley College and is studying Graphic Design, and Joshua who is 12 at Aylesbury Grammar School, and lastly Samuel who is 10 years old.

I began life in Scotland but my family moved around a lot due to my father being in the army. We finally settled in High Wycombe when I was about to begin secondary school. I owe my spiritual growth to a small church called St Anne's on the London Road in High Wycombe, which is where Michael and I were married, and where our children were baptised. That's also where I discovered that God was calling me to the priesthood.

I attended Cuddesdon Theological College, in Oxford for two years, after ordination I was appointed curate for the benefice of Buckingham, which is made up of six churches, the town centre church of St Peter's and St Paul's and five village churches. I spent my first year of my curacy at Buckingham parish church and then due to a member of staff leaving, I was asked to have pastoral oversight of three of the village churches. I really enjoyed becoming a part of their community and joining in with the village events. Alongside my work in the villages I had responsibility for the children and young people's work, (not doing it all but) helping to co-ordinate and bring all the groups together. I also had responsibility for baptism preparation, and administration, across the benefice. Life certainly was not dull in my curacy, in fact I would say it was a vertical learning curve.

The learning curve continued when I became Priest in Charge of Stewkley, Drayton Parslow and Soulbury. I have been here now two and a half years. I really enjoy the community aspect of my work, and have spent quite a lot of time at St Michael's School, building up the church – school links, which has been very successful. We now have a lovely Sunday School and a great team of Sunday School Teachers. (including my husband!)

I would describe myself as an extrovert who enjoys other people's company and it has been said that I can talk for England, but this doesn't mean you have to bring a sleeping bag to my services!

I am looking forward to getting to know you all, and becoming a part of your church family and community.

May 2008 be a blessing to you all. *Michelle*  
(Rev. Michelle Morton)

*This picture was taken at my priesting 4 1/2 years ago;  
my 18 year old Alex is now towering above me!*





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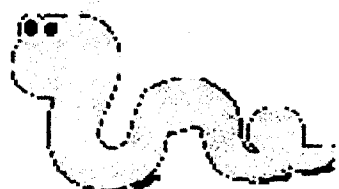
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Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865	Wingrave School	Office	681436
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Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229			
NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47			

*Please let us know of any errors or omissions*

# St James Church

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 3rd	MORNING WORSHIP 10am
SUNDAY 10th	HOLY COMMUNION 9.15am
SUNDAY 17th	HOLY COMMUNION 3pm
SUNDAY 24th	EVENSONG 3pm

### CHURCH READERS

Kate Curry/Caroline Abel Smith  
 Ann Goodman/Gordon Kemp  
 Shirley Ford/Jan Johnson  
 TBA

(Mothering Sunday - 2nd March  
 April Curnow/Caroline Lane)



#### **Sidesman**

3	Mr A Ford
10	Mr A Bystra
17	Mrs Curnow
24	Mr G Kemp

#### **Flowers**

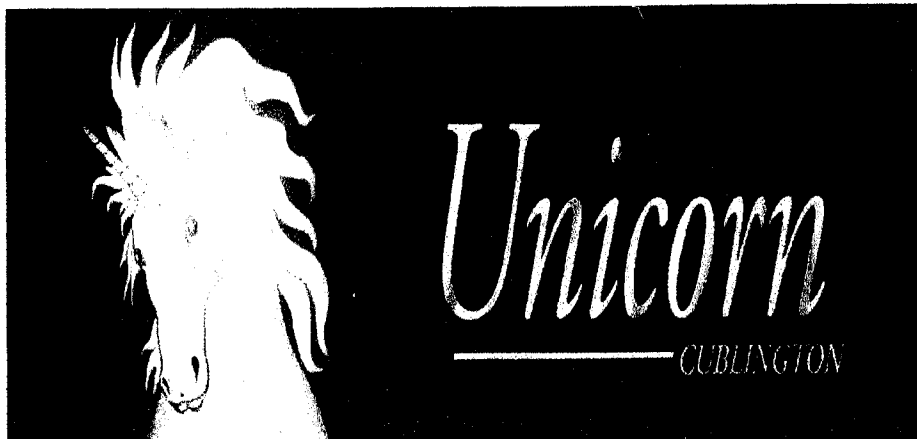
No flowers in Lent

#### **St Nicholas Church, Cublington**

The Diocese of Oxford's 'Big Brew' event to raise awareness & use of Fairtrade Products will be held in The Unicorn Pub at one of their popular Friday coffee mornings - 7th March. All welcome

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# What's On In February

Sunday 3rd	Rambling Club 2pm	Rowsham
Tuesday 5th	Pancake Day & Coffee Shop 10-12	Church Room
Wednesday 6th	Ash Wednesday	
	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 7th	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 9th	Allotment Rents 10.30-12	Church Room
Sunday 10th	Village Footpath Walk (Hulcot) 2pm	The Green
Wednesday 13th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 14th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Club 7.30pm	Church Room
Friday 15th	Quiz Evening 7.30pm	Church Room
	Teams of 4 or 6 tickets £3 from Church Wardens +PCC	
Wednesday 20th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Sunday 24th	Evensong 3pm	St James Church
Tuesday 26th	Aylesbury Farmers Market 9-2	
Wednesday 27th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 28th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 2nd March	Mothering Sunday	

## 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:

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

**CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE** in The Chronicle. Phone us on 01296 688191 or email [editor@aachronicle.co.uk](mailto:editor@aachronicle.co.uk)

**SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY**

**GOSPEL CHOIR**

**ST JAMES CHURCH**

7pm

(Tickets on sale early Feb)

## ALLOTMENT NOTICE

**RENTS are now due**

Please pay these at the Church Room

Saturday 9th February 10.30 - 12

noon

Complaints have been received from residents about a rat infestation which, according to the Pest Control Officer, is due to all the ground carpet/ plastic sheet cover.

Will tenants please remove and burn them and the piles of rubbish to rid the rats.



You are also reminded plots must be kept as weed free as possible, and if you are unable to attend your plot., others are waiting.

### BRAND NEW

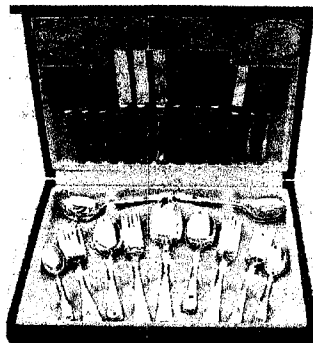
**Viners, 44 piece cutlery set**  
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These have never been used and are in a pristine, polished wood presentation case.

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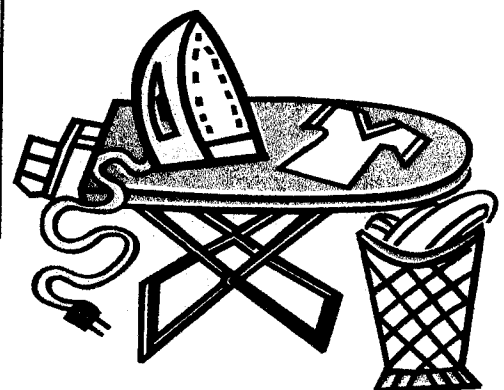
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## Classified

Alpaca Products Sale 9th Feb. see page 16



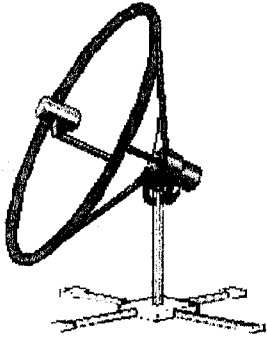
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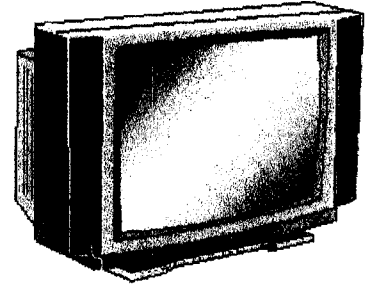
Telephone Denise 07874 021241

# FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

OF CHURCH FARM, ASTON ABBOTTS

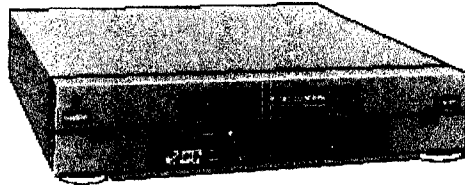


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## RESULT !!!!!

Our most earnest congratulations to Mr David Lewis who achieved the impossible at Christmas just gone. It is reported that for the first time in at least ten years he managed to tick all three boxes :

- He managed to buy Alison the right *thing* !
- He managed to buy Alison the right *colour* thing !
- He managed to buy Alison the right colour thing and *it wasn't taken back to the shop after Christmas* !<sup>1</sup>

We who also suffer salute you!  
Well done Dave!

<sup>1</sup>Statement correct at time of going to press



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