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Festival Meeting

Church Room

Monday 23rd June

7.30pm

Please be there!

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# Editorial

By the time you read this our daughter Sally's wedding will have happened. At the moment I am entrusted with making sure the garden and wedding lawn is as good as they can get. Judy has ensured that everything else has been seamlessly organised. I've had a glimpse of her outfit for the day and she fulfils the role of 'mother of the bride' to a 't'. I'm hoping my speech goes down well : and fingers crossed the weather was kind! The long range weather forecast is not promising.

The driver of a blue Audi had an amazing escape from serious injury. It appears that at approximately 10pm on Friday 16th May the driver came up the gated road from Weedon and slalomed through/over the hedge at the entrance to Norduck Drive. There were no skid marks so the whole event must have come as a great surprise to the driver who must have been drunk or asleep. By all accounts the car drove up and through the hedge landing upright in the Drive and could then still drive away leaving a pool of oil and various bits of trim across the road. The trail of debris continued through the village out towards Cublington. The Community Police officer has been advised. The driver had a very lucky escape. I wouldn't have liked to have been on the road coming the other way!

On Monday 23rd June April Curnow has a final meeting to discuss the Village Fete. Please come along and offer your services. April is relying on us all to make the Fete a great success. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Church Room. One of the events planned is a 'Dress as a character from a book' for the children - so I hope all you Mums and Dads are planning the costumes your children will wear.

Aylesbury Vale Green Spaces Team put up an owl box overlooking the ponds in my 'wild garden' a couple of years ago. This month I've seen a barn owl quartering the fields nearby and I took my pruning saw to take away some of the branches that had grown across the flight path to the box (owls need a clear path) - I don't know who was more surprised but as I removed some of the offending branches an owl flew out of the box inches above my head. Not sure whether the box is being used as a roost or as a nest site - I'll keep you posted.

*John Hardcastle*

*In This Issue*

- Allotment Diary
- Crossword
- What's on in June
- Countryside Matters

*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.*

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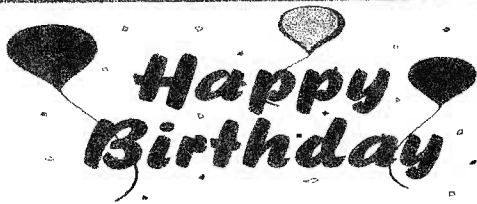
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# Alison's Gossip Column









All five of the MoonWalkers from Aston Abbots successfully completed the 26 mile course { see Sue Bale's article }. A Big Thank You to all our local sponsors.



## June

A large tree in the Abbey grounds fell down onto 3 of Sondra Dickason's cars. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

	Sally Clarke	5 <sup>th</sup>	
	Emily DeLooze	17 <sup>th</sup>	
	Bernard Osborn	18 <sup>th</sup>	
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	Sharon Wilkinson	26 <sup>th</sup>	
	Kim Picking	27 <sup>th</sup>	
	David Hewit	28 <sup>th</sup>	
	Kirsty Lewis	28 <sup>th</sup>	
	Adam Oldfield	30 <sup>th</sup>	

### ARE YES, I REMEMBER IT WELL

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"  
"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"

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

The monthly Aston Abbots Good Samaritans Bingo evening is a small fundraising village activity. It takes place on a Thursday evening and any profit, which is not used to maintain the bingo sessions, is saved up and donated periodically to worthy causes.

June 12th CHURCH ROOM 7,30pm

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am keen to contact a local historian who may be able to assist me with more information on the Rev John Fereday (1813- 1871), who was curate at Aston Abbots probably from 1838 until he left for Tasmania. By 1844 he was the priest at Georgetown in Northern Tasmania and remained as such until his death in 1871.

Any help would be appreciated.

Your sincerely,

*John Henwood* 25 Sunnyside Avenue, Camberwell, Victoria 3124, Australia

Dear Villagers,

I have been the Interim Headteacher at Wingrave School for the past few weeks, as many of you will know. It has been a busy, but enjoyable time. The staff, governors, many parents and villagers have all worked hard to support us. There is a good atmosphere, with everyone showing their strong commitment to making this a successful village school once more.

The May Day celebration this week was my first one at Wingrave and I thoroughly enjoyed the walk round the village, meeting so many people and seeing the children dressed in their smart outfits sharing their flowers with the villagers. The weather was so kind and this makes such a difference.

We experienced a very positive Church inspection prior to the Spring Holiday. All parents received a copy of the report and for those of you who would like to see it, I will try to have it posted on our web-site which is being updated.

“Thank you” to all the people who have sent their good wishes to the school, this has been welcomed.

Best wishes, *Denise McClellan*

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## **SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

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**2.00pm - Fete Opening**

**- Great Horwood Band**

**2.30pm - Teas available**

**- Colonel Custard until 3.15pm**

**2.40pm - Aldbury Morris Men**

**3.10pm - Great Horwood Band**

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**Whilst all the above is going on we have plenty of fun organised  
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**There will be stalls selling a variety of items; bric-a-brac, gifts, toys, cakes and preserves, books, plants, ice creams, soft drinks and many other things.**

**We also plan to have a "Dress as a character in a book"**

**Fancy Dress Competition for the children where prizes will be given.**

**We have one or two more fun things organised for the children and need a few people to man them on the day. Many people have already volunteered to help, for which a huge thank you, but we do need to get together to discuss final arrangements. To this end there will be a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church Room.**

**Please put a note on your calendar.**

# SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008

Our summer fete is the biggest fund raising event of the year and we hope that as many of you as possible will be helping to make the St. James Festival weekend as successful as we possibly can. The theme for the Flower Festival in the Church is "The Saints". On **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm** there will be a meeting in the Church Room to make the final arrangements for the big day.

Plants:- Please spare a few plants for the Plant stall. These should be taken to Caroline Abel-Smith at The Vicarage a day or two before the fete.

Cakes:- All those wonderful cake makers in the village please try to bake a cake or two for our Cake stall. We can never have enough as we always sell out very early. Jams and pickles would be most welcome also. Please bring these on the day of the fete.

Tombola:- Please spare a few bottles and cans for this fun stall. There were queues last year to buy tickets and we could have sold more than we had.

Please take any items you can spare to Margaret and Tony Hinds the week before the fete.

Raffle: - Tickets will be on sale at the end of June and will be dropped through your letterboxes. We hope you will be able to sell them to family and friends.

Books: - I am sure that many of you will have a few books cluttering up the shelves that you have no need of any more. Please pass any that you can spare for the Book stall to April Curnow.

Weather: - If you have any influence please arrange a warm sunny day.

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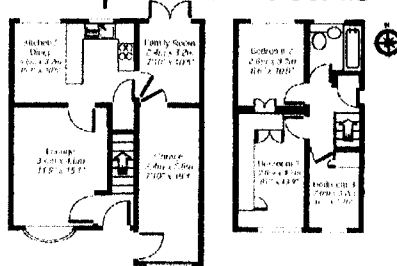
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**Church Clock Movement** The broken winder motor unit has now been removed from the clock mechanism and will shortly be taken to the manufacturers for their evaluation and quotation. If all goes well, we should be able to have it repaired and back in service some time towards the end of June.



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### **Church Path - apologies to Frank!!!**

In my haste to get the news about the forthcoming refurbishment of the church path to John before the Chronicle deadline, I wrote that 'Inside Out's' submission was the most attractive to the PCC.

Of course this should have read '**Outside / Inside's**' submission was the most attractive to the PCC.

Many apologies to Frank McManus and his Company.

We now believe the long awaited 'certificate' has been issued by the Diocese and the work should start shortly..



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### **The Crunch**

For no apparent reason one of the large mature trees in the Abbey gardens fell into the garden of Sondra and David Dickason. Fortunately no one was injured. If you look carefully at the photograph below you can just make out the three cars the tree fell onto, damaging them all. One of the cars was only a few months old.

Tree surgeons removed the tree the following day and the cars are being assessed to see whether they are capable of repair.



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Last year we were able to give donations to The Czech/Veterans Day, the Lifeboat Appeal, and Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Service.

We have made a good start this year with a £50 donation to the Lifeboat Appeal in January, and a further £60 to Macmillan Cancer Support this month.

The amount available to donate fluctuates along with the numbers attending the Bingo sessions. At one point we wondered if there would continue to be sufficient interest in the Good Samaritan's Bingo for it to carry on.

However, with the reliable support from a handful of Aston Abbott stalwarts and our more numerous Wingrave friends we have all been happy to see it survive into another year. Recently we were pleased to hear it's good reputation for an inexpensive and friendly evening had spread, when we welcomed a couple of new attendees who had traveled over from Aylesbury to join us.

If anyone would like to come along to an evening, it starts at 7.30pm and includes a short break for refreshments. We aim to finish at around 9.00pm.

**The next session will be held on  
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**April 10<sup>th</sup> ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB**

The Ladies Club met today in the Church Room, with 11 members present.

Several apologies were received, and the minutes read and signed. The Chairman then welcomed our speaker, Mr. Neil Rees who gave a slide show to illustrate his talk about the many links between Bucks County, England and Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was thanked by Joan Alexander



Today's tea hostesses were, April Curnow and Shirley Ford and June Brine won the raffle.  
*Shirley Ford*

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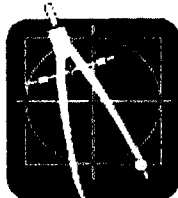
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## ALLOTMENT DIARY

I have recently read that the trendy term in America for a vegetable garden (I don't think they have allotments) is an "edible estate" – which does sound rather grand. They also are very keen on "asphalt gardening" in cities, which is reclaiming empty lots or disused parking spaces, placing raised wooden beds on them and growing tomatoes and pumpkins beneath the sheltered walls in the hot urban sun. There is an added benefit in that the earth used for the vegetables soaks up the run-off water that would otherwise overload the sewers during storms – and of course the greenery softens the hardness of the concrete landscape. Maybe allotments will be the next big thing in the USA?

The author of the article also suggested that because of the current food crisis, lawns, which are totally non-productive from a food point of view (and indeed, increase our carbon footprint because of the petrol or electricity we use mowing them), might become very unfashionable, and that we will in a few years' time all be converting our gardens into replicas of "The Good Life"! If it happens, remember that you read it here first!

Every year I vow I will not go away in May, because of the way that weeds attack my allotment while I am away. Then each year I forget. I have just returned from a week in Corsica – with the usual dire consequences to my allotment, which I have just spent several days rectifying. As I write this, am about to go away again, this time to Greece – and by the time I return, I dread to think what devastation will have been wreaked. In the past, the metaphor that was always used for a job that went on for ever, was "painting the Forth Bridge". However, now that they have been able to paint it with a new form of paint that will last for 20 years or so, this metaphor no longer seems appropriate. I reckon that it should be replaced with "weeding ones allotment" – and I guarantee that I would get plenty of support for the change from the gardening fraternity.



Every year, in common, I think, with most gardeners, I suffer some minor calamity. This year it was the fact that, since I was late planting my sweet-corn seeds in my greenhouse, when I went away at the beginning of May, the weather having been fairly mild, I left them in a heated propagator. We then of course had a mini-heatwave, and when I returned, I found the poor things had got cooked. Those that did come up started turning brown, and some did not germinate at all. I shall plant the brownish ones, and keep my fingers crossed; and have acquired some new seeds that do not have to be planted out until early June (when I am next in the village).

A month or two ago, I wrote about the derivation of the names of some of our common vegetables. I have just read an article about the derivation of the names of a number of other foods. Something I had never considered, is the fact that food is the single most important conveyer of words between languages. When a strange foreign food was introduced into Britain, then since we did not have a word for it, we would adopt, or anglicise, the foreign name.

The words wine, pepper, salt, butter and radish all came to Britain with the Roman invasion. Radish, for example, is from the Latin "radix" meaning a root. The Norman Invasion brought a whole banquet of words for food: the words used for the cooked animals on the table were derived from the Norman French (since it was largely only the rich, upper class, Normans who could afford to eat meat); while "on the hoof", the animals retained their old Anglo-Saxon names. Thus, we eat beef (from the French "boeuf" – an ox), while the animal in the field is a bull or a cow or, in old-fashioned parlance, an ox. We eat pork (from the French "porc" – a pig), and mutton (from the French "mouton" – a sheep), while the animals in the fields still retain their Anglo-Saxon names. Venison is a slightly different case: it does not come from the French word for "deer", but from the old French word for the produce of the hunt – which was of course usually deer in this country (and which the local Anglo-Saxons were forbidden to hunt).

Chocolate comes from the Aztec word "xocoatl", which meant "bitter water", and was used by the Aztecs as the name for the juice of the pods of the cacao tree. Sugar comes from the Arabic "sukkar", having been introduced to Europe some 1,000 years ago by the Berbers. Although the word "apricot" seems at first sight to have come from the French "abricot", it is probable that both words derive from an Arabic word "al-burquq", since the fruit was introduced to Europe by the Arabs. Marzipan may take its name from a Burmese city; and orange stems from the Sanskrit word for a citrus tree "nananj". (Interestingly, the word in English was originally "a norange", and over the years the "n" got switched to the indefinite article instead. "Newt" has gone the other way: the animal was once "an ewt").

When the foreign word was too peculiar to remember or adapt, the very foreignness of the food became its description: "Walnut", for example comes from the old English "walhnutu", meaning "foreign nut", since the first walnuts came from Italy.

The oddest bit of etymology I have found is that of the spice "coriander". This derives ultimately (and, as the author says, unnervingly) from the ancient Greek word for bedbug, "koris"; since it is said that coriander smells of crushed bedbugs!

*Peter Shorrocks*

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## COUNTRY MATTERS

What a shame that the weather in early May could not last until September, alas we always think we are going to pay for it in the long-term, I'm not asking for wall to wall sunshine such as in Spain but just a lovely summer, like we used to have when we were all young!!

A lot of hot air is being bandied about flatulating cows and cattle. It has been estimated that livestock make a bigger contribution to greenhouse gases and emissions than road transport. What a load of total hogwash, when was the last time you stood behind a cow's backend belching out dense black diesel fumes for 10 hours a day. Where do people get all these ridiculous figures from? The good news is that plant breeders are developing new strains of non-bloating legumes such as Sanfoin and other forage that would reduce the amount of methane produced. All good stuff especially seeing that the developing eastern countries are demanding more meat as their standard of living rises. Anyway, who says that there are now more ruminants in the world than 200 years ago? In 1800 there were 60 million Bison on the plains of America, not wise to be down wind of that lot !!

The other current thorny issue is the ongoing argument between DEFRA and the National Federation of Badger Groups. It is now more than 10 years since the Krebs Report confirmed the compelling evidence that badgers transmit T.B. to cattle, even now badger groups themselves are accepting this is the case. The devastation of killing thousands of "Reactor" cattle a year is a complete waste of money and resources. Apart from the loss of the cattle. Unfortunately in areas of high density cattle, (which we are not in), the badgers will have to be controlled. Not exterminated, as some people wrongly believe, but their number kept in check. Badger control in Ireland appears to be working well.

Yes the EU nutters are at it again: 'The EU has banned mince made from meat hung for more than 6 days with immediate effect. This is to protect the small minority of French consumers from eating potentially contaminated steak tartare that is made up from ground up raw steak mixed with eggs and herbs. The ban effectively means mince cannot be made from off cuts and must be made from fresher meat that has to be processed more quickly. It has to be disposed of if it misses the 6 day limit, leading to more wastage. Industry experts say the price of mince could now soar by 40p/lb. This is likely to affect traditional foods like Scotch pies, shepherd's pie and popular foods like chili, lasagna, spaghetti Bolognese and burgers.' Now don't blame the farmers for that one.

The rest of my 24 month old chickens have had to go today. The good news is that the new 50 young girls are laying small eggs at 20 weeks. Watch this space.

*James Henderson*

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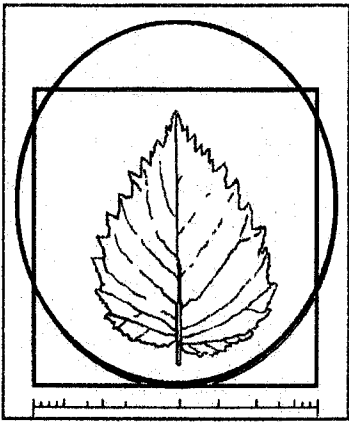
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## MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT Colin Higgs ( Vice Chairman of the Parish Council), Paul Bruton (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Paula Boston (Community Support Officer) and 9 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 Apologies – Peter Shorrocks (Chairman of the Parish Council), Dickie Dicken and Richard Clarke.

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

MINUTE 3 Matters arising – none.

MINUTE 4 County Council, District Council and Police

No one was present from the County Council

Community Support Officer Paula Boston who operates out of Wing Police office, talked to the meeting about her role and reported on the following issues:

- The crime statistics for the previous 6 months included 4 traffic collisions (including the A418) and 22 reported incidents, 10 of these had resulted in criminal incidents.
- Villagers should be aware of an increase in reported disturbance burglaries and if they have any suspicions report them to the 0845 number that would now be listed in the Chronicle.
- Neighbourhood Watch scheme leaflets were available at the meeting and if any villagers were interested in setting up a scheme advice is included in the documentation.

CSO Paula Boston then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting.

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

- A418 Improvements and Survey results – the results of the recent survey were reported to the meeting and County Council were finalising a formal funding bid to be presented to SEERA at the end of May 2008. A decision was expected in December 2008 and if successful then nothing would be likely to happen before 2016. Additionally the funding structure had changed and in order to meet application requirements Bucks. C.C. would have to find the 1<sup>st</sup> 10% of funds and 50% of any over running costs. The budget figure was £130 million and included the A41 extension.
- Planning Developments for Aylesbury Vale – an over view of the current status and issues affecting AVDC in meeting the Government housing targets was presented. This included the different approaches being considered and the potential impact on Rural areas.
- Post Offices – The District Council continued to battle to keep our rural Post Offices, however he was not very confident that Wingrave would escape closure.

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

MINUTE 5 Annual report from the Parish Council Chairman. Colin Higgs ( Chairman) read Peter Shorrocks's annual report (to be published separately) in his absence.

MINUTE 6 Village Activities.

Reports were given on activities during the year of the following organisations: G.N.O.M.E.S. (Judy Hardcastle), Ladies' Club (Shirley Ford), P.C.C. (Colin Higgs)

MINUTE 7 Children's Play Area and Recreation Ground

The Chairman referred to Peter Shorrocks's report that informed the meeting that the Aerial Runway had been successfully repaired and the strip of land acquired from AVDC had been landscaped.

MINUTE 8 Church Room

The Chairman advised the meeting that progress was being made on the Lease of the building and the next step would be to carry out a survey of condition.

MINUTE 9 The Chronicle

John Hardcastle (editor) thanked the following for all their hard work over the year in contributing to the continuing success of the Chronicle – Phil Corrigan (advertising manager), Andy Bystra (printing and distribution) and John Whyte (finances) as well as the regular contributors of articles. John reported that the finances were stable, and requested that the current level of financial support be maintained. The meeting thanked John Hardcastle for all his efforts during the year.

MINUTE 10 Fete 2007

The Chairman reported the event had raised £2,791. The beneficiaries were the Church (£1,947), the Chronicle (£500) and the Recreation Ground Fund (£344).

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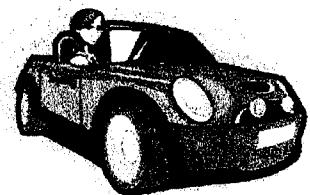
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MINUTE 11 Fete 2008

- After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:
  - a) Chronicle £500 (regardless of actual takings)
  - b) Church - 40% of the remainder
  - c) Church Room - fund for refurbishment 35% of the remainder
  - d) Church Room – short term maintenance 10% of the remainder
  - e) Recreation Ground 15% of the remainder

MINUTE 12 A.O.B.

- Concerns were expressed we may lose the provision of the Mobile Library and details of the service review would be published in the next edition of the Chronicle.
- The Chairman responded to a question from the floor regarding the Village buses and advised there were now 2 providers operating the service that had been retained at the current timetable.

**The Chairman thanked all those attending and the meeting closed at 9.10pm**

## Moonwalk 2008

What started as a regular Saturday morning walk to Weedon and back culminated in 3 of us dressed in variously decorated and flashing underwear walking 26 miles 385 yards through the streets of London last Saturday/Sunday at dead of night! Were we mad? We thought so many times during the night and couldn't remember whose idea it had been in the first place.

This was the Moonwalk, organised by Walk the Walk to raise money for various breast cancer charities. It has been running for 10 years and has raised over £36 million pounds so far. Between the 3 of us we raised over £2000 for our efforts on Saturday so thanks to everyone who sponsored us so generously. If all of the other 17,000 participants (of which 100 were men – also wearing decorated bras) have done as well, this will be a bumper year.

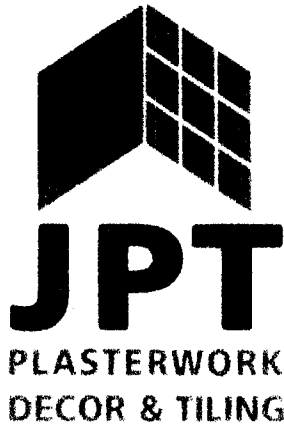
The chilly night gave us the excuse to cover up our scanty clothing but it also meant a few long queues for the portaloos. The mile markers played tricks with us, London miles apparently much longer than Aston Abbots ones. Alison set a cracking pace – a woman on a mission to get home - with Francesca and I sometimes running to catch up with her as she weaved her way through the crowds, overtaking all in her path. We had no time to look around at the London landmarks but I do remember the birds singing in Battersea Park at about 4.15 am. The last 5 miles were pretty horrible, legs and feet aching but no blisters so our training had paid off. Final time: 8 hours 10 minutes.

And next year? Probably the Sunwalk – half the distance and during daylight hours – why didn't we think of that before!!

Go to [www.walkthewalk.org](http://www.walkthewalk.org) if you're mad enough to want to do this yourselves.

*Sue Bale*





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## Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting number 4/08 Held in the Church Room on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Present:** -Cllrs. P Shorrocks, A Stefanczyk, Mrs K Curry and P Bruton (Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

**To accept apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from C Higgs, D Dicken, Mrs. J Hardcastle and R Clarke.

**Declarations of interest:** None

**To elect a Chairman and sign acceptance of office:** Cllr Shorrocks was unanimously voted Chairman.

**To elect a Vice Chairman:** Cllr Higgs was elected Vice Chairman.

**To elect members to committees**

- Street Lighting Officer: Andy Stefanczyk
- Planning Committee: Peter Shorrocks, Judy Hardcastle, Kate Curry and Dickie Dicken.
- Transport: Colin Higgs
- Highways: Richard Clarke, Kate Curry and Andy Stefanczyk
- Recreation Ground: Richard Clarke

**To approve minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008.** Minutes of the last meeting were signed as approved.

**Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** None.

**Chairman's report** Nothing to report

**Clerk's report** There were no nominations for the Standards Committee. Details of the Civic service on Sunday 15 June were circulated.

**Bull and Butcher Development Fund** It was reported that no information was available regarding the potential necessity for an electrical supply upgrade. It was noted that the expenditure had been approved as within the terms of the Section 106 agreement. It was AGREED to progress the expenditure at the next meeting. It was reported that the lease was currently with the solicitors and we would follow up and report further at the next meeting.

**Planning** The Planning Committee notified the Council of the following decisions that had been made at the Sub Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008: **08/01008/APP** (Mr. & Mrs S White, Plot One The Orchard, Moat Lane)

Detached dwelling addition of single storey side extension for use by disabled occupant.

RESOLVED to oppose this application on the following grounds:

- The addition of an extension adversely affected surrounding properties outlook.
- No additional parking facilities and space required as a result of application would increase requirements.
- Consultation with Highways as no pedestrian or wheelchair facilities for access to Village facilities.
- Development continues to increase in size to the detrimental effect of conservation area.

**Planning applications** The meeting was advised of the changes to the way in which planning applications were to be submitted.

**Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2008-2018** The recent documents regarding the Improvement Plan 2008-2018 were circulated.

**Delegated Budget Scheme bid 2008/09** It was noted that our bid for funding had been unsuccessful, however it was AGREED that we would take up Bucks CC's offer of a meeting to discuss how we might amend our bid for next year

**Village Plan and other Village matters** Nothing to report on the Village Plan status and it was AGREED that we would discuss with P Elwood how we could progress the plan, as it appeared to have stalled and report to the next meeting.

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**Highways** The issue of surface water from the Hunters Way development was discussed and it was reported that we were still awaiting a response from Planning. However it was noted that Highways had met with the developer of Hunters Way and a further meeting was planned in June to discuss the access issues and surface water.

- A report from D Dicken, who had attended the Bio diversity event was read out to the meeting, the contents were noted for future reference.
- The Clerk advised that he had contacted Environmental waste to discuss the Litter bins in the village and had been advised that they had no record of the locations. The Clerk would make enquiries and report further at the next meeting.

**County council, District and Police matters** Nothing to report.

#### **Recreation Ground**

- Safety Check – Nothing to report
- It was noted that the repairs to the aerial runway had been completed.
- It was reported that the recent work on landscaping the recreation ground had affected the surrounding property's views. Council were in discussions with the residents on potential solutions.
- It was AGREED that Astonbury 2008 could be held on the Recreation Ground.

#### **Date of next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 20.00 in the Church Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

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**Astonbury Website** A new Astonbury website has been launched. On the site you will find information about the artists, the team, and what happens on the big day. You can also check for the latest news of Astonbury 2008 and find out even more information on the Frequently Asked Questions page. Please take a look at:

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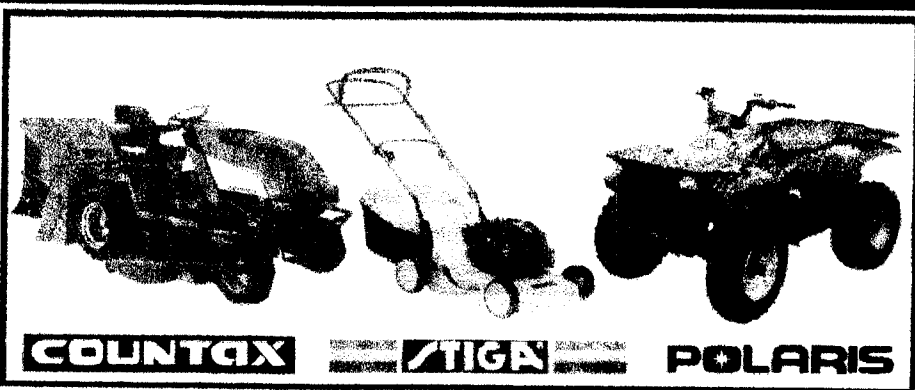
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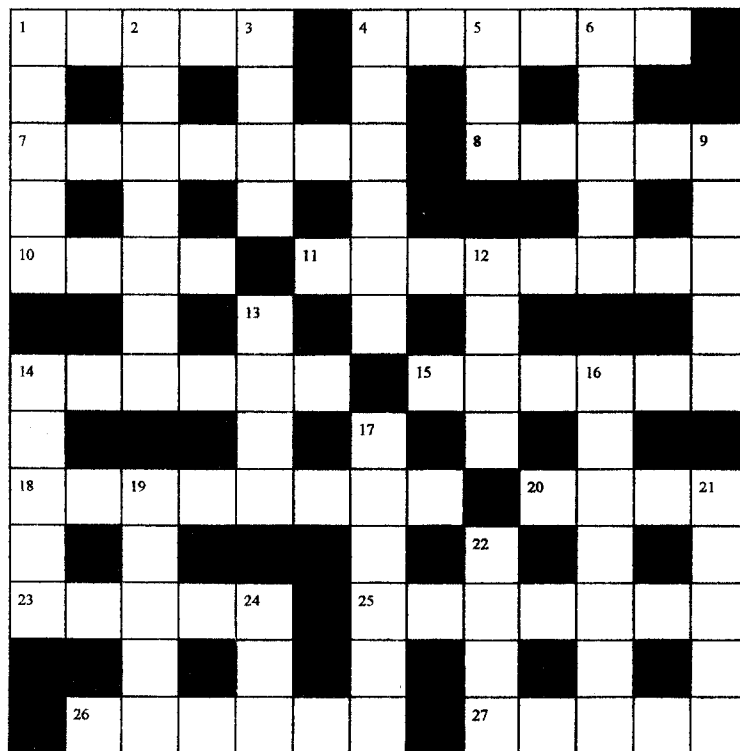
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Fewer 4 Answer 7 Caravan
- 8 Amble 10 Dome
- 11 Underway 14 Venice
- 15 Infest 18 Ointment
- 20 Used 23 Acres
- 25 Leopard 26 Heifer
- 27 Needy

**DOWN**

- 1 Faced 2 Workman
- 3 Rave 4 Awning 5 Spa
- 6 Elbow 9 Egypt 12 Extra
- 13 Scam 14 Viola 16 Ensnare
- 17 Angler 19 Nurse
- 21 Dodgy 24 Sif

**ACROSS**

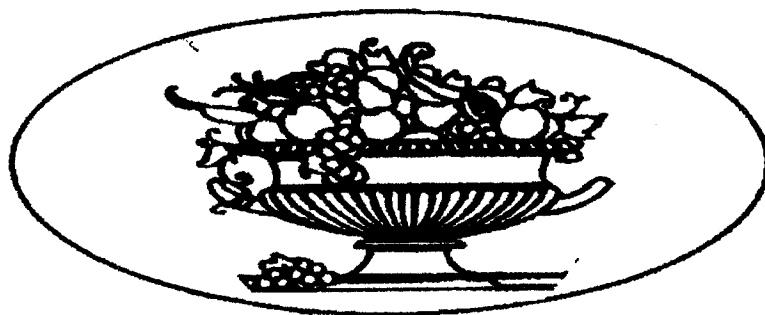
- 1 Go in (5)
- 4 Pull apart (6)
- 7 In addition to (7)
- 8 Fear (5)
- 10 Wreck (4)
- 11 Native of Yugoslavia (8)
- 14 Trip (6)
- 15 Follows Spring (6)
- 18 Game of chance (8)
- 20 On the beach (4)
- 23 Distinguish oneself (5)
- 25 Leave (7)
- 26 Ancient Greek city (6)
- 27 Join (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Lighted coal or wood (5)
- 2 Give evidence (7)
- 3 Travel on a horse (4)
- 4 Talk about (6)
- 5 Slight knock (3)
- 6 Waterway (5)
- 9 Wrap up (5)
- 12 Burden (4)
- 13 Man eating giant (4)
- 14 Part of a song (5)
- 16 Stroll (7)
- 17 Capital of Canada (6)
- 19 Remove lid (5)
- 21 Idiot (5)
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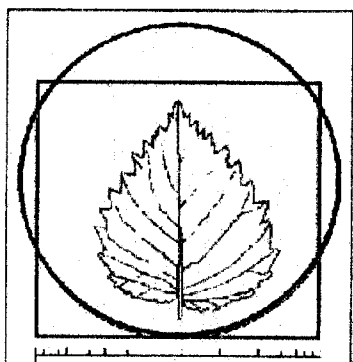
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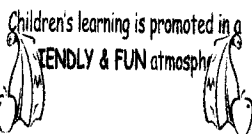
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Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What causes the tides in the oceans

A. The tides are a fight between the earth and the moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A. Premature death

Q. What is artificial insemination

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow

Q. How are the main parts of the body categorised (eg the abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O and U

Q. What is the fibula

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean

A. Nearby

Q. What is the most common form of birth control

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome

Q. What is a seizure

A. A Roman Emperor

Q. What is a terminal illness

A. When you are sick at the airport

Q. Give an example of a fungus. What is a characteristic feature

A. Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and they look like umbrellas

Q. Use the word 'judicious' in a sentence to show you understand its meaning

A. Hands that judicious can be soft as your face

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007

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## view from the vicarage.....

### Happy now?

Rising food prices, petrol and diesel up, house prices down, mortgages harder to get.....and it's probably raining. How do we lift our spirits when things seem gloomy? The advertisers encourage us to cheer ourselves up by buying what we can't afford. We are encouraged to seek happiness in retail therapy, in wanting what we haven't got.

I admit I can get a thrill from shopping, but then I get home and open the bag and disappointment begins to set in. The happiness promise is never fulfilled.

The Office of National Statistics revealed recently that though we are healthier and twice as well off than we were in 1987, we are no happier. Anna Pasternak wrote in the Daily Mail ('Happy now?', Lifestyle, April 14<sup>th</sup> 08) of seeking happiness by going on a 'Happiness Course' which teaches that it is 'self-acceptance' that will make us happy, which my friend Jesus would say is 'close but no cigar!' To find true happiness in this world we need to consult the one through whom it was all made in the first place – the son of the Designer. His message is that we find happiness in contemplating what we already have – my gran would have called it 'counting your blessings'.

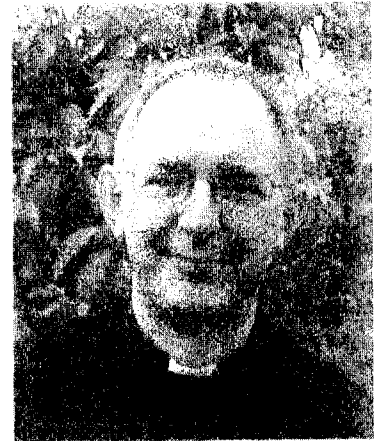
Even the poorest person living in this country is in the top 1% of the world's richest people – the rest are THAT poor! But it's not about fridges, or tv's or regular meals or 'having enough'. The truth is if we all lived a simpler life we'd all have enough of what we need (which is different to what we want). That might make us happier. But true happiness comes from something else, not from something that we do, but from something offered as a free gift. It comes from realising that we are truly accepted and loved, just as we are, warts and all. True happiness is found by accepting willingly the offer of a loving relationship with Jesus who loves YOU to bits, no strings.

*'The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.'* Zephaniah 3:17

Shalom

Derek

(Revd Derek Witchell can be contacted on 01296682320 and at The Vicarage, 27b Aylesbury Road, Wing LU7 0PD)



### TERRIBLE PUN

A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to 'persuade' them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

### EVEN TERRIBLER PUN

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is SO BAD, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

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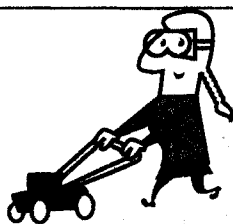
*St Nicholas, Cublington and St James Aston Abbots*

<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b>	Aston Abbots	10.00	Morning Prayer	CS
	Cublington		At Aston Abbots	
<b>SUNDAY 8TH</b>	Aston Abbots	9.15	Holy Communion	RH
	Cublington	9.15	Holy Communion	PB
<b>SUNDAY 15TH</b>	Aston Abbots	6pm	Holy Communion	Revd Ian Ogilvy
	Cublington	6pm	Holy Communion	DW
<b>SUNDAY 22TH</b>	Aston Abbots	6pm	Evensong	wardens
	Cublington	9.15	Family Service	
<b>SUNDAY 29TH</b>	Aston Abbots Cublington	10.00	At Wingrave	ST

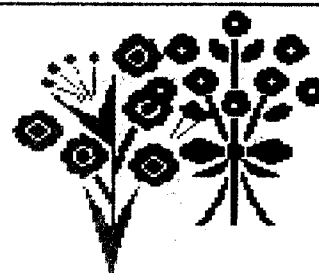
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## St James Church

7th Peter Curry  
14th Nigel  
21st Geoff Curnow  
28th Phil  
5th July Adam/Peter (Wedding 2.30pm)



Ann Dicken  
Anita



### SIDESMAN

1/6 Andrew Ford  
8/6 Andy  
15/6 Shirley  
22/6 Caroline L  
29/6 Benefice Service (Wingrave)

### CLEANERS

Colin/Caroline L  
April/Anita  
Shirley/Andrew  
Francesca/Colin

### READERS

April/Jan  
Shirley/Caroline L  
Peter/Anita  
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# Pest Control

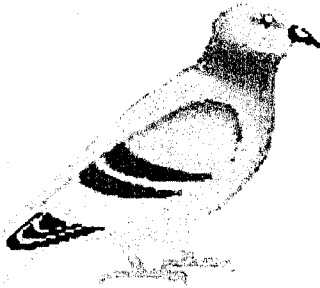
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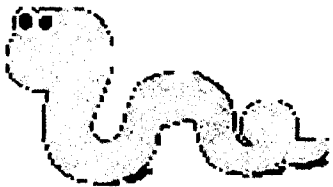
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630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690	Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229
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Chronicle Advertising	Phil Corrigan	688191	Police	Non-emergency	0845 8 505 505
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Church Room Hire	Colin Higgs	681343	Rector	Reverend Derek Witchell	682320
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Council	Aylesbury Vale District	585858	Roads & Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Council	Bucks County Council	395000	Royal Oak	Teri & Gary Moulton	681262
County Councillor	Quinton Ings-Chamber	688431	RSPCA	General Enquiries	08705 555 999
Dial-A-Ride		330088	Scouts	Julia Ellis	681118
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Whist	Colin Higgs	681343
Doctor (emergency out of hours)		331511	Wingrave Preschool	Paul Weston	681127
Fete Coordinator	April Curnow	681459	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	682964
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544	Wingrave Post Office	(Stores)	681696
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000	Wingrave School	Office	681436
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865			
Member of Parliament	John Bercow MP	714240			

*Please let us know of any errors or omissions*

### What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Every day thousands of people's lives are affected by crime and anti-social behaviour within their own homes and local community.

Neighbourhood Watch works by encouraging people to develop closer links with neighbours, police, local authorities and other agencies to share information and to address local issues.

### What are the benefits of NHW?

- Members are less likely to be a victim of crime as they are more aware of local problems and how to prevent them.
- Receive up-to-date information about local incidents and crime prevention tips.
- Knowing you are not alone helps reduce the fear of crime.
- Some insurers offer a discount on home contents insurance to members.

**CRIME CANNOT FLOURISH IN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES**

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can vary in size from a large estate to a few houses. A scheme is generally led by a volunteer co-ordinator (or several if the scheme is large).

Their role is to get people working together. Schemes keep in touch with local police to share information and advice among members.

### How do NHW schemes get started?

- First contact your local NHW office to find out if a scheme already exists. They will send you an information pack.
- Ask your neighbours, preferably in person, or through a questionnaire, if they want to be involved in a NHW scheme.
- Once you have enough interest a "start-up" meeting can be arranged through your local NHW office.
- At the meeting information will be given about basic crime prevention and the type of incidents and crimes to report to the police. An Area Beat Officer may also attend if available.
- Members may be asked to contribute a nominal amount per household towards the cost of street signs, photocopying and any other expenses.

### What do I have to do as a Co-ordinator?

- Support and promote NHW activity within your scheme.
- Receive information from the Ringmaster messaging system (by phone, fax or e-mail) and distribute these messages to scheme members.
- Keep a check on vulnerable households.
- Welcome newcomers and invite them to be part of the scheme
- Reassure and support members, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

### How can members get involved?

- Report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to the police and let your neighbours know.
- Be aware of and practice the Top 10 Neighbourly Tips (see overleaf).
- Participate.

Success depends upon a number of factors but the most important is commitment and a desire to improve the safety of their community.

*We are mindful that in some areas people may want to help but live in fear of intimidation. We have many members operating without any outward signs of membership who provide a valuable two way link in helping to deal with problems in their communities.*

### Too Busy for NHW – Community Watch may be the answer

These days, many of us are too busy to take on extra commitments. Time is precious to us all and perhaps you cannot find time to volunteer for a regular commitment.

Thames Valley Community Messaging enables individual people in the community to be kept informed of crime alerts and information in their neighbourhood. You can register as a member of Community Watch by:

- logging onto the Thames Valley Police Community Message website at [www.tvpccommunitymessaging.org](http://www.tvpccommunitymessaging.org)
- Contacting the local Watch Office on 0845 8 505 505 to request a Ringmaster Application Form.



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Wednesday 7th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 8th	Coffee Shop 10-12 noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 8th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Wednesday 11th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 12th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 14th	Cublington Fete 1-5pm	The Old Rectory
Sunday 15th	Fathers Day	
	Rambling Club meet at Bledlow Manor	
	Lord and Lady Carrington's (Open Gardens) Teas	
Wednesday 18th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
	Parish Council 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 19th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 22nd	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Monday 23rd	Fete/Festival Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 25th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 29th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 29th	Cream Teas 3-5pm	Hulcot Church

## Address

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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*

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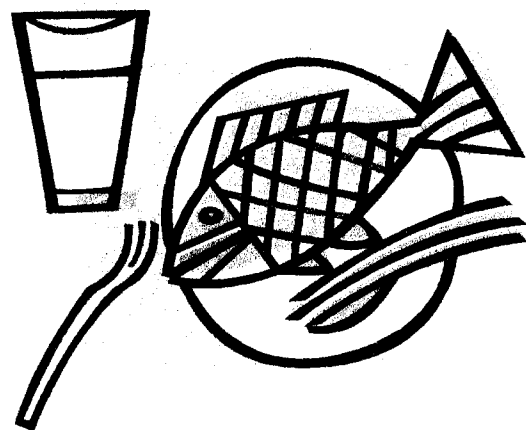
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