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Editorial

Two big events in July are Astonbury and the Village Fete. A huge amount of effort goes into the planning of these events and I hope the weather gods are making appropriate diary notes that good weather is required.

Fortunately the weather on May 31st was kind for my daughter Sally's wedding. Judy's great organisational skills meant that the whole event passed seamlessly. Many villagers helped make the day, not least Jeff and Mandy Bannister who provided the horse and trap that conveyed the bridesmaids and the happy couple to and from the church. Rev Derek Witchell ensured the wedding service was a relaxed and happy occasion. Thanks are also due to Dave Lewis, who set up the sound system in the Church and procured a projection screen that the groom and best man used for their speeches, and to Francesca Bean's sister Liz for the beautiful flower arrangements. And not least to the 'Aston Abbott Tasters' who selected the wines for the reception.

Judy and I celebrated our Ruby Wedding on 22nd June and we enjoyed a brief second honeymoon in St Davids, Pembrokeshire.

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays. Perhaps you might persuade your children to take some snaps of their holiday time in the village, or anywhere else, as part of a holiday page in the September Chronicle.



*Sally & Cathal
leaving St James
Church*

John Hardcastle

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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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Thursday 21st August 2008

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Alison's Gossip Column



Vic Scott will shortly be 80. This achievement has obviously been recognised by the Queen because he and Christine have been invited to Buckingham Palace to take tea.

Congratulations to Clare and John Suthill of Humphreys Close who have a brand new daughter, Emily Alice, born on 21st May and weighing in at 7lbs 15ozs.

More recently, Joe Edward was born to Helen and Tom Carless of Chapmans Lea, on 14th June. He was a bit early and weighed in at 5lbs 8ozs. Congratulations.

Robert and Francesca Bean became grandparents again on 13th June. Daughter Victoria gave birth to a baby girl Gaida Antonia in Sydney.

Who's been spreading malicious lies about Dave's behaviour at "Dave's Deviant Dinner Party"? Of course he didn't serve the food wearing only a pinny!

July

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

August

Paul Fletcher	4 th
Liz Barlow	4 th
Ivor Belgrove	7 th
Christine Fox	10 th
Mark Hewitt	11 th
Jackie Coates	12 th
Louise McManus	17 th
Zoe Williams	19 th
Andrew Parker	21 st
Zoe Oldfield	24 th
Andrew Peacock	24 th
Jenny Howell	27 th
Dean Wiggett	29 th



Steve, who runs the Shop and Post Office in

Wingrave, had to go into hospital for a few days treatment to sort out a perforated ulcer.

Am pleased to say he is making a good recovery. *Ed*

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Confirmed acts (but subject to change)
include:

- ★ The Chunkies
- ★ The Chrystina Tomlin Band
- ★ John Whyte
- ★ Haley Wilkinson with her group
- ★ Bridget Brandon
- ★ Brian Hawkes on the guitar
- ★ Simon Gresswell
- ★ Squid ft. Rachel Sutton

- ★ Pat Daniels
- ★ Nigel and Ant Palmer
- ★ Jackie Burgess
- ★ Chunkfunster ft. The Wongster and Simon Gresswell

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- ★ In Reverence Gospel Choir
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Whilst all the above is going on we have plenty of fun organised for parents and children alike.

Marshall Rose Roundabouts & Swingboats
A Traction Engine & Vintage Tractors
A Fire Engine
Tombola
Coconut Shy
Skittles
Whack the Rat
A Horse Racing Game
Face Painting

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 23rd June at 7.30pm in the Church Room. Please put a note on your calendar.

SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 26th 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".

Raffle tickets will be dropping through your door in the near future. Please buy them yourselves and/or get your family and friends to buy some to help make this a successful fund raising event.

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.

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.

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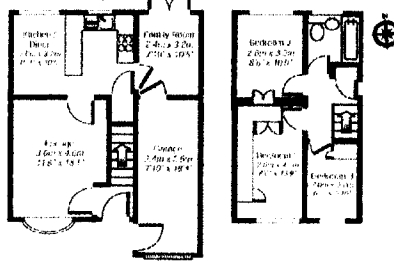
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GOOD SAMARITANS BINGO

A GOOD CAUSE FOR A GOOD EVENING

It is a pleasure to report another donation of £60.00 raised from Good Samaritan Bingo evenings.

When one of our long standing attendees, Mrs Ev Allen, asked if we would consider making a donation to a local branch of **The Parkinson's Association**, everyone attending the Bingo evening agreed this was an excellent idea.

So our latest £60.00 raised was forwarded in June to their local representative, to be used in some small way to support local people living with Parkinsons.

**Our next Bingo session is at 7.30pm
on Thursday, 10th July**

**We hope to make a donation from the July's Bingo evening to support
The Multiple Sclerosis Trust**

(which provides information, education, research and campaigning for a better deal for people with MS)

If you fancy coming along, you'll be very welcome.....

Would you 'Risk it for a Biscuit' in the Raffle

You could try to win the Snowball - now running at £16.

Best of all you might enjoy a bit of a laugh in good company.

Our July Bingo evening will be the last before we take a break for the Summer Holiday season – Bingo evenings will start again in October.

For more information contact Pam ☎ 681626 or Shiela ☎ 681649

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION for the children.

Please kids, come dressed as a character from a book.

You may well be doing this at school in Book Week.

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- ♥ Now I'm sixty-four (*and a half*)
- ♥ For The Benefit of Mr Whyte
- ♥ Day Skipper
- ♥ We're leaving home (*'cos Chesh is practising solo sax all of the time—signed Rod & Val*)
- ♥ Good mooring, good mooring
- ♥ Eight pints a night
- ♥ I want to hold your pint
- ♥ We love beer—yeah, yeah, yeah

The special sing-a-long Finale will feature the band's well known anthem—*All You Need Is Beer*. Here are the words, so you can sing along...

Beer, beer, beer, beer, beer
There's nothing you can drink we haven't drunk.
Nothing quite so low as we have sunk.
There's nothing we can do now that the room is
spinning round

We're queasy

(Chorus)

All you need is beer
All you need is beer
All you need is beer
Beer is all you need

(repeat ad nauseum)

Coming to an open-air festival near you—soon!!!

ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB



June 5th

Seventeen members were present at our meeting in the church room today. Apologies were received from Irene Lowden.

The minutes were read, approved and signed, after which each member was given a sheet of A4 paper with pictures and information about our summer outing to the Cotswolds, the coach fare being £12. 50.

The business being over, the Chairman introduced today's speaker, Mr. Rye who was BBC gardener of the year in 2002. He told us how he was chosen as well as how he designed his winning garden. Of particular interest was his insight into the way the Garners World program was produced.

He was thanked by Margaret Kent, after which he and his wife offered a selection of plants for sale.

Today's tea hostesses were, Etherlie Gutteridge and Siv Tunnicliffe. June Loader won the raffle.

Shirley Ford

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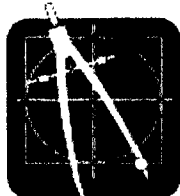
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

When I saw Simon Guy at the allotments recently, he presented me with a copy of a magazine called "Allotment & Leisure Gardener", which he thought might give me some ideas for my monthly column. (He kindly didn't suggest that it would improve the standard of the rubbish I usually write).

I therefore looked through it. One of the first articles was one headed "Children on Allotment Sites", which began by saying that we should welcome and encourage children at allotments, a view with which we would probably all agree. However it then went on to say that there were a number of actions that should be taken *for the safety of the children* if we were to do this, and I read on with incredulity. The actions included:-

1. Risk Assessments *must* (my italics) be carried out.
2. If school visits were made (an unlikely event I would have thought), there should be enough adults to supervise the children.
3. In no circumstances should children be allowed to wander around the site unsupervised.

I try hard not to become grumpy and cantankerous in my old age, but really! An allotment is basically a garden specialising in growing vegetables rather than flowers. Would anyone in their right senses carry out a risk assessment before allowing their children to play in the garden! Yes, there may be sharp tools – spades, forks, rakes, etc. - on an allotment; and there may be some things that one would prefer that children did not drink, such as most brands of weedkiller; but there will be nothing on the average allotment that one could not find in the average domestic garden or garden shed. Normal commonsense will mean that you will tell your (or anyone else's) children not to play with the tools, and not to drink anything in the bottles, and you will make sure they don't!

Should one carry out a risk assessment before allowing ones children into the kitchen? There are far more dangerous implements in there! And the main reason for not letting children to wander around an allotment unsupervised is not the safety of the children, but the safety of the plants!

Having just returned from an extended period of time away, and had to deal with the vast crop of weeds that had grown on my allotment during my various absences, I was interested to read an article by the head gardener at Audley End, who began by saying "all thoughts of holidays and days away from the plot must now be given serious consideration, and dare I say it, put off until further notice"! While he does have a point, it is undoubtedly a good example of the tail wagging the dog! While we allotmenters very much enjoy our allotments, there is life to be lived as well!

I have thus far in writing this column avoided giving any gardening hints, on the basis that I was certainly unqualified to give them. However I will pass on two tips which may be of use, both of which stem from my recent experience. When I went away in early June, I sprayed "Roundup" on that part of my allotment upon which I was not already growing vegetables. When I got back two weeks later, I found that it had successfully killed all the weeds except one: my nettles on this part of the allotment were continuing to thrive – some looking a bit spindly and poorly, but still growing – and were clearly benefiting from my having killed off all the competition! Clearly, one spraying of "Roundup" is not enough to destroy nettles: you need a second application.

Secondly, when I went away, I left my row of peas growing quite happily. By the time I got back they had hardly progressed because some bird or birds (Vic tells me they were probably pigeons) had been feasting on the leaves. I have now put netting all round them, and am hoping that enough of the leaves has remained to enable the plants to be resuscitated. Vic told me that he planted some young pea plants out this spring, intending to net them the following day. By the time he came to do this, the plants had been so badly eaten that they did not survive. If my do, therefore, I will have been lucky! The same problem occurs with cabbages and other members of the brassica family. If you want to grow any of these plants, therefore, remember to net them during the spring.

Peter Shorrock

THINKING ABOUT YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY THIS YEAR, BUT FEELING THE PINCH, WHAT WITH THE BILLS GOING UP AT HOME, AND A HOLIDAY ABROAD WILL COST EVEN MORE WITH THE DIRE EURO EXCHANGE RATE.....

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Year 2 have recently been working on riddles in their literacy sessions. Here are some examples:

What am I?

I go slower than a jet but faster than a car. I don't travel on the land but when I land I go on the runway. I see cars as little toy cars. I love to fly in the snugly gold and white clouds. I carry passengers in the seats inside me. I carry the passengers to hot and cold places. I have four wings on me.

Fawn Chastney

What am I?

I have flexible skin. You have got to peel me before you eat me. I am a little bit bigger than an apple. I am orange everywhere. If you squeeze me you will get sticky orange juice. I am a bit like a tennis ball but I am not green and hairy.

Abbie Lee

What am I?

I have a blade on top of me. I am bigger than a bike but smaller than an aeroplane. I can come in all sorts of colours. The bottom of me is like a sledge. I have a lot of controls unlike a bike. Some people jump with a parachute off me. I look a bit like a type of aeroplane. Not many people ride in me. I ride in the air. The blade on top of me is sharp. I have quite a lot of levers in me.

Ben Lewington

What am I?

I am smooth and I am dark green and then I am light green. I am red and juicy inside but you can't eat the outside of me. I have black, shiny pips in me but they are not nice to eat. I am very heavy but when you cut me up I am quite light. I am lots of children's favourite fruit. I grow on the ground.

Lauren McLay

If you would like to know more about the school please visit our the schools website which has now been updated, www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk

22nd May 2008

Dear Parents/Carers

As promised, here is the second of the recently introduced governors' newsletters. I hope the information here will show you just how much work the staff have been doing to ensure that all the issues raised in the Ofsted report are being addressed as quickly as appropriate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the school. We would welcome any feedback about this newsletter and don't forget you can contact the governors on wingravegovernor@gmail.com

Kind regards, Lynne Roxbee Cox, Chair of Governors

SIAS Inspection

The diocese of Oxford inspected the school on Thursday 3rd April and you should have all received a copy of their report. We were very pleased with the findings of the report which state 'there is much that is currently good about this school'. The school was graded as 'satisfactory', which is the highest grade allowable due to the school being in special measures.

Ofsted Action Plan

There are 4 main headings in the action plan: Achievement and Standards, Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Management and Care, Guidance and Support. All key points and actions taken so far are covered in this newsletter. Mrs McClellan is meeting regularly with governors and staff to keep everybody updated on progress. The Inspectors are due back for an interim visit before the end of the summer term. They will review progress against the key issues originally raised and then publish their findings. We will, of course, keep you updated on this.

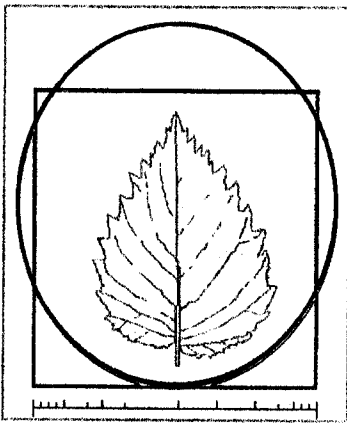
Headteacher

This situation has not changed. Mrs Dimic is still off sick and Mrs McClellan will be with us for as long as necessary.

Teaching and Learning

Subject co-ordinators are currently completing forms detailing training courses they have attended. They will be reporting on the impact these courses have had on the whole school and how this will inform the planning of their subject for next year. There has also been a total review of the delivery of the science curriculum in KS2. A staff meeting has been held to discuss every child in the school, to ensure all necessary intervention strategies are put in place. An Advanced Skills Teacher and a Maths advisor have been working with staff. Also, maths and literacy advisory teachers will be attending school after ½ term to work with members of staff. Lesson observations by the HT have taken place in all classes. Work is continuing on improving the planning, differentiation of lessons and marking of work, to ensure that all children are being appropriately challenged and that they know what they need to do in order to improve their work.

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Tracking System

The new system for tracking children's progress is now up and running. New laptops are loaded with the new program and pupil details. Training on the tracking system took place on 21st May. This will enable staff to fully monitor the progress of every child and to ensure continue to monitor at all stages from Reception to Year 6.

Staffing Structure

We are hopeful that the staffing structure for September will be finalised very soon. We will let you know details as soon as possible.

Policies

The Anti-bullying Policy and Marking policy have now been reviewed and updated. All other policies are in the process of being reviewed. All policies will be available on the new web site for you to view.

Library

A new package has been agreed with County which will upgrade the stock of books and also allow for additional books to be borrowed thereby increasing the variety of books on offer. All KS2 pupils now have a new style form for recording the books they borrow from the library. This will help to develop their reading skills by ensuring they are reading a wide range of books.

Special Educational Needs/Gifted and Talented Children

We are reviewing the SEN practice across the school and have also appointed a very experienced SEN governor to work closely with the SEN co-ordinator. A new role of Gifted and Talented co-ordinator has been created and a new policy is currently being written. You should have received a letter this week from Mrs Britnell with regard to gifted and talented children.

Lunchtime

An additional supervisor will be present to help the younger children on the days hot lunches are served. This will be either Mrs Searles or Mrs Boughton.

Premises

The whole school (inside and outside) is to have additional maintenance work carried out, including decorating where necessary. This should greatly improve the appearance of the school. New (or nearly new) tables and chairs have been sourced and will be arriving at school soon. A Health and Safety audit is to be carried out by County after half term.

May Day

The annual parade through the village took place on a lovely sunny day, with small bouquets of flowers being handed out to the elders of the village. This was followed by some very energetic dancing by all children (and some of the staff!) This is a wonderful tradition and shows how much the school is at the heart of the community.

Rising 5's

Mrs McClellan and Mrs Abbott have visited Cublington pre-school and will be visiting Wingrave pre-school shortly to build up a good relationship with staff and pupils. The new Wingrave pre-school leader has also visited the school. A meeting was held on 12th May with parents of the children who will be joining the school in September this year. The parents met with Mrs McClellan, Miss Carter and Mrs Abbott. Parents obviously asked questions with regard to the Ofsted report and the actions being taken, but we are hopeful that any concerns have been answered and parents are happy that the school is making good progress on issues raised.

Prospectus, Website and Parents Handbook

The prospectus is currently being updated and should be available for use after ½ term. Work has been carried out on the website to modernise it and make it more 'user friendly', however the content is still to be updated. Why not have a look at it at www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk. We are also in the process of updating the Parents Handbook which includes all information parents should need such as names of staff, governors, PTFA members and class representatives. It also includes administrative arrangements, school uniform and diary dates etc. This will be issued annually to all parents at the beginning of the school year.

Parents Evening

Comments on the questionnaires handed out at parents evening were very positive and supportive. It would appear that parents are happy with the improvements made on the information given to them about the progress of their child/ren. All comments have been noted and will be taken into consideration at the next parents evening.

Parents Skill List

A letter has been sent to all parents requesting details of any particular skill or expertise which could possibly be called upon by the school as and when needed. We would be grateful if this could be returned to the school if appropriate.

Finally

There is now a real sense of purpose and 'pulling together' at the school. Staff and Governors are working hard to ensure the necessary actions are taken as quickly as possible to improve the areas of concern identified by Ofsted. There have been many changes and improvements made in a lot of different areas over the past few weeks and we are hopeful that parents are starting to notice the difference that this is making for their children.

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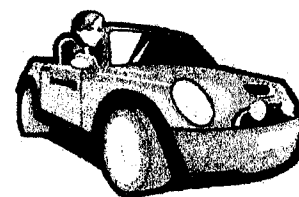
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Returning to the bio fuels debate and the production of ethanol for alternative fuels. The EU renewable transport fuel obligation, (TFO to us peasants!), states that fuel suppliers must ensure that bio fuels account for 2.5% of fuel at the pumps now and rising to 5% by 2010. This means that it will require 40% of EU farmland to be turned over to bio fuel crops, to meet the EU's own 10% target, cutting vastly our own ability to grow food to feed ourselves which is already having the effect of forcing prices much higher. (As reported in this column back in the winter). Who are these EU nutters? Let out on day-release? They put the 'mental' back into environmentalists.

The Russians clearly have the right idea, they are building 30 new plants to produce two million tonnes of fuel ethanol each year for domestic and export markets. They are already building a plant in the Tamlov region to produce 250,000 tons yearly, mostly from wheat.

Am I going mad as well? No, not quite, the Russians have 40 million hectares of unused arable land that supply energy crops without affecting domestic food production. There is less than 6 million hectares of arable land in the U.K. – that's all. The Russians apart from running the gas supplies to the U.K. and possibly the oil supplies eventually, they shall definitely hold all the aces on future ethanol production. Feel better now? I thought you would.

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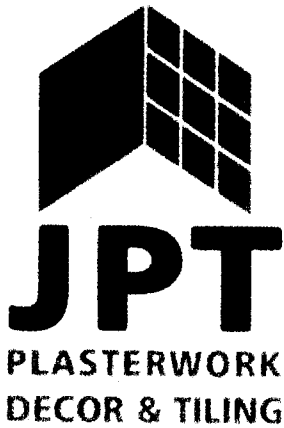
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The finished path is far safer than before, and when the gravel surface has 'settled', should be 'user friendly' to all.



"It must be noted that we have a new Church path due to the generosity of the Higgs family, and in particular Colin, as a memorial to their parents. The path will be a long lasting reminder of the contribution that Colin has made to village life which has been above and beyond the call of duty and greatly appreciated by everyone."

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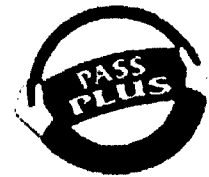
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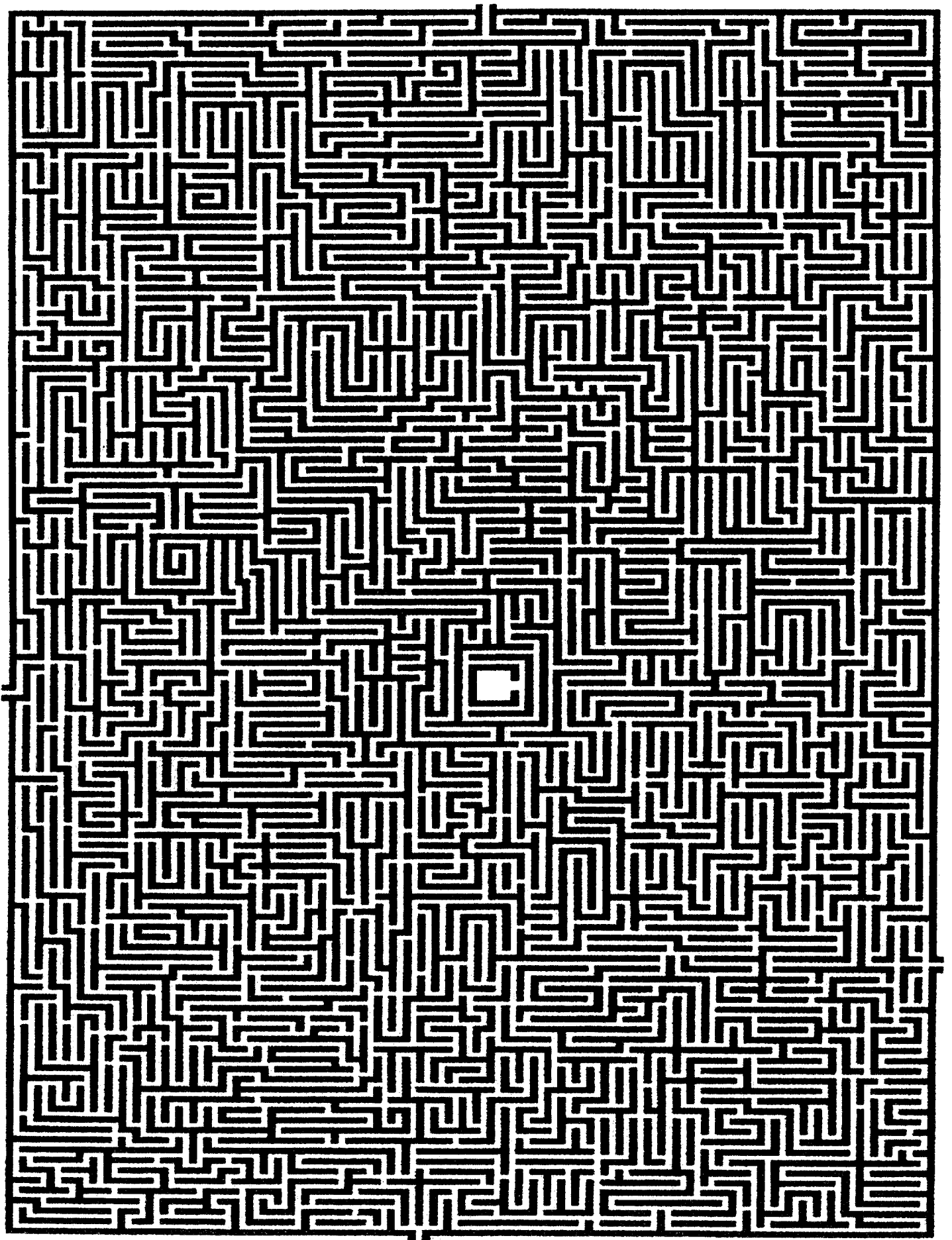
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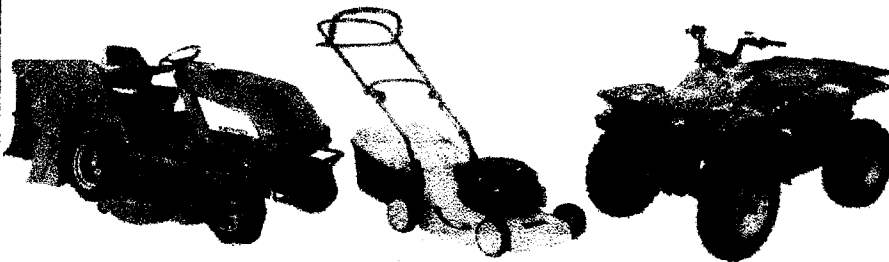
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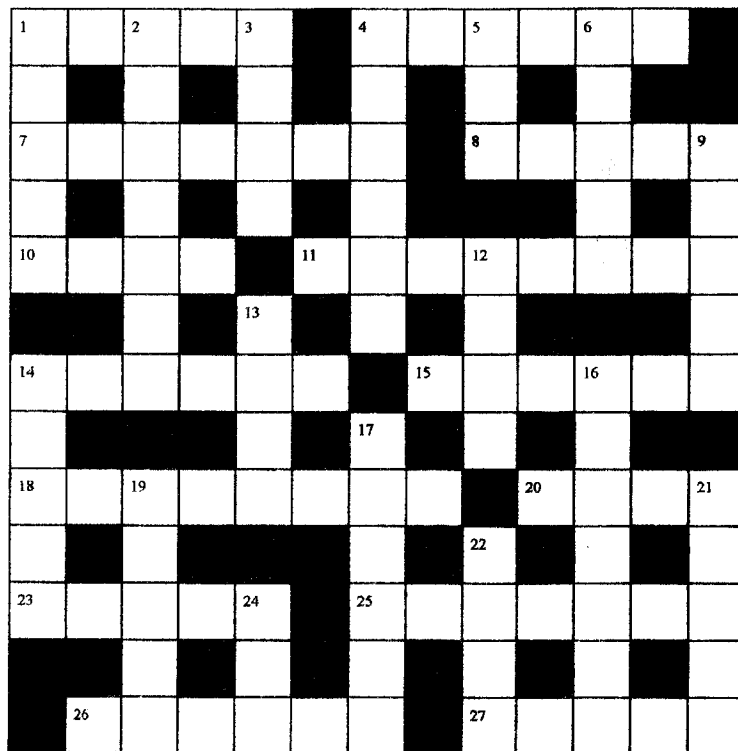


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- 1 Enter 2 Detach 7 Besides
- 8 Panic 10 Ruin 11 Yugoslav
- 14 Voyage 15 Summer
- 18 Roulette 20 Sand
- 23 Excel 25 Abandon
- 26 Sparta 28 Merge

DOWN

- 1 Ember 2 Testify 3 Ride
- 4 Discus 5 Tap 6 Canal
- 9 Cover 12 Onus 13 Ogre
- 14 Verse 16 Meander
- 17 Ottawa 19 Uncap
- 21 Dunce 22 Calm 24 Lar

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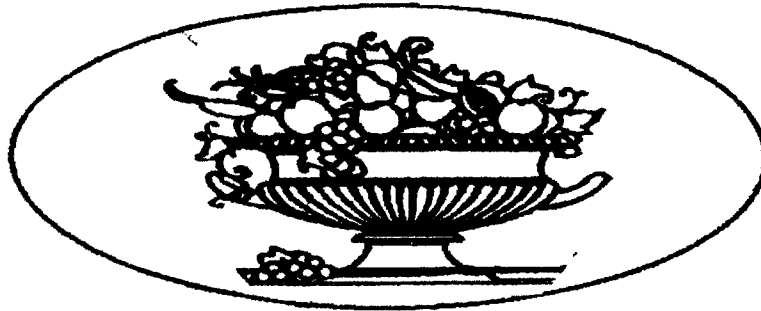
- 1 Greeting (5)
- 4 Beginning of the week (6)
- 7 Print (7)
- 8 Danger (5)
- 10 Yorkshire city (4)
- 11 Pretended (8)
- 14 Hand tool (6)
- 15 Type of hound (6)
- 18 Pull together (8)
- 20 River in Oxfordshire (4)
- 23 Tool for shaping wood (5)
- 25 Avoiding (7)
- 26 Desperate (6)
- 27 Prejudiced person (5)

DOWN

- 1 Not sad (5)
- 2 Freedom of choice (7)
- 3 Leave out (4)
- 4 Angora wool (6)
- 5 Short sleep (3)
- 6 Large artery in your body (5)
- 9 Belgian city (5)
- 12 One who takes drugs (4)
- 13 Get larger (4)
- 14 Part of a flower (5)
- 16 Young goose (7)
- 17 Apprehend (6)
- 19 Change (5)
- 21 Ability to see (5)
- 22 Edge of pavement (4)
- 24 Female sheep (3)

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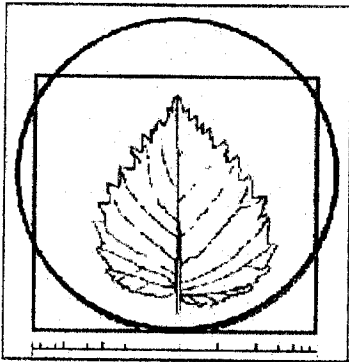
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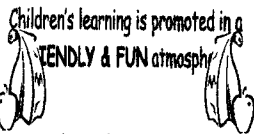
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SUNDAY 20TH	Aston Abbots		At Cublington	
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SUNDAY 27TH	Aston Abbots	6pm	Evensong	CS
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6th	Andrew	Jan/Andy	Colin/Caroline	Adam/Peter	Wedding
13th	April	Ann/Gordon	Ann/Gordon	?	---
20th	Andy	Shirley/Caroline A/S	Shirley/Andrew	Caroline/Tara	Donated
27th	Church Wardens	Caroline A/S/Colin Smart	April/Anita?	Gordon	Festival Roat

AUGUST

3rd	Andrew	April	Colin/Caroline	Will/Marcus	Shirley
10th	Gordon	Readers	Ann/Gordon	Peter Curry	---
17th	Caroline	TBA	Shirley/Andrew	Bob	Colin
24th	April		April	Ray/George	Wedding
31st					---



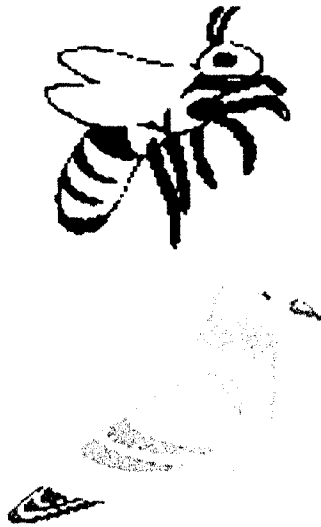


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District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Whist	Colin Higgs	681343
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Fete Coordinator	April Curnow	681459	Wingrave Post Office (PO only)		682964
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544	Wingrave Post Office (Stores)		681696
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Sunday 6th	Rambling Club 2pm	Dunsmore
Tuesday 8th	Aylesbury Transport Meeting 2pm	County Hall
Wednesday 9th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 10th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Saturday 12th	Hulcott Fete 2pm	The Green
Wednesday 16th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 17th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Saturday 19th	Astonbury on the Rec	
Sunday 20th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Note 3rd Sunday to Hulcott (cream T in Church)		
Tuesday 22nd	PCC Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 23rd	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 24th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Saturday 26th	Village Fete/Festival	
Sunday 27th	Church open for Floral Displays 2-5pm Song of Praise 6pm	St James Church St James Church
Wednesday 30th	Prayers 9am	Church Room
Thursday 31st	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Wednesday 6th August	Prayers 9am AVDC Childrens Holiday Fun Watch for Posters Parish Council <u>8pm IN CHURCH</u>	St James Church St James Church St James Church
Wednesday 13th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Wednesday 20th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Wednesday 27th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 28th	Bucks County Show	Weedon Park
Friday 29th	Refuse Day (not Thursday due to holiday)	

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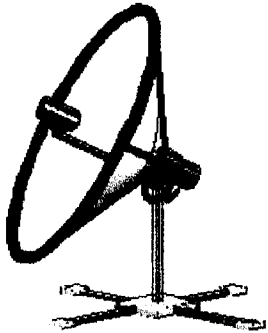
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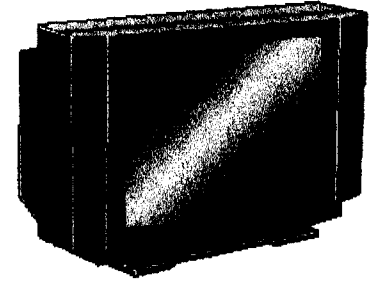


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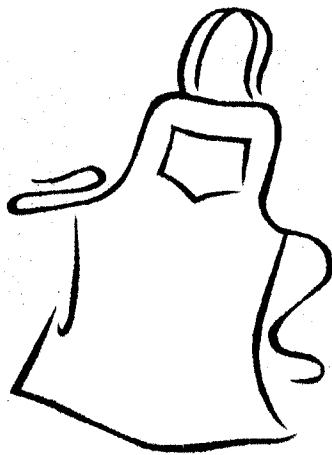
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An Aston Abbots Welcome

It is a matter of some pride that here in Aston Abbots we like to extend a warm welcome to visitors from other villages. So, when one of Aston Abbots' glitterati chose to introduce Anne, a lady friend from Oxfordshire, we did our best to make her feel welcome. It was, perhaps, rather unfortunate that this introduction took place at *Dodgy Dave's Deviant Dinner* party.....



So, Anne, I address the rest of these remarks to you. Firstly, you should realise that it was not at all unusual that your waiter suddenly appeared at the dinner table absolutely stark naked, except for a small plastic pinafore. Fortunately, as you will have no doubt noticed, owing to the fact that we were

eating outside and the temperature was getting rather cold, there was actually very little to be alarmed about.

Furthermore, although you left surprisingly early I wish to reassure you that there is no truth in the rumour that late in the evening a well-known Astonbury singer was seen miming Elvis Presley's *Suspicious Minds*, using a ten inch rubber, err..., "toy" as a microphone.

However, it might be true that a certain Gnome, presented with a cheeseboard, failed to notice the aforementioned "toy" nestling amongst the grapes and tried to cut a slice off it whilst declaring a fondness for mozzarella.

Welcome to Aston Abbots Anne. We hope you enjoyed your visit and you'll come back and see us again soon.

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