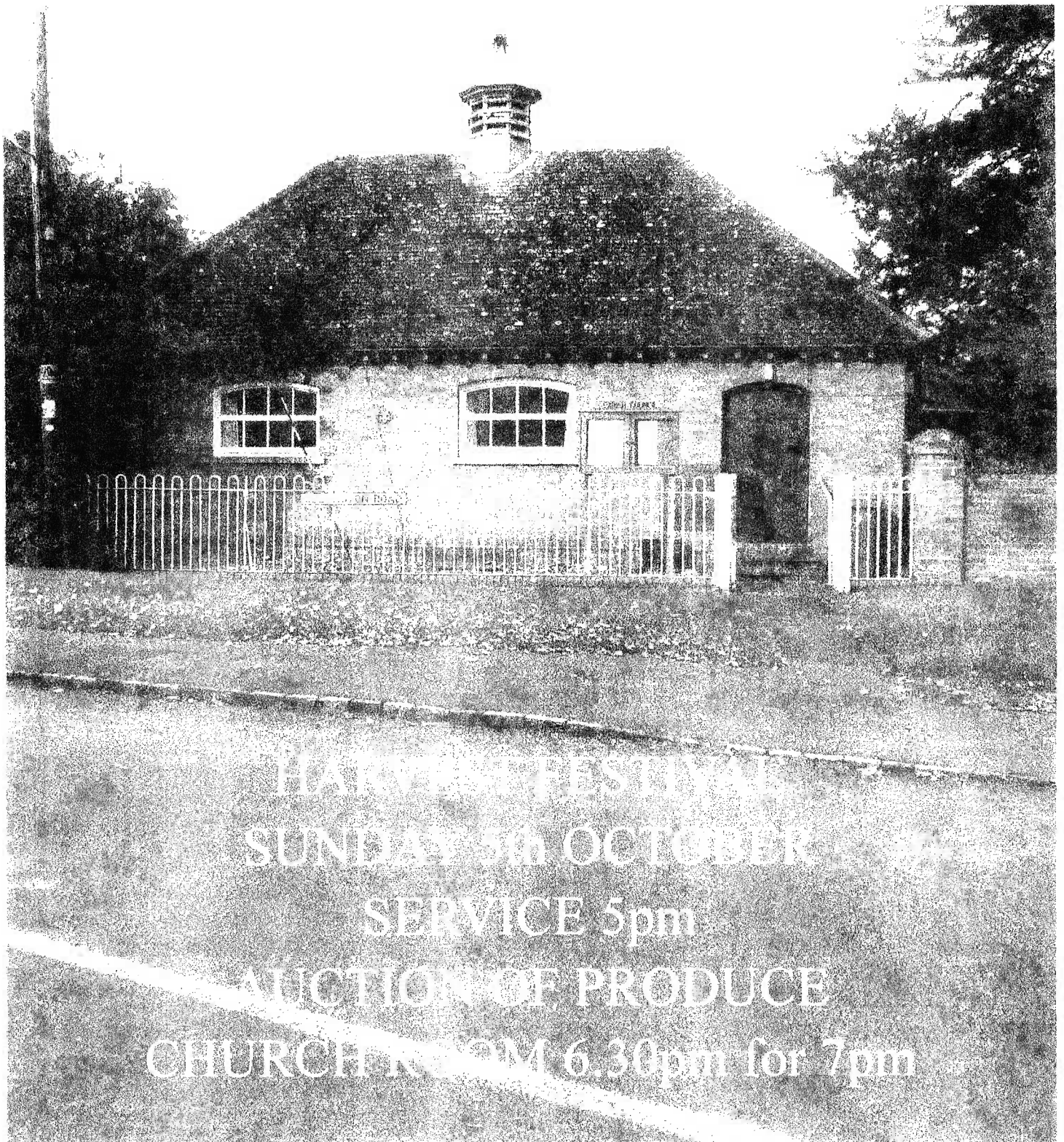


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# Editorial

The Village Plan questionnaire will be issued in the next few weeks and could well be included with the November issue of The Chronicle. A deal of work has been put into it's production and I would urge you to give serious thought to your answers to help the committee working on the plan to finalise their response.

Simon Guy has shown me the first draft of his family history of the men who's names are remembered on the War Memorial and graves in the churchyard. If you have any memories of these men and their families and descendants then Simon would be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact him on 681319 or through the Chronicle email address [editor@aachronicle.co.uk](mailto:editor@aachronicle.co.uk).

See page 5 for a preview of his article.

Don't hold your breath but there is a distinct possibility that progress will be made towards the granting of a lease and the approval of proposed improvements to the Village Room. Progress has at last been made with the Church's solicitor and investigation is being initiated to agree the cost of any refurbishment and improvements. Some of the expense can be grant aided. The improvements will include an upgrade of the kitchen and the provision of improved toilet accommodation. It is also proposed that the lighting and heating will be modernised. (see Parish Council Minutes page 13)

Judy and I enjoyed a meal at Rick Stein's restaurant in Padstow - we were given a voucher by our daughter Sally as a 'thank you' following her marriage earlier this year. The atmosphere, service and quality of food were excellent - the only problem was the size of the bill. Still, something to do once in one's life. We stayed in Cornwall for a few days and the weather was glorious. Played a round of golf at Trevoze went sailing and spent a very pleasant afternoon watching Gig racing at Devoran. Gigs are long rowing boats with 6 oarsmen and a cox. Various age groups took part - looked very strenuous to me. Long may this Indian Summer last!

*John Hurdentte*

*In This Issue*

## *Allotment Diary*

- *Crossword*
- *What's on in October*
- *Countryside Matters*
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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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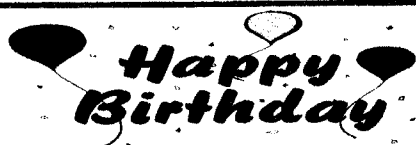
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**Friday 24th October 2008**

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# Alison's Gossip Column



**Karen Brandon** was married to Rob Hunter on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St James' Church. The bride looked stunning and the groom didn't look too bad either. The weather miraculously improved and the sun shone. A spectacular reception was held at Pitchcott.

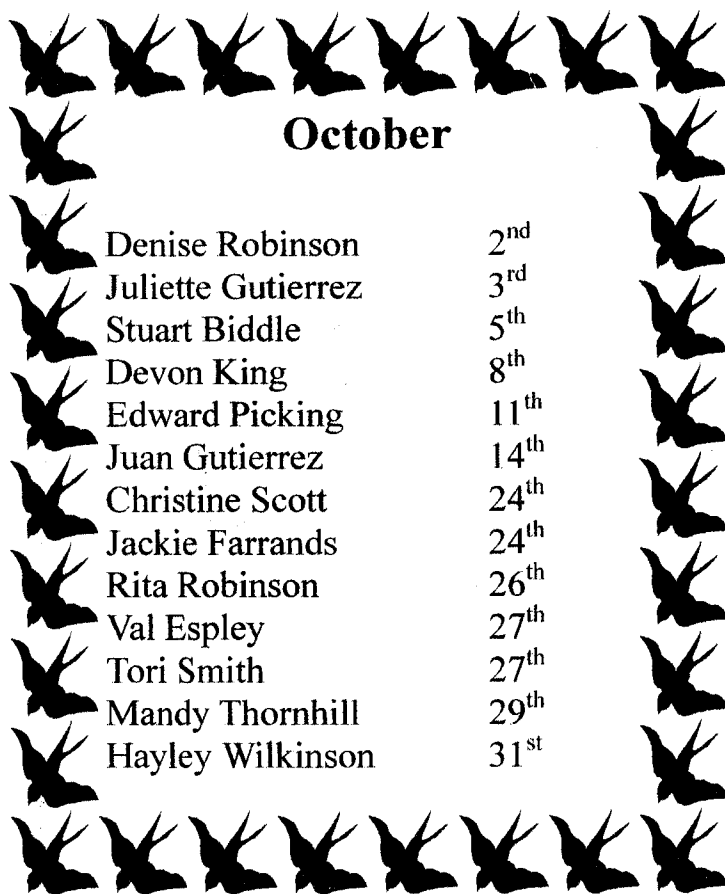
Welcome to 2 lots of newcomers – Janice and Ian who've moved into 3, The Green and also to Alex and Marisa residing at 33, The Green.

Whilst out walking, I saw an unfamiliar animal run across Moat Lane. I thought it was a pine marten but apparently you only see them in Scotland, so I presume it was a mink. It was the colour and size of my cat. Has anyone else seen them?

**Bob Dewhirst** tumbled down a pothole in Norduck Drive and is now nursing a broken wrist. He is receiving sympathetic care and is expected to make a full recovery.

**GNOMES** recently enjoyed a theatrical night out watching West Side Story at Milton Keynes Theatre. The evening was organised by Kate Curry. The story line, borrowed from Shakespeare, still had great resonance for the youth of today.

## October

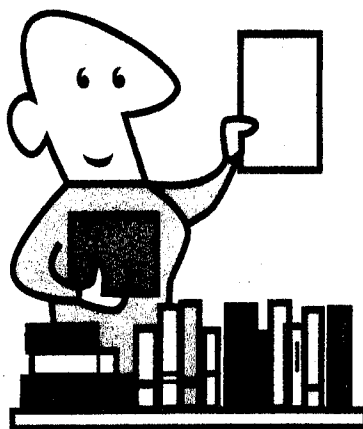


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## The National Eczema Society funds research

and provides information about eczema. One of the ways they fund this work is by the sale of Christmas cards. If you are interested in supporting this charity, their online shop is [www.nescharitycards.co.uk](http://www.nescharitycards.co.uk). If you would like to see samples of their quality Christmas cards, or look at a catalogue, contact Liz Hall, on 01296 682078. There is no obligation to buy but if you did want any of their cards or eco-friendly gifts, ordering via Liz will save you packaging and delivery charges!

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## Remembering the men from Aston Abbots who died in the two World Wars.

Simon Guy, who lives at 3 Church Row, has spent a deal of time researching the lives of the men recorded on the War Memorial in the churchyard. For the November edition of the Chronicle some of his research will be published to coincide with Remembrance Sunday which this year is on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Simon is proposing to present a copy of his researches to the Parish Council as an archive that we all can refer to.

In the Parish Council minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> April 1919 'it was proposed seconded and unanimously carried that the Memorial for the soldiers of Aston Abbots who fell in the war be placed in the churchyard of Aston Abbots'.

The names listed on the Memorial are:-

### *FOR GOD AND COUNTRY*

**Alfred Castle**  
**William Clarke**  
**Ernest H Harrison**  
**Frank Humphreys**  
**Stanley Jeffs**  
**Albert T. Kent**  
**Amos Paxton**  
**Walter Paxton**  
**Edward J. Paxton**  
**William Smith**

**Percy Thompson**

1939-1945

**John Humphreys**

Also buried in an official war grave in the churchyard

**John Higgs**

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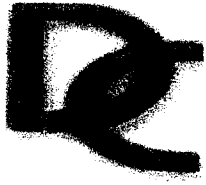
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Simon has visited most of the graves and planted a remembrance cross on behalf of the Parish and Villagers of Aston Abbots. Two of the graves are in Italy (the majority are in France or Belgium) and he hopes to visit them next year and to plant a remembrance cross then.

If you have any special memories of these men and their families then please contact Simon so that they might be incorporated in next month's issue. *Ed*



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## **ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH PLAN – UPDATE**

You may remember at the end of last year there was an article in the Chronicle about a Parish Plan, which was headed “An opportunity for local people to influence local issues.” To remind you, here is what it said:

*The District Council is currently producing a Local Development Framework which includes outline plans as diverse as affordable housing and transport policy to the provision of play areas and local shops. How can a local community influence the issues and decisions made within this framework? AVDC policy states that information set out in a Parish Plan can provide high level input into issues such as local needs, opportunities and concerns which may, in turn, have a direct impact on planning issues.*

*What is a Parish Plan? A Parish Plan is a locally inspired vision of how a village should develop; in essence it is an aspiration of how you would like your village to be. With the degree of development outlined in Government policy, the Parish Council felt it important that village opinion should play a significant part in that development through the medium of a Parish Plan.*

*All that sounds very grand but it will not hold water unless the opinion of the whole village is involved in the final product. A steering committee has been formed but only with the remit of setting the ball rolling, if a villager feels they would like to contribute they are more than welcome to join us.*

Well, no-one else has come forward to contribute so far (though you would still be very welcome), and the steering committee has met several times and finally come up with a questionnaire which we hope will provide the foundation on which the Parish Plan will be built.

The purpose of this article is to let you know that this questionnaire will be delivered to all the households in the village in the near future. It is your chance to say how you envisage Aston Abbotts will develop in the future, so please take the time to fill it in, record your comments and return it to the committee who will then endeavour to use your views to make a draft outline of a Parish Plan to present to you.

The process will be an iterative one and, therefore, must remain flexible. Village input is vital for its success, and that means all of the village must get involved. If it appears that the few are dictating to the many the project will be abandoned.

If you have any questions please contact Peter Ellwood on [pandc.ellwood@btinternet.com](mailto:pandc.ellwood@btinternet.com) or 07896897907.

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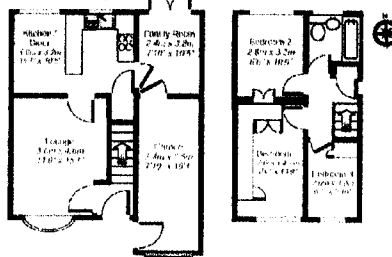
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## Countryside Matters

Disease, pests and even drought are endangering many of UK's horse chestnut trees. As many as 50,000, around 10%, of the total have bleeding canker which attacks the bark, this causes a dark sticky liquid to ooze from spots and rings on the trunk of the tree. Limbs fall off and eventually the tree falls over. To add to its woes the leaf miner moth then attacks, their larvae eat the leaves. This gives the impression of brown foliage and shows up against the surrounding green landscape, like a premature autumn. The scale of this disaster is spreading rapidly and thousands of trees are going to disappear in the next few years.

Is it my imagination or have we been going through a bad spell with some of our national treasures? Firstly the Dutch elm disease with losses of 30 million trees, then sudden oak death which affects the beech and now the gypsy moth which prefers oak trees and poplars. Let us hope the wonderful conker trees shall withstand this unwelcome onslaught.

To depress you even more the British Beekeepers Association reported up to 30% losses in their bee colonies over the last winter. They put this down not only to varroa mite but also "colony collapse disorder", (sounds like some social services problem in an inner city!). Let us hope a cure is found because bees are essential for pollination of all fruit trees and many arable crops most of all field beans.

On a brighter note, I thought Jimmy Doherty's 'Farming Heroes' was a pure delight. He showed some of the best things about British farming and farmers. It is a joy to listen to a down to earth bloke who tells it as he sees it. I thought it was an honest series, warts and all, showing that farming is hard but a very rewarding life-style.

Due to a problem with a tractor tailgate, I am tempted to let my chickens out wandering the road between Ledburn and Crafton, the road this week was covered in a thin layer of wheat. It looked like the local council road gritters had turned up early. I can see much leg pulling imminent at the forthcoming Harvest Supper!!

*James Henderson*

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### **SORRY ROB!!**

Firstly, many apologies to Rob O'Connell who so generously paid for our church clock to be repaired.

Apologies, because although I had submitted an article thanking him, to be published in the September issue of the Chronicle, somehow, the relative 'digits' were lost between my computer and our Editor!!!

What I had so much wanted to say was that, Rob, reading in the Chronicle that we needed to raise £120.00 to repair the church clock, responded immediately with his generous offer to pay the full amount. Such was his enthusiasm that when I brought the repaired 'winder motor' back from Huntingdon, Rod accompanied Colin and myself into our rather dark and dusty church tower to see it installed.

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The service will be followed by a **Harvest Supper**  
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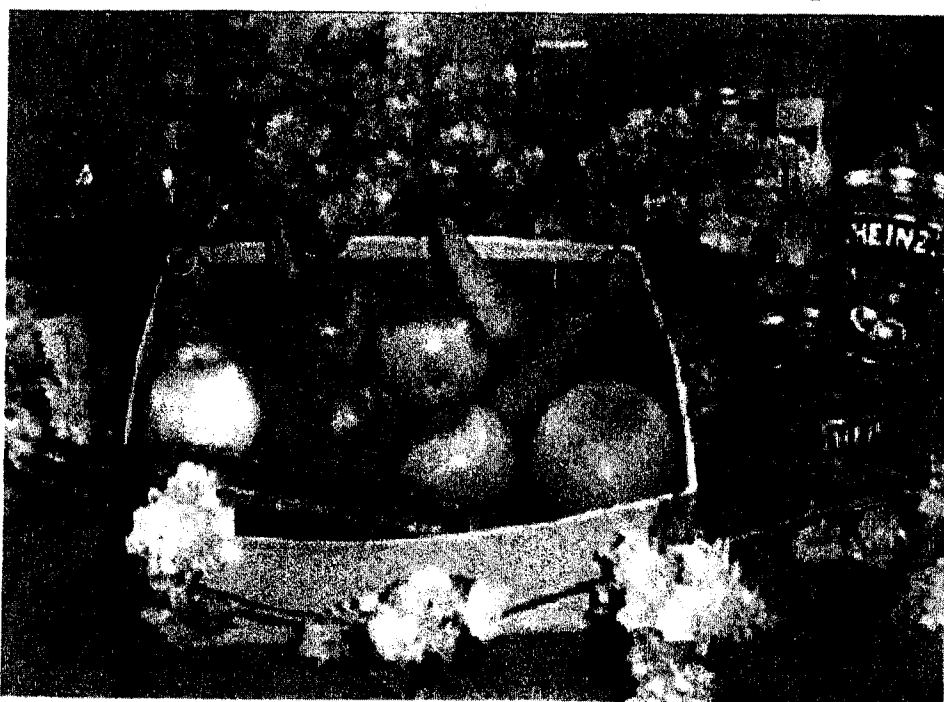
Supper will be a hot three course meal prepared by your 'favorite hostesses'!!  
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This lovely meal will be followed by an 'entertaining' auction of donated produce.  
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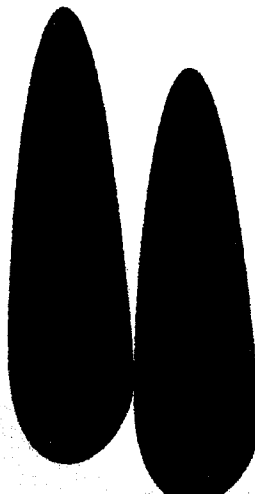
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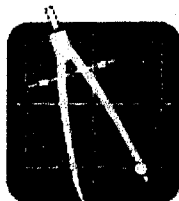
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## **Aston Abbotts Parish Council Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Present:** - Cllrs. C Higgs, D Dicken, K Curry, A Stefanczyz, P Shorrocks, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk). Apologies had been received from J Hardcastle.

The Clerk reported the Annual Audit had been completed and he would post the necessary Notices on the Parish Notice Board as required. The Clerk also advised that he had received notification that Dog waste charges had been reduced from the current rate of £2.22 to £1.89 from 1st October 2008.

The Clerk had received a letter regarding the recycling facility at Tring and he was advised to reply noting that the facility was not in the District although we were aware that it would remain open until a new facility was opened at Aston Clinton. The Clerk drew attention of Councillors to the LTP2 consultation on which he had received a letter, requesting they review the relevant web page for any feedback as the consultation ends on the 17th October 2008.

Final arrangements were being made for the purchase of the equipment for the Church rooms. The Clerk had received a letter from AVDC regarding the s106 monies and he was to write giving details of the monies spent so far.

It was reported that progress was being made on the lease for the Church rooms. A meeting had been held with the Architect and she was to circulate the notes to interested parties in order to progress the matter.

The role of the planning committee was discussed. It was noted that the Agenda for the meetings was the defining point of any decision. It was AGREED that the Chairman would review planning applications and, after appropriate consultation with other members of the planning committee, advise the Clerk whether an application should be included on the Planning Committee or Parish Council Agenda for decision.

The draft Village Plan questionnaire had been completed, it was currently being modified and was targeted to be circulated to parishioners with the November issue of the Chronicle. It was also noted that the article detailing the purpose of the Village plan was being reviewed for inclusion in the October issue.

We had received notification that the village was losing the mobile library service and all expressed their concern at this decision. It was AGREED that the Clerk would complain strongly on behalf of Council at this decision.

It was noted that the telephone box was not working and the Clerk would contact BT to report the matter.

The question of whether we should consider the provision of a mobile Post Office was raised, as some villages are using the facility. After discussion it was AGREED not to pursue at this time.

The Bonfire Night was discussed. Council would contact last year's organisers to ascertain whether they were prepared to continue. We would then put in place the necessary controls and safety requirements. Council AGREED to fund £500 (including VAT). It was noted that volunteers would be required to collect entrance money.

The meeting was updated on the current status of the drainage of surface water from the Hunters Way development. The Clerk advised he had contacted Highways and the Highways Engineer responsible had visited site and raised the matter with the developer. He was to continue monitoring the situation. The Clerk would also continue to progress until a conclusion was reached.

Concerns were expressed over the height of trees affecting streetlights, particularly one by the old Bull & Butcher. It was AGREED that Council would investigate and discuss with the resident who owned the tree to remedy the situation.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the prospect of a footpath from the village to Wingrave crossroads. He had contacted BALC and their advice was to raise the matter with County, also obtaining support of our representatives on County and District Councils. It was AGREED to write to Highways detailing our requirement and the reasons. We should also raise the issue at the forthcoming Local Forum.

It was AGREED to ask Mrs J Hardcastle to represent the Council at the forthcoming Local Forum meeting.

The New Deal document would be reviewed by all and discussed at next month's meeting.

Councillor Peter Cooper advised he had a preliminary meeting with County Council on the adoption of the streetlights at Wingrave cross roads. BCC had to check to see whether this would require a change to policy. He expected to hear the outcome within the next 2 weeks.

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The monthly Recreation Ground inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report. The Clerk to check the records to see if this was required weekly or could be carried out monthly.

Council discussed the matter of the replacement fencing. The Clerk was to write to acknowledge receipt of quotations received and it was noted that the matter be included in next year's budget.

Further quotes were required before approving the work to be carried out on the tree overgrowth on the recreation ground.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 20.00 in the Church Rooms

## ***Happy Birthday Denis***

Following Denis Knight's nintieth birthday, those attending the 'Thursday coffee morning' helped him continue the celebrations of this significant event. Rita and April provided an appropriately (well gaudily) decorated cake which Denis cut with due ceremony and a few words of 'thanks to all'. This was followed by hearty chorus of 'Happy Birthday' by all concerned. Of course, it has to be mentioned that the hall was bedecked (inside and out) with birthday balloons by Geoff Curnow who has since vowed never to blow up another one!!!



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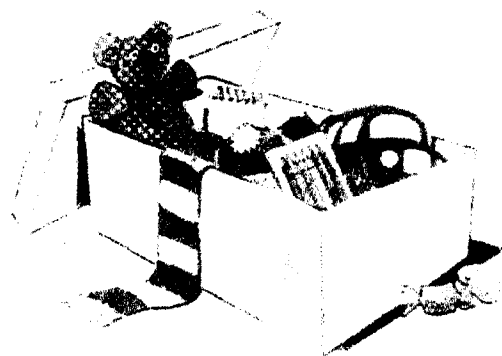
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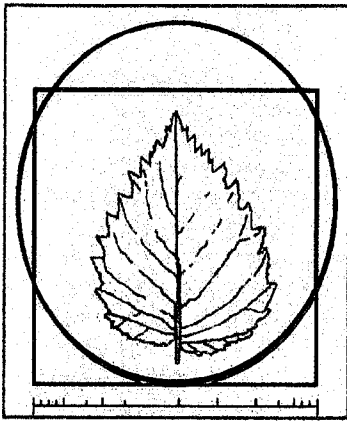
Running kindergartens and after school clubs for the poor.

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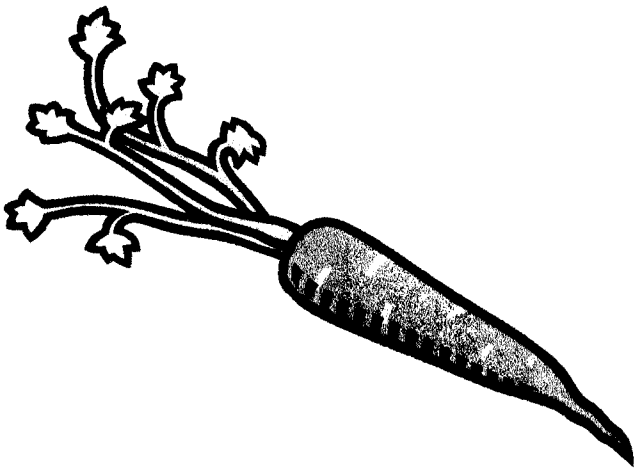


## ALLOTMENT DIARY

The Germans have a word for which there is no English equivalent. This word is "schadenfreude", which means "the malicious enjoyment of others' misfortunes".

My experience as an allotment-holder, however, enables me to state, quite categorically, that this word is unknown to the allotmenters of Aston Abbots. Whenever I have talked to any of them about some problem with the vegetables I have been trying to grow, far from showing any pleasure in my misfortune, the usual reaction has been to tell me about a similar failure of their crop of the same vegetable – or, if they have not experienced a similar failure, then to offer me part of their crop of the vegetable in question, to make good the void in my harvest.

What brought this to mind were the several conversations I have had recently with fellow allotmenters about the failure of various crops. Everyone to whom I have spoken has, like me, had a poor year for carrots. In my case about half of the seeds I planted failed to come up. Others found they had to sow carrots several times because none of the first plantings germinated. When I started picking my carrots, I then found that most of the crop was either stunted or misshapen; and the carrots themselves were affected by carrot-fly. Others have had the same problems.



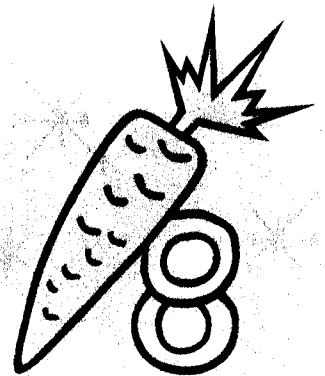
The other thing that has affected most of us is that our cabbage plants have been more than usually devoured by caterpillars. In my case, the butterflies managed to get through the netting I had placed over the plants; but I must admit that the netting was old, and did contain some unintentional holes. In Colin's case, however, the wretched insects managed to get through two layers of netting. On my plot, the caterpillars' preference was clearly for Brussels sprouts, and before I had spotted what was happening, they had reduced these plants to skeletons. Derris dust – the usual remedy – had no effect, and so I was reduced – as were some of my neighbours – to picking the wretched critters off by hand every day, and killing them. I did not count how many I removed, but it must have been hundreds. As a result, I still

have some cabbages. Curiously, I believe that my Brussels sprouts are continuing to grow, even without leaves! I suspect, however, that any crop of sprouts will be small.

Finally, although I have had a good crop of potatoes, I have noticed that more than usual have been attacked by slugs. Why all these things should have happened in the same year, I do not know; and can only assume that they are all connected to the damp and gloomy summer we have just experienced.

If any of my readers have also had problems this year with carrots, cabbages or potatoes, I hope this article will cheer you up, knowing you are not alone!

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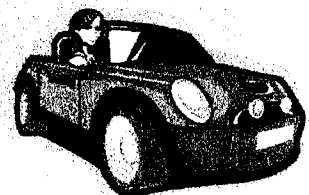
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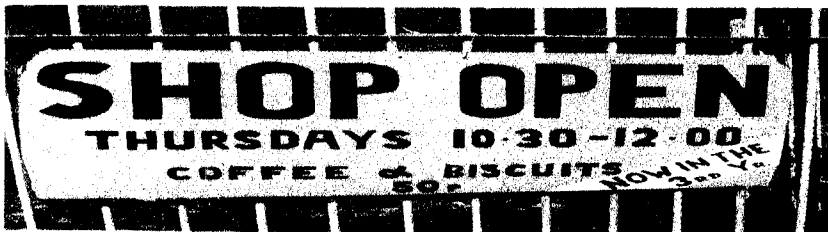
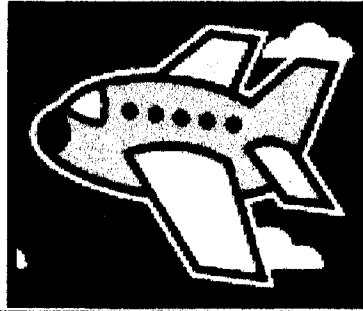
Dear Editor

I am writing to raise concerns about general declining standards of behaviour in the village. During a recent pleasure flight over Aston Abbotts our plane was subject to what I believe is referred to as a "moon", due to our height and speed it is difficult to be absolutely certain who the "moonee" was but I believe the gentleman may be a senior civil servant. This action did cause distress to one of the passengers and the pilot became disorientated, this thoughtless action could have had serious consequences.

Yours sincerely

"Outraged" of Nashs Farm

Name & Address supplied



### Skinny Dipping...

An elderly man from Aston Abbotts had owned his large farm for several years. On the farm there was a large pond. It was a good size for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables and some apple and pear trees etc.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young local women skinny-dipping in his pond. The girls saw him coming, and, shrieking, they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!' The old man frowned, and replied 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'

*Some old men can still think fast.*

### THE TRUTH ABOUT GOLF

The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course.~ Billy Graham

*Golf appeals to the idiot and the child in us. Just how childlike golfers become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.*~John Updike

They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that.~ Gardner Dickinson

*If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.*~ Sam Snead

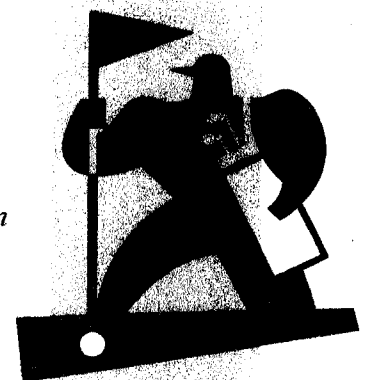
Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.~ William Wordsworth

*If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt!* ~ Dean Martin

I'm hitting the woods just great, but having a terrible time getting out of them! ~ Author Unknown

*If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.* ~ Jack Lemmon

Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty.~ Harry Vardon



## Ladies!

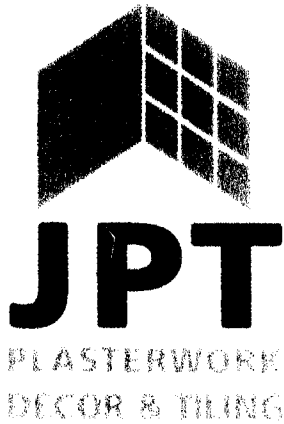
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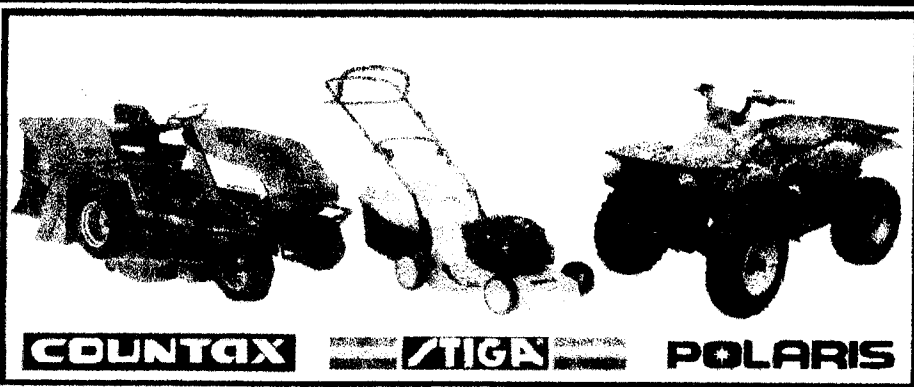
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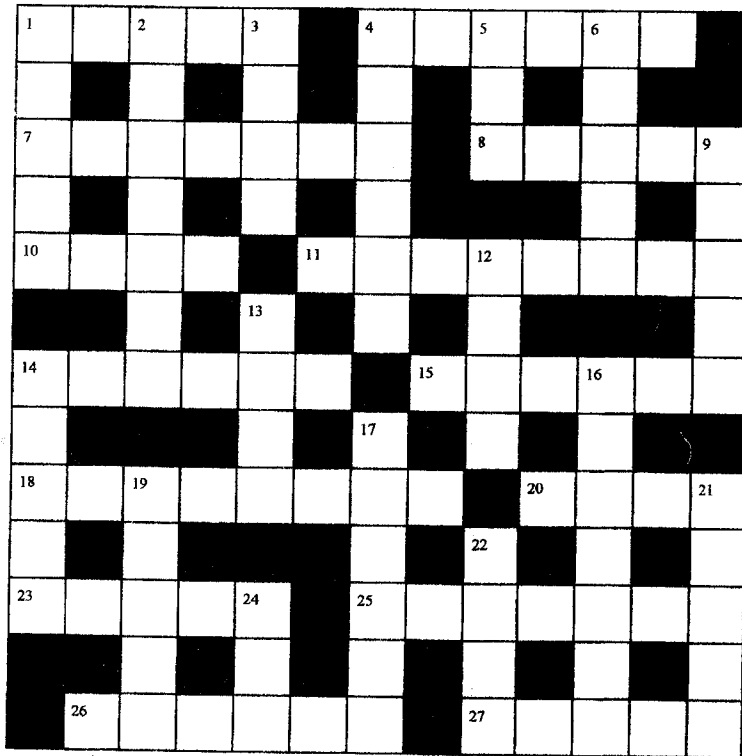


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## SEPTEMBER ANSWERS

### ACROSS

1 Times 4 Autumn 7 Waiting  
8 Elgar 10 Site 11 Gargoyle  
14 Canada 15 Wooden  
18 Educated 20 Bell 23 Tacky  
25 Abandon 26 Temple  
27 Penny

### DOWN

1 Towns 2 Moisten 3 Swig  
4 Aegean 5 Tie 6 Muggy  
9 Rhein 12 Good 13 Idea  
14 Cheat 16 Dresden  
17 Deface 19 Uncle 21 Lanky  
22 Carp 24 Yap

### ACROSS

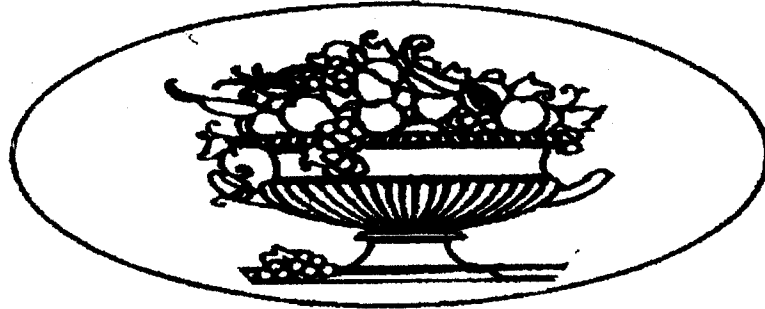
- 1 Gambling card game (5)
- 4 Precede (6)
- 7 Male chicken (7)
- 8 Not old (5)
- 10 Carried by lorry (4)
- 11 To help someone (8)
- 14 Under the house (6)
- 15 Drowsy (6)
- 18 Begin (8)
- 20 Large bird (4)
- 23 Go in (5)
- 25 Large house (7)
- 26 Slow piece of music (6)
- 27 Small person (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Great danger (5)
- 2 Person who knows all (7)
- 3 Posh hotel (4)
- 4 Destroy by fire (6)
- 5 Type of cooking (3)\_
- 6 Cream for adding colour (5)
- 9 Unsteady (5)
- 12 Have faith in (4)
- 13 Not different (4)
- 14 Hidden store (5)
- 16 Worn in the ear (7)
- 17 Small European lobster (6)
- 19 Made softer (5)
- 21 Blowy (5)
- 22 Speak sharply (4)
- 24 Torn piece of cloth (3)

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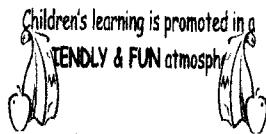
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1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.

2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AN ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARLS.

3. LOT'S WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.

5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.

6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.

7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.

8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.

10. THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.

11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.

12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.

13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.

14. SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.

15. WHEN MARY HEARD SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SHE SANG THE MAGNA CARTA.

16. WHEN THE THREE WISE GUYS FROM THE EAST SIDE ARRIVED THEY FOUND JESUS IN THE MANAGER.

17. JESUS WAS BORN BECAUSE MARY HAD AN IMMACULATE CONTRAPTION.

18. ST. JOHN THE BLACKSMITH DUMPED WATER ON HIS HEAD.

19. JESUS ENUNCIATED THE GOLDEN RULE, WHICH SAYS TO DO UNTO OTHERS BEFORE THEY DO ONE TO YOU. HE ALSO EXPLAINED A MAN DOTH NOT LIVE BY SWEAT ALONE.

20. IT WAS A MIRICLE WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND MANAGED TO GET THE TOMBSTONE OFF THE ENTRANCE.

21. THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED THE LORD WERE CALLED THE 12 DECIBELS.

22. THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE APOSTLES.

23. ONE OF THE OPOSSUMS WAS ST. MATTHEW WHO WAS ALSO A TAXIMAN.

24. ST. PAUL CAVORTED TO CHRISTIANITY, HE PREACHED HOLY ACRIMONY WHICH IS ANOTHER NAME FOR MARRAIGE.

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<b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>Holy Communion 10am</b>
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion 6pm</b>
<b>5th Sunday</b>	<b>Benifice</b>

"Please note that there is to be a change of service time on October 12th. The service will be at 6pm, not 10am, and conducted by Rev. Peter Binns."



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5th	Church Wardens	Gordon/Ann	Harvest Rota	Colin/Caroline L	4th Ray/Geoff R
12th	Andy	Andy/April	-	Shirley/Andrew	11th Caroline/Tara
19th	April	Shirley/Peter	Mrs Loader	April/Francesca	18th Geoff C
25th	Gordon	TBA	Ann G	Ann/Gordon	24th ?
2nd Nov Andrew					

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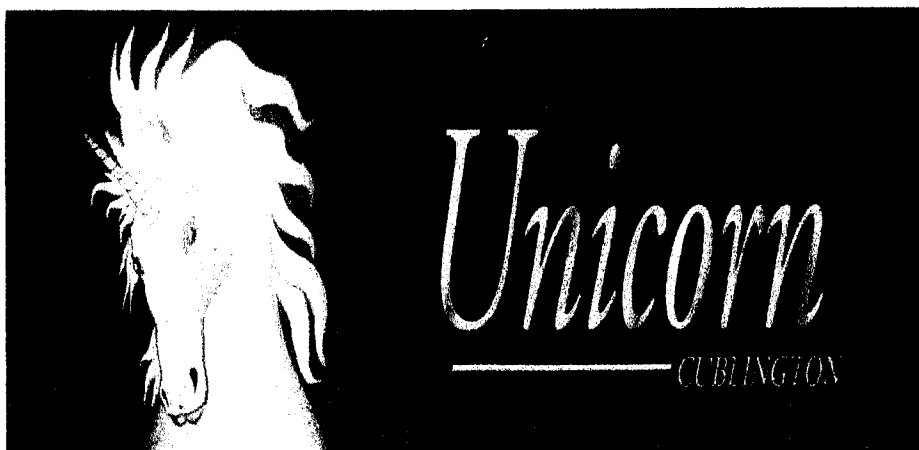
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Thursday 2nd	Prayers 9am Coffee Shop 10-12 noon Bingo 7.30pm	St James Church Church Room Church Room
Sunday 5th	Rambling Club 2pm Harvest Festival Evensong 5pm Followed by Harvest Supper in Church Room	meet at Wiggington St James Church Church Room
Tuesday 7th	PCC 7.30pm Rambling Club 8pm Autumn/Winter Programme 13 Moorlands Road Wing	Church Room
Thursday 9th	Prayers 9.30am Coffee/Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	St James Church Church Room Church Room
Saturday 11th	Churchyard Working Party 10-12	Volunteers needed
Sunday 12th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Thursday 16th	Prayers 9.30am Coffee Shop 10-12noon Ladies Club 2.15pm	St James Church Church Room Church Room
Saturday 18th	Churchyard Working Party 10-12	
Thursday 23rd	Prayers 9am Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	St James Church Church Room Church Room
Saturday 25th	British SummertimeEnd	Clock Back 1 hour
Wednesday 29th	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 30th	Prayers 9am Coffee Shop 10-12noon Ladies Club AGM 2.15pm	St James Church Church Room Church Room
Friday 31st	Rambling Club 6.45pm Short Hallowene Walk followed by supper	meet at Wing
Sunday 2nd Nov	Rambling Club 2pm Evensong 6pm	meet at Quanton Station St James Church

## Address

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**Meeting at the memorial at 10.45am.**

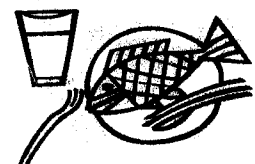
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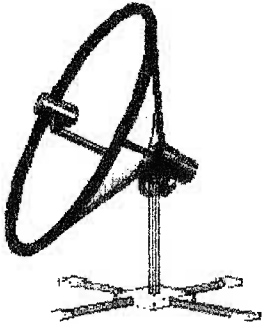
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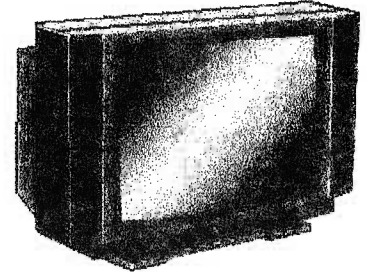


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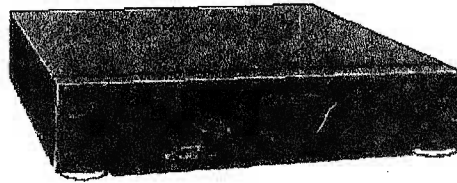


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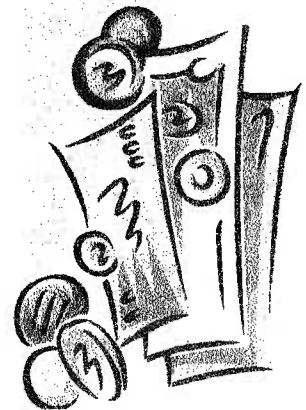
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## Dave's Money-Saving Tip Number 8

When you go on holiday, don't waste money on valet-parking at the airport. Instead of paying extra money to have a driver greet you outside of the terminal with your car when you arrive home, follow this great advice from Dave.

Park in the long-stay car-park. This is much cheaper than valet-parking. But when you return to the airport, you need to avoid the queuing, the tedious bus-ride and the delay. Here's the plan:

1. As soon as you clear customs one of your party leaves the rest in the baggage hall to wait for the baggage
2. This person runs ahead to catch the bus to the car park.
3. This person then collects the car and brings it back to the terminal to meet the rest of the group as they emerge from the terminal.



Result: The party get met at the terminal door as they come out without the cost of valet-parking. No wait. No bus ride for the group. It's a simple scheme. It can't go wrong!

Now, here is the important bit. Here Dave reveals the secret ingredient, learnt from his own bitter experience. When the nominated person runs ahead to catch the car park bus and fetch the car, he must... HE MUST... look at the destination written on the front of the bus!

In Dave's case he did eventually arrive back at the terminal (on the same bus) to find the rest of his party dejectedly awaiting his return. Then everybody caught the right bus to the car park... but everybody agreed that they were happy to have saved the extra money on valet-parking!

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