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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9th NOVEMBER

FIREWORKS ON THE REC 5th NOVEMBER

Editorial

Simon Guy's excellent article (starting on page 5), about the men whose names are remembered on the war memorial in St James churchyard, is the result of a lot of painstaking work. Please take the opportunity to visit the church on Remembrance Sunday when individual files for each name will be on display and available for your inspection. If after reading Simon's article you would like to add some memory or anecdote then Simon will be pleased to hear from you. You can contact him on 01296 681319 or email him on simonguy@hotmail.co.uk.

Bonfire Night is on the Rec on 5th November. The Parish Council has made a contribution to the cost of the event. Please bring your family along to view the firework display. Please be as generous as possible by putting money into the buckets held at the gate to help with the cost of the event. Details are on the ad on page 33

Bucks County Council has decided to continue the bi-weekly visit of the mobile library. Please note the change in time from 11.40am to 10.50am. The first visit, at the new time, is on 11th November.

One of our Village Fete raffle tickets won us the second prize 'a dinner for two at The King's Head, Ivinghoe'. Judy and I recently cashed in our voucher and thoroughly enjoyed our meal in the most glamorous of settings. The voucher was very kindly donated by Annie Clooney who lives in one of the Bull & Butcher houses.

John Hardcastle

Allotment Diary

- Crossword
- What's on in November
- 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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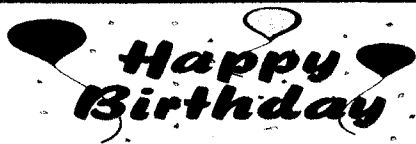
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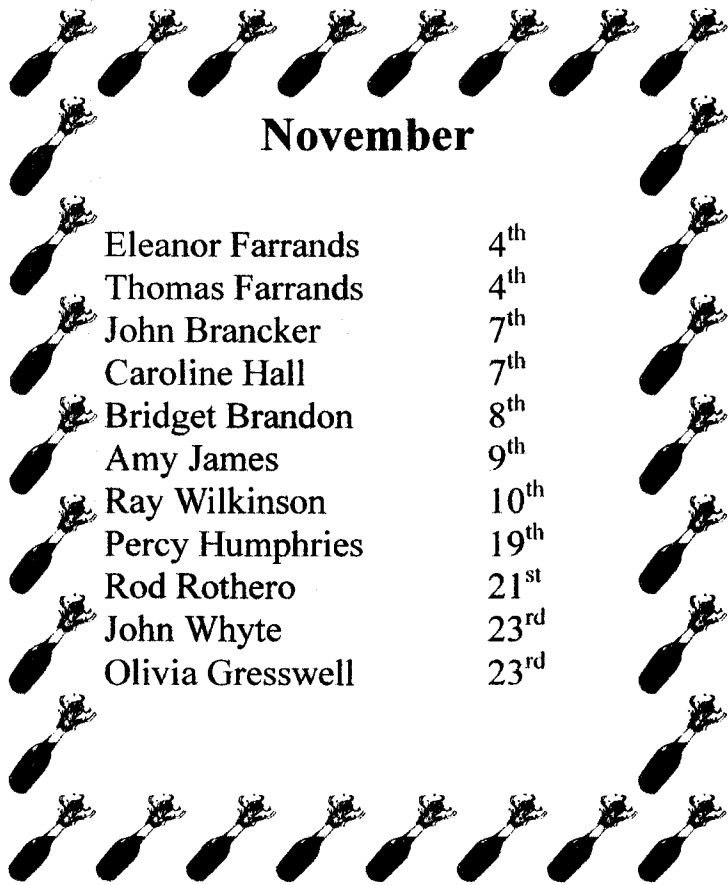
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Alison's Gossip Column



November



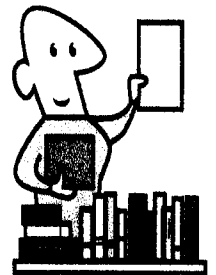
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Congratulations to Dean and Jane Wiggett who are the proud parents of Henry John James born 17th October and weighing in at a very respectable 8lbs.

Sally and Nigel Palmer's daughter Louise was married to Scot Warnock on 11th October at the Tythe Barn near Bicester. They are now honeymooning in Malaysia.

A large contingent from Aston Abbots enjoyed a Masons Ladies weekend in Eastbourne in October. Bob Bean was the Master and Francesca and Andy Bystra made all the arrangements. We all had immense fun and £1000 was raised for Breast Cancer

Some good news – The Parish Clerk has been advised by Bucks CC that, following further consultation with customers, they have decided to continue the mobile library stop at The Green. The stop will now take place on alternate Tuesdays from 10:50 - 11:05. Dates have been posted on the Parish Notice Board. The first date is Nov 11th.



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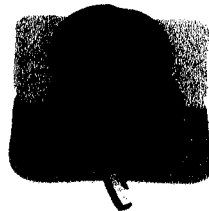
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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER
10.15 am. the War Memorial
Aston Abbots



Come along and honour those Aston Abbots lads who lost their lives in the defence of this glorious country of ours.

Simon Guy will be presenting his researches on all those mentioned on our war memorial to the village during the service.

Have you noticed that Simon places a photo and a few salient facts on the church notice board, for each of the deceased on the month of his/their demise.

(Nice touch Simon!)



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The Lads of Aston Abbotts

Remembering the fallen of World War 1 by Simon Guy

Introduction

My interest in the names on our war memorial was sparked by discovering that I had a Great Uncle (Alfred Bradshaw), who had fought and died in the 1st World War. He was killed in action on the 4th October 1917. He was 21 when he died.

It was when walking past the War memorial one day and looking at the names carved into the stone that I decided to find out as much as possible about the men who fought, and died, in the 'War to end all wars'

Since then I've travelled over to Belgium and France to visit the last resting place or memorial to the brave men who fell and researched into their lives when they lived in Aston Abbotts. What follows is an abridged version of the results of my research into each of them. The full version of this will be on display at St James during the Remembrance Day service.

Amos Paxton

In 1901 Amos Jnr. was living with his Father Amos (a gardener born in Tingewick about 1858) & his Mother Harriet (Nee Mansfield, born Cottisford, Oxon about 1857) along with his 7 siblings. According to the 1901 census they resided in Aston Abbotts 'Cottage no 9' (The census did not list the houses by number and street name; rather they started at one end of the village and followed the same route each time a census was collected. Part of the research will include an enumerators' map of Aston Abbotts as it was in 1901 & 1891.) Today this house is now 10 Wingrave Road, a house which is a combination of what was then house no's 9 & 10.

At the outbreak of the war Amos Paxton was in the Grenadier Guards, 2nd Battalion, having enlisted in Bristol. He was by then 22 years of age having been born in December 1892 in Aston Abbotts. As an "old Contemptible" he took part in the First Battle of Ypres.

The "Old Contemptibles" was the title proudly adopted by the men of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) who saw service before or on 22nd November 1914. They were the originals, and most were regular soldiers or reservists.

All those who took part in First Ypres qualified. They derive their honourable title from the famous "Order of the Day" given by Kaiser Wilhelm II at his headquarters in Aix-la-Chapelle on the 19th

August, 1914:- "It is my Royal and Imperial Command that you concentrate your energies, for the immediate present upon one single purpose, and that is that you address all your skill and all the valour of my soldiers to exterminate first the treacherous English; walk over General French's contemptible little Army." The precise translation has been debated endlessly, but the irony of the choice of title is clear.

As the BEF advanced, it clashed with an enemy that turned out to be five times larger than itself; the difference in artillery was even greater. The army dug in and defended against wave after wave of attack, under fierce shellfire. Gradually, the British forward position - it would be inaccurate to yet call it a line - was pushed back. There were two days of particular crisis (31 October and 11 November 1914) when it seemed the last reserves had been committed, the line was giving way and surely the Germans must break through. But on each occasion, enough reserve of energy and courage was found to finally defeat the German attack.

Amos Paxton was killed in action on 1st November 1914 in the first battle of Ypres. He was 22 years of age. His body was never found and as such he is commemorated on the YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL which now bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known.

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2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
13. How many of you believe in psychokinesis? Raise my hand.
14. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
15. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
16. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
17. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
18. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
19. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Alfred Castle

From a research perspective this particular gentleman is proving to be the biggest challenge of them all. As yet I have established no link between Alfred Castle and Aston Abbots. He is not listed in the 1901 census, nor is there any link by marriage that I can find. Neither are there any relations buried in the graveyard. He is on the memorial list of soldiers inside St James in the third column marked 'Friends' as opposed to 'Parishioners' of Aston Abbots.

The most likely candidate is Private George Alfred Castle 266612 who was born in Wasperton, Warwickshire but enlisted in the Oxford and Bucks

Light Infantry, 2nd/1st Battalion in Aylesbury. This information is derived from the Commonwealth Grave Commission.

The battalion was part of 61st (2nd South Midland) Division. The first major action in which the Division was engaged turned out to be an unmitigated disaster. An attack was made on 19 July 1916 at Fromelles, a subsidiary action to the much larger battle taking place further south on the Somme. He was only 19 when he died on that day 19th July 1916. Like Amos Paxton his body was never found. He is remembered at the Loos Memorial – Panel 83 – 85.

Walter Paxton

Walter Paxton was the elder brother of Amos Paxton who had died in November 1914. Walter was born on 28th October 1888 and baptised on 25th November 1888 at St James. He was the 5th child of Amos & Harriet Paxton.

In 1901 the family had grown to include 8 children residing with their parents. His elder brother Harry (born 1884 Hethe, Oxon) was by now working as a Groom in a coach-house near Frimley. His elder sister Ellen (born 1886 in Hethe) was a housemaid at the Vicarage, Aston Abbots.

Walter enlisted in Bude, Cornwall into the 1st Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He lived in a village called Stratton which was a few miles inland from Bude having married a local Cornish girl, Ellen Woodley in 1912. Their first

child, William A Paxton, was born in 1913 with the second, Edward S Y Paxton in February 1915 but he unfortunately died soon after. Their third child Edward L Paxton was born about December 1915. Walter, by now a Corporal, was killed in action 7 months later on 23rd July 1916. He was 28 years of age. His regiment at that time was taking part in the second phase of the notorious Battle of the Somme. His body was never found and he is remembered at the Thiépval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave.

Stanley Jeffs

Stanley William Jeffs was born in December 1888, in Rowsham. The census of 1891 has him living in Aston Abbots next door to the Blacksmiths in what is now called Horseshoe Cottage, the eldest child of Herbert (Agricultural Labourer, born Wingrave 1866) & Mary Jeffs (born Rowsham 1867). By 1901 the family (by now extended to 6 children) had moved to New Zealand Cottages. Herbert Jeffs is listed as a Carter on a farm. Stanley's Grandfather, John Jeffs (born 1831), lived two doors away. His brother, Arthur James Jeffs, also joined up and survived, he died in April 1989 a month short of his 102nd birthday.

Like Alfred Castle, Stanley enlisted in Aylesbury in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, 2nd/1st

Battalion. His Medal Index Card (MIC) shows that as he did not receive the 1914-1915 star (The medal was awarded for services rendered in the war between the 5th August, 1914 and the 31st December, 1915, both dates inclusive) so therefore he must have joined in early 1916. It's quite possible that all 3 joined up together. Unfortunately for Private 4219 Stanley Jeffs he didn't survive the war. He died from wounds received on 24th July 1916 (5 days after Alfred Castle was killed in action at the Battle of Fromelles) in a casualty clearing hospital in Boulogne Sur Mer. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Frank Humphreys

Frank Humphreys was born on the 10th April 1894 in Aston Abbots and baptised on the 6th May 1894, in St James. He was the 3rd eldest of 6 children (4 brothers, 1 sister). Born to John & Emma Humphreys, brother to Ralph (born 1889), Thomas (1891), William (1898) & Albert (1899) who also served in WW1. Their Father was the Bread maker and Innkeeper of the Bull & Butcher Inn (now Humphreys Close). John Humphreys was born in Wingrave about 1855, his wife Emma Eliza Humphreys was born in Islington, London. (Frank's nephew John Humphreys is also on the memorial having lost his life in WW2) I'm 99% sure that Frank enlisted in Stratford, Essex (he was living

in Leytonstone, Essex at the time). He joined the Bedfordshire regiment as a Private – No 18946 possibly into the 8th (Service) Battalion although at the time of his death he is listed as serving in the 6th Battalion. Frank was awarded the 1914 -1915 star as his battalion was sent to fight in France in October 1915. In April 1917 Frank's battalion was heavily involved in the second phase of the Arras offensive – The second Battle of the Scarpe which ran from April 23rd to April 24th 1917. Frank died on the 23rd April 1917 two weeks after his 23rd birthday. His body was never found and he is remembered with honour at the Arras memorial his name carved in stone in Bay 5.

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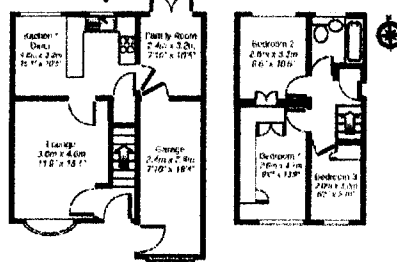
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William Smith

William Walter Smith was born on 12 February, 1895, Aston Abbotts. He was baptised on the 20 March 1895 in the Methodist Chapel. He was the youngest son (3 brothers, 6 sisters) of Joseph & Eliza Smith (his brothers Ernest & Sydney Smith also served in the Great War). Joseph Smith was born in Wingrave about 1856. Joseph is listed as a cattleman on a farm living at cottage no 13 (3 houses past the old shop in what is now No. 9 The Green) 7 children were listed as living in Aston Abbotts in 1901. An elder sister, Daisy Annie Smith, is listed as being a servant aged 21 for Baron J Gates a farmer in Aston Abbotts.

Private 22264 'Willie' Smith enlisted in the 6th Battalion, Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry which was part of 60th Brigade, 20th (Light) Division. This Service battalion was formed in 1914 in Oxford but William must have joined it after 1915 as his MIC does not list the 1914-1915 star.

In late 1917 the 6th Battalion was engaged in The Battles of Ypres, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres or "Passchendaele". It consisted of many bitter battles, among them: - Pilkem Ridge 31 July-2 August, Langemarck 16-18 August, Menin Road Ridge 20th-26th September. The third battle began on 20th September; the front selected extending from the Ypres-Comines Canal, north of Hollebeke, to the Ypres-Staden railway north of Langemarck. The average depth of the objectives was 1000 yards, but in the neighbourhood of the Menin Road the ground to be won was about a mile in depth. It was on the first day of this battle, 20th September 1917 that Willie was killed in action. He was 22 years of age. He is buried in the Poclcapelle British Cemetery which is situated just north of Ypres, Belgium.

William Clarke

William George Clarke was born in Thornborough, Bucks on the 27 September 1898. He was subsequently baptised 30 October 1898 in St James Aston Abbotts. The census of 1901 lists him as living in Aston Abbotts the eldest son (of two) of Newman George and Lucy Clarke (nee Kent - they were married in 1897 - Albert T. Kent and William Clarke were in fact 2nd Cousins). Newman was a cattleman working for one of the local farms and lived with his family in Church Row, Aston Abbotts. In 1901 Church Row consisted of 6 houses - 'all 2 up 2 down'. According to the Census the Clarke family lived in Village House no 7. In the 1960's houses no 7 & 8 were merged to form 3 Church Row, the house where I live now.

Private William George Clarke, 67295 enlisted in Aylesbury and joined the 1/5th (P.O.W.) Battalion (Territorials), Devonshire regiment sometime in late 1915 or early 1916. This regiment was transferred to the 185th Brigade, the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division on June 1st 1918.

The enemy launched an offensive in Flanders in May 1918, but the 62nd was not involved. However, when a third huge enemy attack opened in the area held by the thinly-stretched French Army south west of Reims, Sir Douglas Haig agreed to send a British Corps, consisting of 15th (Scottish), 34th, 51st (Highland) and 62nd (2nd West Riding) Divisions, to assist. The 51st and 62nd had several days of very heavy fighting, which is now officially known as the Battle of the Tardenois. (Part of the Second Battle of the Marne, or Battle of Reims (July 15 to August 5, 1918) which was the last major German offensive on the Western Front. It failed when an Allied counterattack led by French forces overwhelmed the Germans, inflicting severe casualties.)

William Clark was killed in action of the 8th day of the Battle of the Tardenois 28th July 1918 when he was only 19 years of age. He is remembered with honour and buried in the Chambrecy British Cemetery, 16 miles south west of Reims, France.

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Albert T Kent

Albert Thomas Kent (known as Bertie) was born on the 2nd December 1882, Aston Abbotts. He was baptised 28 Mar 1888 in the Methodist Chapel. In the 1891 census he is listed as living in Aston Abbotts, (aged 8) probably in what was one of the cottages belonging to 'The Firs' (now converted offices), with his Grandfather James Kent (aged 60 – Agricultural labourer – incapacitated) and his mother – Emily Jane Kent (aged 34 – Charwoman). The Kent family had been long established in Aston Abbotts. Albert's Great Great Great Grandfather, Thomas Elliot, was born in the village on March 9th 1712.

In the 1871 census Emily was living in Aston Abbotts as a 'Straw Plaiter' aged 14 and, in 1881, aged 24, as a servant for a William Manning, farmer of 362 acres, West Park Farm, Wing. Albert's father is not mentioned or listed.

By 1901 Albert, now aged 18 and an 'Ordinary Labourer on Farm', is listed as living with his Grandmother Maria Kent (widower aged 69) in a small village house, '2 up 2 down' (no 54) just before the first of the 'Temperance Cottages' which you can still see today. His Grandfather, James had died in January 1893.

He enlisted in Aylesbury initially as Private 4217, 1/4th Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. The four figure number denoting the fact that he was in a Territorial Battalion. The TF was renumbered from very late 1916 and most battalions were complete by March 1917. Albert then became Private 266613. With the appearance of both numbers on his MIC it would suggest that Albert was already serving overseas prior to these changes.

Edward J Paxton

Edward John Paxton was born on the 15th November 1897, Aston Abbotts. He was baptised on Christmas Day 25th December 1897 in St James Church. He was the youngest and 10th Child of Amos & Harriet Paxton (nee Mansfield). He lived in Aston Abbotts with his Mother, Father, 4 brothers & 3 sisters.

Of the six sons that Amos & Harriet had seen go to war, Edward was the 3rd to be killed. The three other brothers Harry, Albert G and William A also served King and Country and remarkably survived. One can only imagine the tremendous strain, stress and worry that Edward's mother & father must have gone through knowing that all 6 of their sons were fighting in the trenches of World War I.

Edward joined up in Aylesbury sometime in late 1915, early 1916. He was enlisted as Private 80011 E J Paxton of the 1st Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment also known as the 'Sherwood Foresters'. This battalion was attached to 24th Brigade, 8th Division. In 1918 Edward and the 1st Sherwoods were involved in regular actions at St. Quentin, Rosieres, Villers-Bretonneux and the Aisne.

The regiment was part of the 48th (South Midland) Division which was a formation created by the establishment of the Territorial Force in 1908. It moved to France 22nd March - 1st April 1915, and served with distinction on the Western Front. It's quite possible that after joining the battalion in 1916 Albert took part in the Battle of Albert the official name for the British efforts during the first two weeks fighting of the first battle of the Somme. As such it includes the first day of the Somme, the most costly day in British military history (The British suffered 57,470 casualties 19,240 killed and 2,152 missing) and one that has coloured our image of the First World War ever since.

The Division was ordered to Italy on 21st November 1917, where it remained, taking part in actions on the Asiago Plateau one of which was the Battle of the Piave River. This comprised the last major Austro-Hungarian attack on the Italian Front and virtually heralded the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian army on the way to the dismantling of the empire. The main assault, fought between 15-22 June 1918, was prompted by German demands upon their ally to launch an offensive across the Piave River - which was situated a bare few kilometres from key Italian cities such as Venice, Padua and Verona.

Albert was killed in action on the last day of the battle - 22nd June 1918 in Asiago Vicenza, Veneto, Italy. He was 35 years old. He is buried with honour in the Boscon British Cemetery, Italy.

Today Albert's 2nd Cousin, three times removed (I think!) still has connections to Aston Abbotts. Diana Kent lives in Wing her Mother, Margaret Hinds (formerly Kent) still lives in the village.

Edward was killed in action on the 25th August 1918. He was 20 years of age. He died on the day before the start of the Battle of the Scarpe. This could well have been from an artillery barrage prior to the start of the German advance the next day. The Brigade diary from that day reads thus: "Between 26th August and 2nd September 1918, as part of VII Corps, the 8th Division found itself sucked into the fringe of the Battle of the Scarpe. The 1st Sherwoods were in Beale Trench near Oppy Wood, just west of Neuville. At 11.30 a.m. German artillery began pounding the Forester's trenches, which turned into an intense barrage at 1.50 p.m. At 2.00 p.m. the barrage lifted and the Germans launched an infantry attack on both flanks of the 1st Sherwoods."

We still have, in Aston Abbotts, a connection to the Paxton family. In June 1919 Thomas G Hinds (having fought & survived in WWI as did his brother Frederick) married Margaret M Paxton, sister of Edward, Amos & Walter Paxton. Frederick's grandchildren Tony, Sharon & Laurence Hinds still live in the village today.

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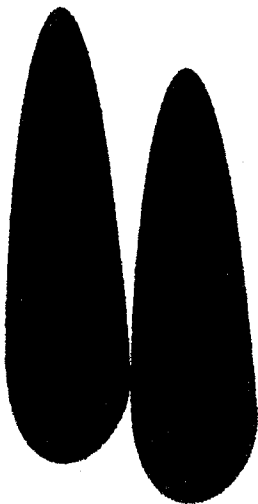
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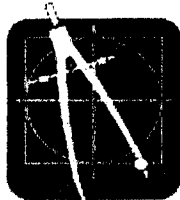
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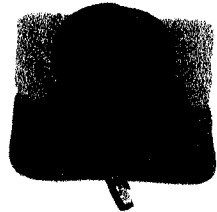
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Ernest H Harrison

Ernest Hesketh Harrison was born 1892. The 1901 census shows him living in Newington, Southwark, London. His Father, Robert Birch Harrison, was a clergyman. According to the Census report, Ernest was born in Mildenhall, Suffolk but this description had replaced a previous entry (which had been scribbled out) which read "Florence, Italy (British Subject)"

Sometime between 1911 & 1915 Robert Harrison and his family came to live in Aston Abbots. In the 1915 edition of 'Kelly's Directory' (an early 19th Century 'Yellow Pages') - the Aston Abbots, Commercial section - they are listed as "Pargeter & Harrison, Farmers, Upper Burston". Thomas A Pargeter had a daughter - Alice Adelaide Pargeter. She is present at Upper Burston in the 1901 Census aged 8 years old. Romance must have blossomed as Ernest & Alice were married in St James Church on April 3rd 1917. (3 days later America declared war on Germany). April 3rd was a Tuesday and it would be easy to imagine them fitting a church service around the time that Ernest was home on leave from the front. He had enlisted in the 5th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment in 1916 as a Commissioned

Officer (2nd Lieutenant) and at sometime transferred over to the 8th Battalion (attached to 18th (Eastern) Division, 55 Brigade), probably due to their heavy losses during the Battle of the Somme. He entered the war, in France, on 5th December 1916. He was promoted to Lieutenant on the 7th July 1917 and on 24th Sept 1917 was made a temporary Captain whilst employed as a "Brigade Bombing Officer". This temporary arrangement came to an end on 26th Feb 1918. He was finally promoted to full Captain on the 16th September 1918. Two days later, on the 18th September 1918 Captain E H Harrison was killed in action during the advance towards Ronssoy on the first day of The Battle of Epchy. He was 26 years of age and married for only 18 months. He is buried in Peronne Communal Cemetery, France.
Copy of the notice from The Times 28th September 1918:

HARRISON - Killed in action on the 18th Sept. CAPTAIN ERNEST HESKETH HARRISON, East Surrey Regt., younger son of Rev. R.B. and Mrs. Harrison, Purton Wilts. And dearly loved husband of Alice A. Harrison, Burston Aylesbury, aged 26

Percy Thompson

Percy John Thompson was born in 1891 in Tring. He was the 4th Child of 6 (4 boys, 2 girls) living in Tring in 1901. He was the son of Samuel Carter & Adelaide Evangeline Thompson (nee Denchfield) they married in 1880. Samuel was listed as a Carpenter & Joiner with his eldest son Harry. At some point between 1901 & 1918 the family had moved to Aston Abbots.

He enlisted in Aylesbury sometime in 1916 initially as Private 5088, 1/1st Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, Territorial Battalion. When the battalion was renumbered he became Private 5267017. The regiment was in the same division, 48th (South Midland), as the 1/4th Ox & Bucks in which Albert

Kent was fighting. Albert had died in June 1918 in the Battle of Asiago. Following that battle there was a pause in serious operations until the Battle of Vittorio Veneto which commenced on 23 October. This continued until 4th November, crossing the Tagliamento, until halted by the Austrians signing the Armistice. During the long pause in serious operations, between the two battles, the French and British Allies carried out sustained raiding and patrol activity. It was during one of these operations on the 18th October 1918 (17 days before the armistice was signed) that Percy Thompson was killed in action. He was 26 years of age and is buried in the Barenthal Military Cemetery, Italy.

John Higgs

John R Higgs is different from the lads mentioned previously as he doesn't appear on the war memorial. He is buried in the churchyard at St James having died on the 8th October 1919. (St James is an official war grave listed by the Commonwealth Graves Commission - CWGC) He was 38 years of age when he died having been born in Aston Abbots sometime around December 1881. In 1891 he is listed as living in what is now 27 The Green, 2nd eldest of 5 children, son of John & Sarah A Higgs. Father John was a coal merchant born in Aston Abbots about 1851. Sarah was born in 1851 in Rowsham. The eldest child, Sarah A Higgs (b 1873) was by now a servant in Willesden aged 18 listed as a 'Cook/Domestic Servant'. In 1901 John R Higgs was still living at home (what is now 27, The Green) and is listed as a 'Groom/Domestic'. By this time his eldest sister had married Joseph Ernest Simmons (b 1871 Aston Abbots) and was living in St Giles, Berkshire. He enlisted on the 8th November 1915 as Private J R

HIGGS, M2/148126, Royal Army Service Corps (or the ASC as it was also known). The unsung heroes of the British Army in the Great War - the ASC, "Ally Sloper's Cavalry" - were the men who operated the transport. Using horsed and motor vehicles, railways and waterways, the ASC performed prodigious feats of logistics and were one of the great strengths of organisation by which the war was won.

M/2 prefixed men were in the new Army Mechanical Transport as electricians and fitters. M/2 could also be used as drivers. John Higgs was discharged from the Army on the 13th August 1919. On his Medal Index Card the reason given is in the form of an abbreviation: Para39 2 XVI KR this means that he was "No longer physically fit for service." (KR stands for "Kings Regulations") but the fact that he is commemorated by the CWGC, even though he died after being discharged, indicates that the cause of his death (whether by disease or wounds) was directly attributable to his service.

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John Humphreys

John William Humphreys' name appears on the War Memorial as an addendum added after the 2nd World War. He was born in May 1920, Aston Abbots.

John's Father, Thomas Humphreys, was born in Wingrave in Dec 1890. He was the elder brother to Frank Humphreys (1894 - 1917) whose name appears on the War Memorial having died in WW1. (Frank was John's Uncle).

Lance Sergeant John W Humphreys 5384450, 7th Battalion, Parachute Regiment, A.A.C.

In researching John Humphreys I am indebted to a researcher who is writing a book on the 7th Battalion who has provided me with the following information:

"His regimental number indicates that his original regiment would have been The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. It's also possible that he was in the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) and was evacuated from Dunkirk. Most of the men from the Ox and Bucks from the early drafts in late 1942 and early 1943 went into C Company.

He is shown as being on a PRI roll from just after the battalion returned from Normandy in 1944. He is also shown as attending parachute training course No 85 and serving in Normandy with the 7th Battalion.

He would have then served in the Ardennes during December 1944 and January 1945. He dropped on Operation Varsity. The Rhine drop on the 24th March 1945. He was now an L/Sgt in 9 Platoon C Company."

'C' Company had 4 men Killed and 16 wounded in their attempt to knock out a flak battery. This is the account of L/Sgt Doug Simmons a section Sergeant in 7 Platoon:

"On the 27th March two scout cars from the Recce came running back, saying that they had just been hit. We started to advance towards a cross roads. As soon as 7 platoon broke cover they started firing. The R.A.M.C. corporal attached to the company Cpl James Chalmers was killed. 9 Platoon's commander Lt S.B. Kearny died of his wounds that day and one of his section sergeants, L/Sgt John Humphreys, died of his wounds in June. Most of these casualties were received from the shell fire from the flak position."

He died on 29 June 1945 aged 25 years of age and is buried in the Churchyard at St James.



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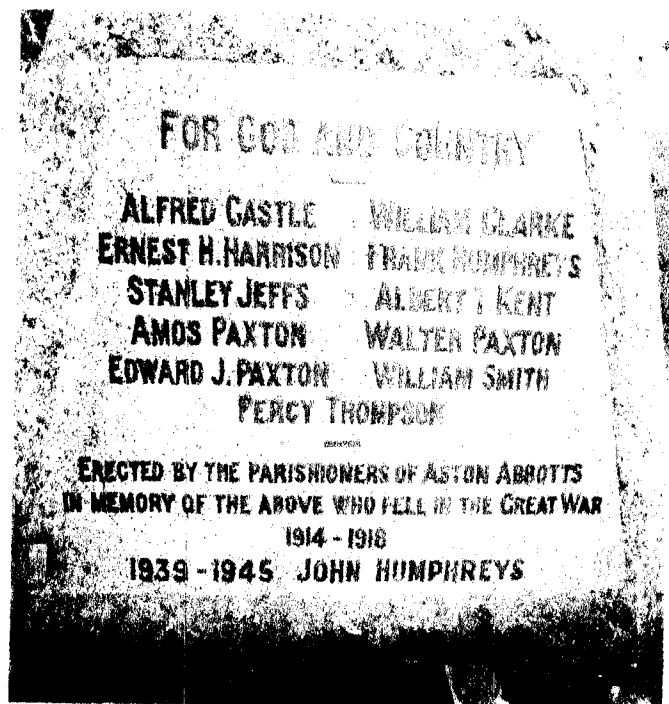


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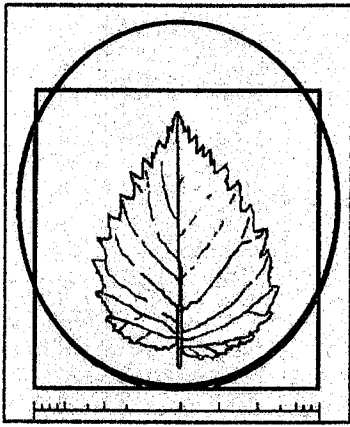
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Santa visits each compartment during the steam train ride, then the family go to the Refreshment Rooms in the Visitor Centre for their Seasonal Refreshments - Mulled Wine or a hot drink with a Mince Pie and Sausage Roll for the adults, juice and biscuits for the children; then it's on to the Magic Show with Mr. Chris, who likes to get some of the children to join in. Then before going home, a short Miniature Train Ride on the Old Station Platform. People should arrive early (to allow for loo visits etc. and to get on the train) and expect to spend around two hours for their visit.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO - Send the Editor (who's decision is final) a funny story about Santa (no more than 100 words please). The best story will be the winner. You can nominate a family to be awarded the prize if you prefer. The competition is open to adults and children and the editor may take into account the age of the competitor in making his final selection.. You can deliver your entry to the Editor's house or send him an email. The winning entry and a selection of other entries will be published in the December issue of the Chronicle.

The closing date for entries is Sunday 23rd November. Please mark your entry with your name (and age if you are under 16) and address and telephone number and, very important, the ages and genders of the children, as the gifts are specific to these. Tickets will be sent direct to the winner in early December..



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Victoria Falls by Sally Palmer

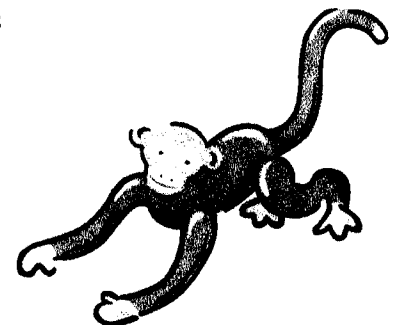
1st part of African trip

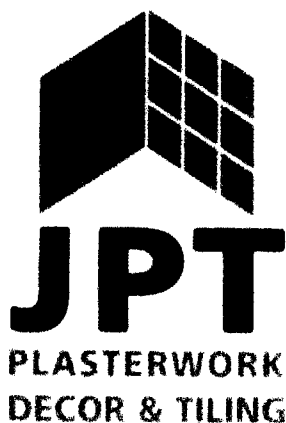
Receiving a text from my daughter on her honeymoon got me thinking about our last holiday so I thought I would pen this brief report on the first part of our recent holiday in Africa.

Nigel and I started our trip in Zambia staying at a hotel next to the Zambezi River and within walking distance of the eastern end of Victoria Falls. At the hotel resident zebra graze freely on the hotel lawn and naughty vervet monkeys steal fruit from sundowner drinks glasses as guests sit and watch the sun set over the mighty river.



When Livingstone arrived at Victoria Falls he wrote that it was a scene gazed upon by angels in their flight. In full flood the falls are certainly impressive as water rushes over the chaotic rock cliffs it has carved. Apparently in the dry season the water in the river falls so low that elephants walk across the top of the falls so we were lucky to visit at one of the periods of maximum water flow. Donning our elegant yellow plastic macs, provided by the hotel, we braved the walk that takes you in front of the Falls. As we turned to face the Falls, we experienced the full impact of the incredible spray thrown up by the water crashing into the narrow gorge (Livingstone estimated it to be 80 feet across) in front of us, it was like standing in a shower and we were glad of those macs. The rent in the earth below the lip of the Falls is about 100 feet deep and the spray thrown up by the force of water crashing down creates plumes of spray and vapour that rise high into the air and can be seen several miles away. Thus the local Africans named the Falls the smoke that thunders. Rainbows can frequently be seen and Nigel managed to photograph several double rainbows. A small rainforest has grown up at this point. A short way along the path we crossed (as quickly as possible on the sodden, slippery bridge) a fairly narrow gorge through which all the water from the Falls is channeled. After a further short walk the path ended but we had only viewed a small part of the whole. Fortunately we had already booked a helicopter ride that took us over the entire Falls, most of which is in Zimbabwe. So later that day we set out for my first helicopter ride. From above we were able to appreciate the sheer width of this natural wonder that as a whole is shaped like a curve. All along, at peak times, water is crashing into a narrow gorge but at different rates due to the different shapes of the cliffs and speed of water flowing over. As the river flows towards the Falls various natural features such as Livingstone Island and rocks, impede and change its flow. We also flew low along the river itself and could see the fabulous white water created in places. If you are an adrenalin junkie this is the place to go! In all our flight lasted ½ hour but it felt like minutes only. Later that day we returned to the Falls to sit beside the rushing river waters heading towards the top of the falls. We also strolled along another path further back heading towards the Zimbabwe border and overlooking the water that flows away from the falls. It was quieter here with many baboons patrolling the path. We were reminded too of the sad reality of this beautiful place when we met a young Zimbabwean man hawking cooper bracelets. Later, back at the hotel, we enjoyed drinking our Pimms beside the river watching the “smoke” rising over the falls, the hippos in the river and the monkeys trying to steal our snacks!





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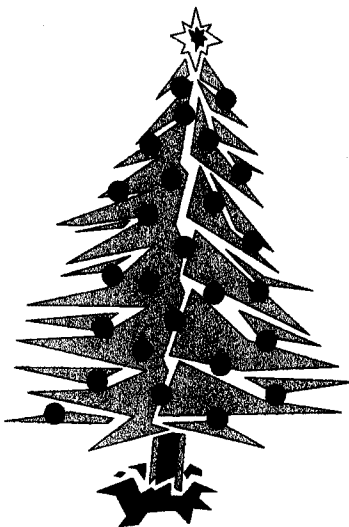
CHRISTMAS TREES IN CHURCH.

It has been suggested that this year, it might be nice to decorate the church windows with 'themed' Christmas trees instead of flowers. These would need to be small enough to fit into the windows but might include themes such as 'a child's view', war time or the modern style of Christmas's. Why not discuss your ideas with friends and 'have a go'?

Individual, family or 'club' decorations would all be very welcome.

They would need to be in church on or before Saturday the 20th December (in readiness for the Christingle/carol service).

If you would like to contribute to the village's festivities in this way, please contact Shirley Ford or Colin Higgs for more details.



CAROL SINGING

Village carol singers will be out and about around

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If you would like to come along and sing, please ring April Curnow on 681459.

Arrangements have been made to end up by singing a few carols in the pub where mince pies/nibbles will be served.

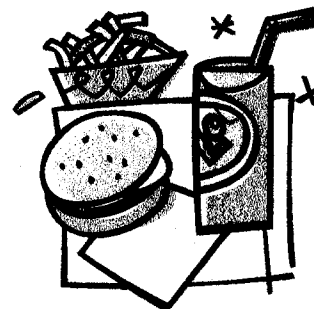
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After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
6. The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.



Julie Andrews turns 69,

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan 's Radio City Music Hall. One of the musical numbers she performed was

'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

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Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
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Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,

I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
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Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.

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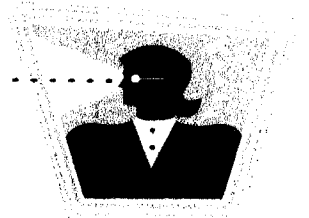


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The Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies Club meets twice a month in the Church Room, Aston Abbots. All ladies from Aston Abbots and Cublington are very welcome. Please contact Shirley Ford



Ladies Club – 2nd Oct.

The 15 members present at today's meeting were welcomed by our Chairman. After the minutes were read and signed, our speaker, Mr. James Sainsbury who had come along to give a talk on drug and alcohol abuse, was introduced. To illustrate his talk he showed us samples of heroin, crack cocaine and cannabis, describing in detail the effects each had on the human body.

Our tea hostess were June Loader & Irene Lowden and the raffle was won by Daphne Rogers.

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Friday 28th Nov at 7.00 for 7.30

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HAVE YOU BEEN 'MUGGED' RECENTLY??

Huge thanks to Ray Wilkinson and all who contributed such lovely and abundant produce for raising £255.00 during the Harvest Supper auction.

With ticket sales, donations and the raffle, £637.00 was raised in total.

Thank you Aston Abbots.

This money will be split between Christmas gifts to some of our older residents and church funds (probably repairs)



Dear Ed

Just a note to thank all those who organised and ran the harvest supper especially April and Rita and the excellent auctioneer Ray.

We all enjoyed the food, served on the new Church Room crockery. I know that a lot of effort has gone into re equipping the Church Room kitchen and putting on this event, so well done to you all.

Sally Palmer

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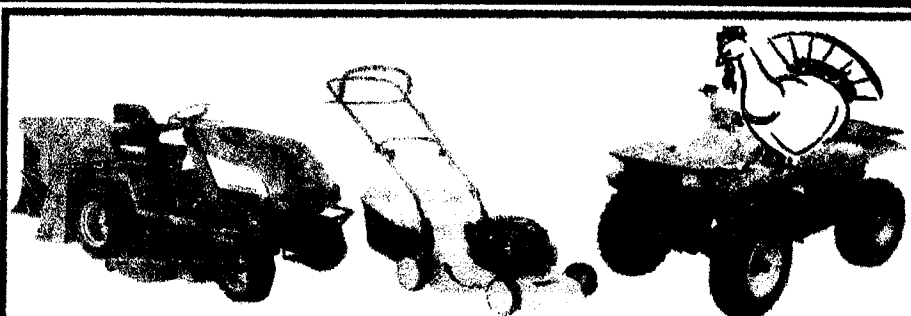
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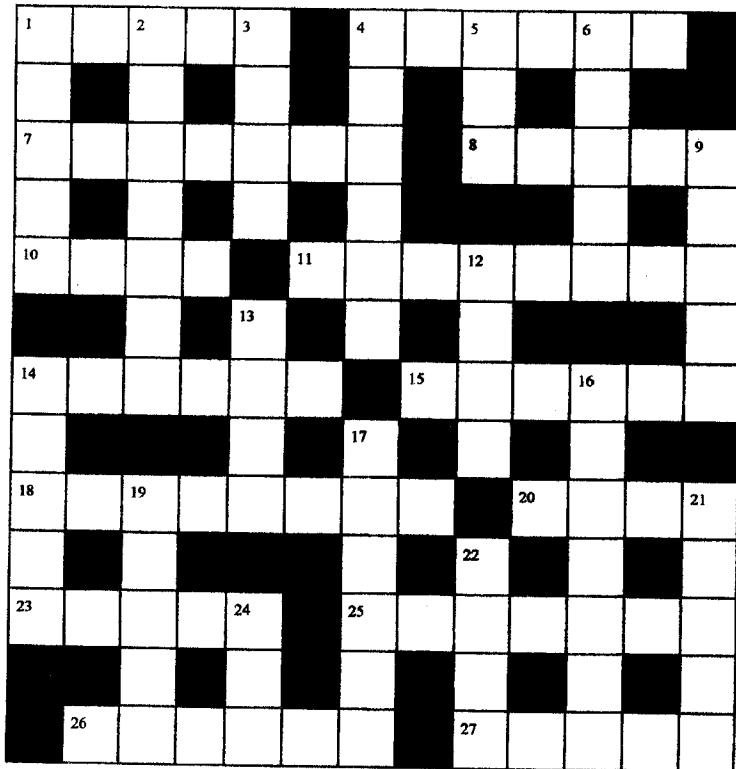


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The Chronicle Crossword

November 2008



OCTOBER ANSWERS

ACROSS

- 1 Poker 4 Before 7 Rooster
 8 Young 10 Load 11 Befriend
 14 Cellar 15 Sleepy
 18 Commence 20 Crow
 23 Enter 25 Mansion
 26 Adagio 27 Pygmy

DOWN

- 1 Peril 2 Knowall 3 Ritz
 4 Burned 5 Fry 6 Rouge
 9 Giddy 12 Rely 13 Same
 14 Cache 16 Earring
 17 Scampo 19 Muted
 21 Windy 22 Snap 24 Rag

ACROSS

- 1 Seen in Winter (5)
 4 Left out of the team (6)
 7&8 Goes with a bang (7&5)
 8 see 7 across
 10 Central European river (4)
 11 Tiny amount (8)
 14 Descend (6)
 15 Artists workplace (6)
 18 Pull down (8)
 20 Not home (4)
 23 Large store group (5)
 25 Thief (7)
 26 Fisherman (6)
 27 Scottish poet (5)

DOWN

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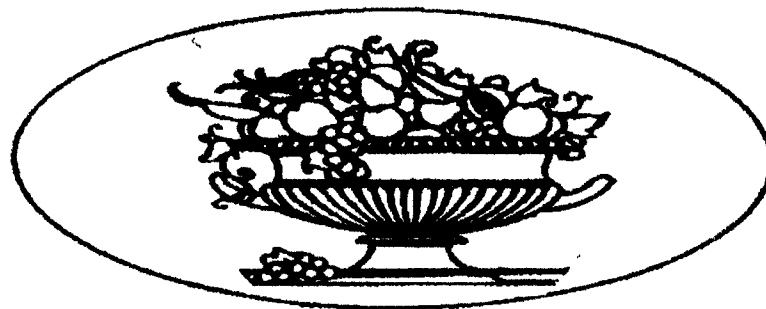
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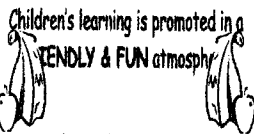
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Dear Villagers,

I have been the Acting Headteacher at Wingrave School for the past few months and I am enjoying working with the pupils, staff, governors, many parents and friends of the school. There is a good atmosphere, with everyone continuing to show strong commitment to making this a successful village school once more.

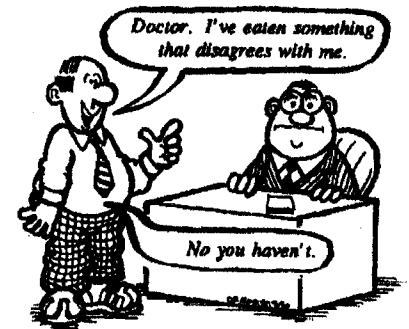
There have been so many enjoyable events, such as Grandparents' Day, Harvest Festival in the church and several Family Assemblies. It is rewarding to receive so much support and interest.

The school has been undergoing a little facelift and we are starting to see a difference in our surroundings. An "Open Morning" is planned for 5th November and we extend an invitation to all those who would like to visit us and see the school in action.

We are advertising for a new Headteacher at present and hope to be able to make an appointment in the near future. The governors and I will keep you up-to-date with this information.

With best wishes for an enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely *Denise McClellan*



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'AREN'T THERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD ALREADY?'

'Countryside Matters'

It might seem rather strange to some people that with all the turmoil of the "credit crunch", the "financial meltdown of the stock market", the dreadful cost of petrol and the state of the economy, the only thing that keeps me awake at night is the thought of whether I have remembered to turn on the electric fence last thing to keep the chickens safe!! I can do nothing about the economic climate of this once wonderful country but the thought of "Charlie Farley" tearing my laying birds into many parts worry's the hell out of me. It would not be so bad if the dammed things would go in at night, but no alas, due to some warm evenings this year, they would rather stay out all night. Eleven o'clock athletics in the chicken field, trying to get them in, slippers on, treading in you know what in the dark, does not bode well with clean sheets.

On a more serious note the N.F.U. reported in 2007 a 41% increase in the theft of tractors and farm machinery, stolen to order and immediately taken to channel ports. I witnessed 'Ivor Williams' tractors on the ferry to Dublin two weeks ago. One was sitting on the bed of another pulled by a rusty old Post Office van, very odd. This year the world prices for metal have increased and there has been a huge rise in the thefts of irrigation pipes, gates and even heavy pieces of farm machinery.

Now that the oil price has increased, a 30% rise in red diesel thefts from farms has occurred. The other surprising thing is the large rise in the amount of central heating oil disappearing. How the hell can you run a car on paraffin? Someone please tell me.

In the spring of 2008 scientists from the University of Essex analyzed the psychological effects of those who visited farms and found that after spending a few hours on a farm 95% were less tired, 91% were less tense and 55% felt revitalized. They obviously failed to visit Bill Hallam at Red Barn farm, during the month when he was milking his cows and trying to get the harvest finished and it rained every day. Shame, the visitors would have enjoyed inhaling the air when it was blue!!!

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

The allotments as usual at this time of year are beginning to have a somewhat depressing aspect, as each of us harvests the crops he has been growing. Since there is no longer any need to keep the weeds down (there being no vegetables to be affected by them), many of the previously relatively weed-free allotments are now becoming solid blocks of weeds (mine being a prize contender). It is extraordinary how quickly weeds take over, once one stops hoeing or digging them up. If vegetables grew like weeds, the world's food problems would quickly be resolved!

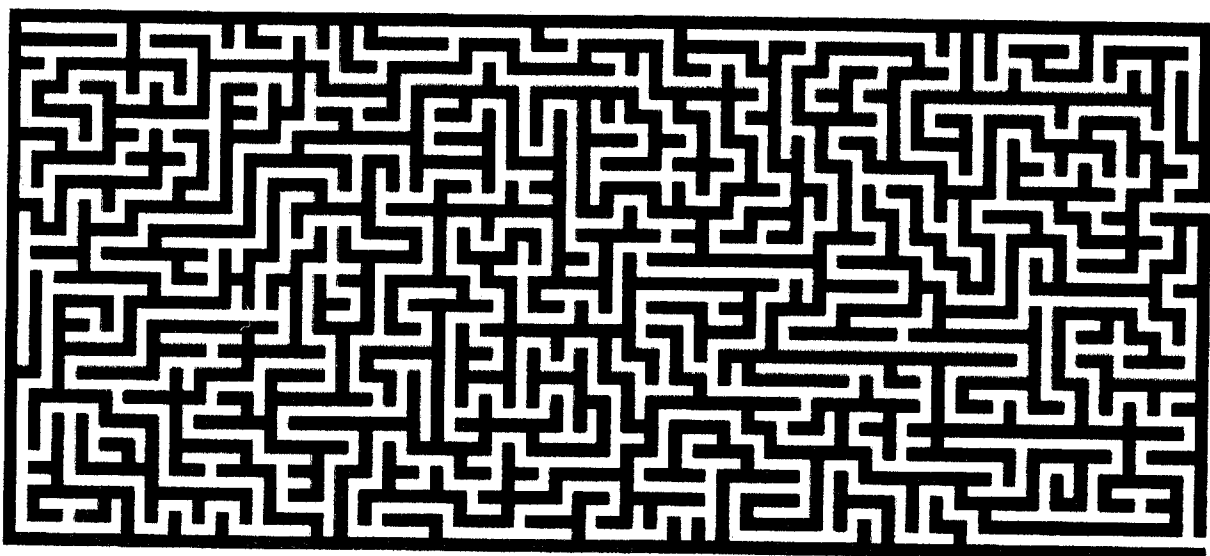
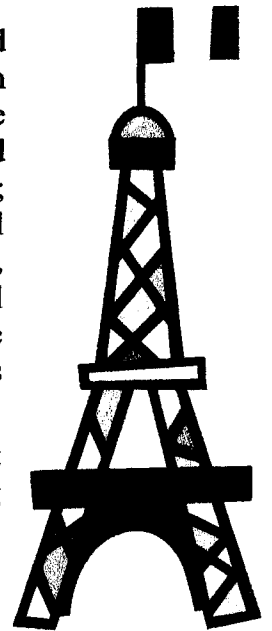
All that will soon be left will be those vegetables and fruit that remain in the same place from year to year, such as asparagus, strawberries and raspberries; those that will not be ready until later in the year, such as leeks and Brussels sprouts; and, for some far-sighted gardeners, (not your correspondent) those vegetables that are planted in the autumn to ripen next year. The planting of carpets is not yet underway, but no doubt that will soon be taking place.

Since I have nothing much, therefore, to write about on the home front, I thought I would share with you the news I have read recently about an interesting experiment in France. Many of the larger French towns are surrounded by "les banlieus", suburbs where a largely immigrant population struggles with poverty, discrimination, unemployment and crime. Their homes are large soulless blocks of flats, and the areas between them were very often little more than wasteland.

The authorities, however, have now begun to turn these areas of land into allotments, and this has been extraordinarily successful. Residents have stopped throwing their rubbish onto this land; the rats and pigeons and burnt-out cars have disappeared; and a remarkable array of plants and vegetables has started to be grown. Moroccan immigrants plant broad beans for their tagines; West Indians put in jack peppers; Turks cultivate Turkish parsley; and Iranians sow tuberose. These allotment gardens are not just an affirmation of cultural identity, and a way of producing food from vegetables usually grown in their homelands, but are also an economic boon for the immigrants, since they can produce food which will keep them going when money is tight at the end of the month. It is indeed a return to the roots of allotment gardening. (No pun intended). The name for allotments in French is "jardins ouvriers" – or workmen's gardens.

The enthusiasm and co-operative zeal of these immigrant allotment gardeners is such that they have been little troubled by vandalism from the bands of bored teenagers who hang around the estates. The experiment has been so successful that in some parts of Paris there is a 10 year waiting list for allotments.

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Answers given by New Zealand school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds, angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other Mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's Mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your Mum?

1. My Mum has always been my Mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did Mum need to know about Dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mum marry your Dad?

1. My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My Grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such an idiot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

What's the difference between Mums & Dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and Dads just go to work at work.
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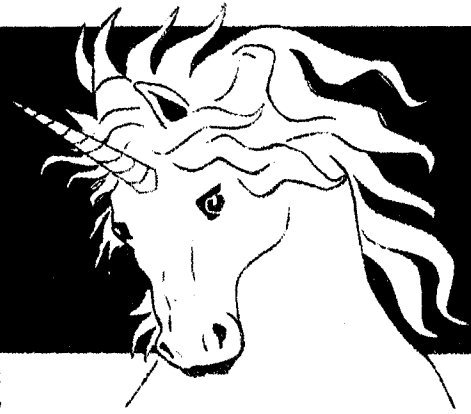
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	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Thursday 6th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
	Coffee Shop 10-12 noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 8th	British Legion Coffe Morning 10 -12	Church Room
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Service 10.15am	St James Church
	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
	Followed by Harvest Supper in Church Room	
Tuesday 11th	Freighter on th Green 12.30-3.30pm	
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	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
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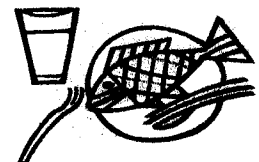


For November and December a turkey will be secreted on an Ad in the Chronicle .

Can you spot the turkey?

**MOBILE LIBRARY
ON THE GREEN
10.50am - 11.05am
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NEW TIME!**

**FISH & CHIP VAN every
Wednesday
on The Green approx 9pm**



630 Club

Meets every Saturday
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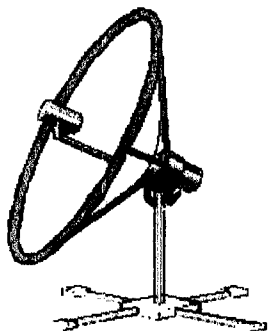
New members very welcome.

Contact
Andy Bystra
if you need an
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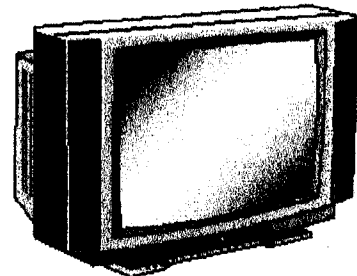


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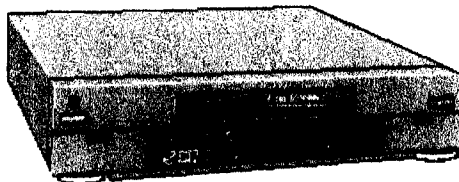


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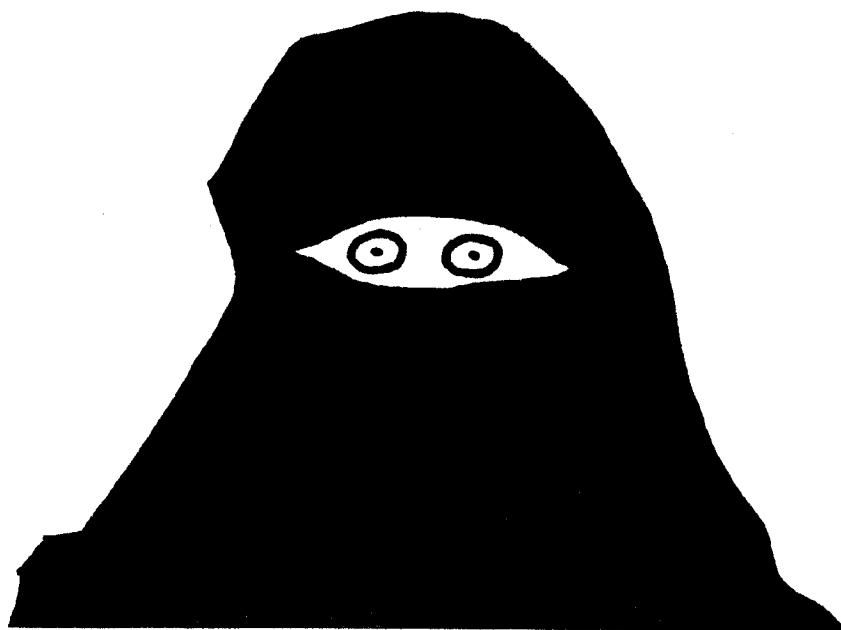
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