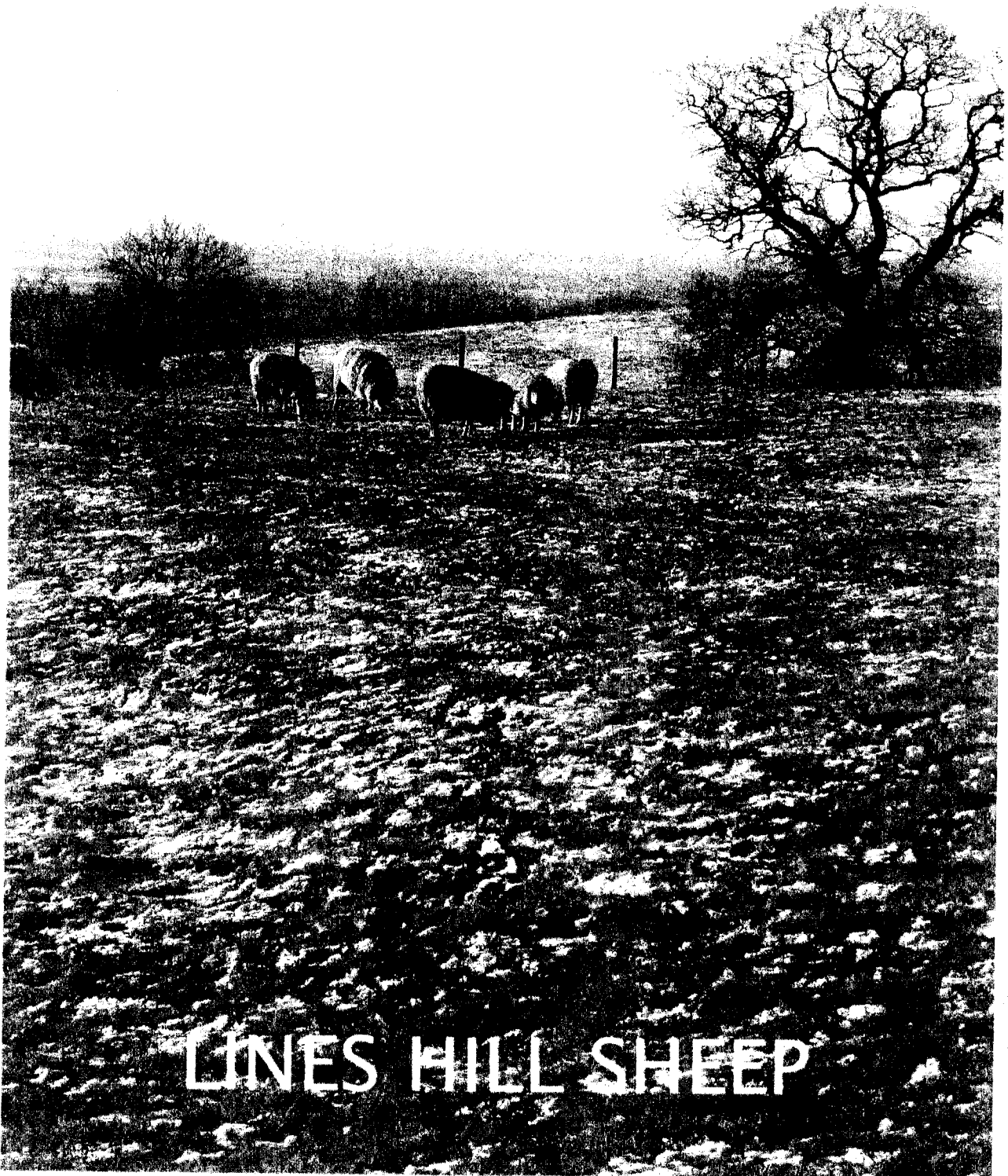


THE CHRONICLE



LINES HILL SHEEP

Editorial

You will notice that the Chronicle looks slightly different this month. It has proved to be a real challenge changing computers and using a new programme to produce the February issue. A huge thank you to my wife Judy for all her help and patience in getting the basic layout in place and for transferring all the adverts onto the new format.

Janice Isset, who lives at 3 The Green, got in touch following my mention that 'there must be someone in the village with a camera' and she is happy to provide photos for the front cover for this year at least. I have duly nominated Janice to be the official 'Village Photographer'. So the picture of Lines Hill Sheep will be my last - (hopefully, in black and white, you will still be able to make out the outline of County Hall on the horizon).

Another appeal now for help. Because of my commitments in April I will not be able to produce a May edition. If there is any one who would like to take on the task as 'guest editor' then please get in touch when I will be pleased to explain what is involved.

With the January issue you will have received the questionnaire concerning your views regarding our 'Parish Plan'. I will be interested to hear the results in due course especially the responses to the question 'Does the parish magazine (The Chronicle) tell you enough about what is going on in the village?' and the follow up 'Please suggest what else the parish magazine should contain? Only occasionally do I get comment from anyone - the only responses to date have generally been when something has been omitted or printed incorrectly - so, hopefully, some ideas will be passed on.

Judy and I invited our immediate neighbours in for a post Christmas/New Year drink. I had a bad headache the next day - so aside from loosing some weight I must also stop guzzling. Ah well!

John Hardcastle

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If you have a photo of our village you'd like to submit for the front cover then please email it to the Ed. Contrasty photos are best - our printing facilities do not always do colour justice.

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Alison's Gossip Column

February Birthdays

Charlie Copping	2 nd
Ivy Brandon	5 th
Pablo Gutierrez	7 th
Vikka Drysdale	7 th
Andy Garton	9 th
Christopher Ellis	9 th
Jack Copping	10 th
Richard Clarke	13 th
Paul Hewitt	14 th
Dana King	14 th
Irene Lowden	18 th
Trevor Hall	18 th
Frank McManus	21 st
Sally Dutton	22 nd
Simon Gresswell	24 th
Fred Poulter	24 th
Linda Wheaton	25 th
Nikita Dowdell	25 th

Get Well to Sheila Humphreys who has just had a hip replacement at Wycombe Hospital. Hope to see you out running soon Sheila!

Congratulations to Janice Issett and Ian Roberts at 3, The Green, who have just become engaged.

Hope lots of you managed to get down to The Unicorn in their French week. We had a delicious meal and the place was packed. If you didn't, remember it for next year.

Valentine's Day 14th February - hope I get one! Ed

One in Two Million,

(or Blood Sweat and Tears)

I have recently been told that I am one person in two million, or maybe even one in three million. Now I am sure that Vic knows this, but I suspect that few other people have noticed it!

Over the last five years I have been unsuccessfully dosed with copious medications for heart trouble, which included 'three heart attacks' in five weeks last year and another one in November 2008. the consultants have become increasingly worried because by now I shouldn't be here at all.

After endless explorations, investigations and tests (of which the least said the better) they have discovered that I have a strong, undamaged heart and good lungs, proving that my attacks could not have been heart attacks. So now an entirely new prospect opened before us; blood tests, special blood tests (one sample has been circulating around France).

There has been enormous excitement amongst the doctors, who have requested permission to publish articles in medical journals because they have discovered that 'I am one person in two or three million'. I have, and was probably born with an ingredient in my blood which makes the blood tests appear to prove that I am having attacks when I am not, or something like that!

The trouble is, there is nothing they can do about it, so there is little point in being rushed to hospital if I have another attack. I must just try to relax and sweat it out whilst trying to control my tears. But aren't I lucky to be so special!

PS The consultants and nursing staff at Milton Keynes Hospital have been wonderful and I thank them most sincerely for their efforts to 'sort me out'.

My thanks also for all the cards and visits from friends in the village. You helped me a lot.

Christine Scott

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

The Clerk was asked the current situation of the possibility of streetlights at the Wingrave crossroads. At this time he had nothing new to report, although the matter was discussed at the recent Local Area Forum meeting where all present supported our position. Representatives had indicated they would take the matter further if possible.

The Clerk reported the following forthcoming Temporary Traffic Orders in relation to road closures.

A418 Aylesbury Road, Rowsham – 19 – 23 January between 19:30 and 06:30 hours.

New Road, Weedon – 16 – 20 February

Both closures would result in traffic being diverted through the village.

It was reported that Council were having difficulty obtaining quotations for the potential expenditure on disabled access or insulation and woodworm treatment to the Church roof space. There was general concern that time was running out and funds may have to be returned to the developer. It was agreed that as soon as figures were available a meeting of Council be called to progress the matter.

The meeting was informed of a forthcoming Informal Hearing into the appeal in respect of Longmoor Bungalow, Cublington – removal of agricultural occupancy condition, to be held on 26th February 2009. It was agreed to review our previous response and discuss at our next meeting.

The Parish Plan questionnaire had been completed and was due to be circulated with the Chronicle and asked for forms to be returned by the 30th January. Additionally we had received a spreadsheet for completion from Bucks CC as they were holding a workshop at the next Local Area Forum to develop a Local Area Community Plan with discussion in break-out groups to identify priorities. It was agreed that a small sub group, should review the results of the questionnaire in order to prepare the data for completion of the spreadsheet.

As there had been no response for volunteers for a Speedwatch campaign the matter could not be taken further.

There was currently nothing further to report on the matter of the drainage of surface water from the Hunters Way development.

The over growth of trees affecting the streetlights would be investigated for review at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that Bucks CC were to put to the Local Area Forum our request for funding for a staged development of a footpath from the village to the Wingrave crossroads.

The monthly recreation ground inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report.

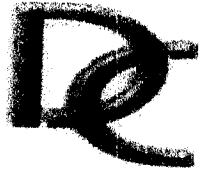
The work in respect of the tree overgrowth on the recreation ground had been completed.

The budget for 2009/10 was reviewed and the Parish Precept AGREED.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2009 at 20.00 in the Church Rooms.

Would you like to guest edit the May Chronicle?

I won't be able to Edit the May Chronicle - if anyone would like to offer their services I would be very happy to explain how I go about it. Up until just recently the Chronicle has been produced as a PUBLISHER document, this month's it is produced as a PAGES document. The deadline for the May issue I anticipate would be Friday April 24th. Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. *Ed*



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Future fun filled fundraising events include:

- Saturday 21st March: Music Quiz at Marsworth Millennium Hall. Come and test your knowledge of pop music from the Sixties, Seventies, Eighties and Nineties! Tickets are £8 including a chilli supper and are available from Deborah Hale, 01296 668114, and Ken Longhurst, 01296 660711.
- Monday 27th April: Neil Gurney will present an evening of expert flower arranging in his own inimitable style at Marsworth Millennium Hall. Tickets are £8 to include tea and cake and are available from Deborah Hale, 01296 668114, and Ken Longhurst, 01296 660711.
- Saturday 23rd May: Gill and John White's amazing plant sale at Horseshoe Cottage, Church Lane, Marsworth. Free entry and you're sure to find something to add a touch of colour to your garden.
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If you feel you would like to become involved with next year's Flower Festival in any way, please contact Ken Longhurst. *The 2009 Marsworth Flower Festival Committee.*

Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Wednesday 14th January 2009

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

The following planning applications were discussed:

08/20007/AWD (Lockharts Farm Compound, South Tinkers Hole, Cublington)
Waste and recycling Plant – Retrospective Planning

The above application had been brought to the attention of Council and a number of villagers had expressed concerns over the application. The application was discussed and it was:

RESOLVED to oppose this application on the following grounds:

- There was no evidence of an established need for the business.
- Increase of traffic flow through the village of HGV vehicles on unsuitable roads
- Breaches of existing temporary approval conditions.
- Access road not suitable for continuous use of heavy vehicles and traffic flow.

08/02940/APP (11 The Green, Aston Abbotts)
Erection of single storey side extension

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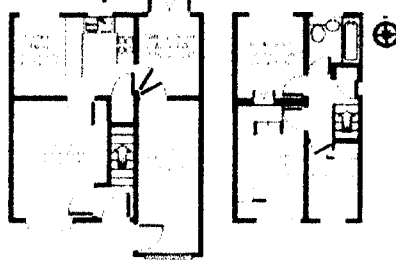
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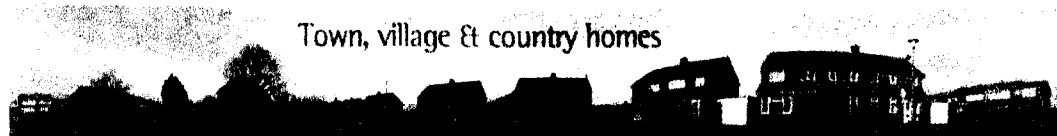
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

As you would expect, not a lot has been happening on the allotments at this time of year (why, when I agreed to do this diary, didn't I stipulate that it was to be seasonal!) When I went down last weekend, however, to pick some leeks, I did notice (with some feelings of guilt) that one or two of my fellow allotmenters have been digging over their allotments, and in the case of Andy Digby, even putting manure on!

It hasn't actually stirred me into activity yet, but by the time you read this, I will have been embarrassed into doing some weeding at least – and possibly putting some carpet down, to try to keep at least part of my patch weed-free for the planting season. I've also read articles in the gardening sections of papers saying that I should be cutting my raspberries and blackcurrants down, and I must get round to this as well.

As always I have been scouring the news for allotment-related news items, and have come across one rather unusual one. You will know that the government has given the go-ahead for a third runway at Heathrow. Greenpeace promptly announced that it had bought a piece of land the size of a football pitch, in an area which would have to be acquired for the new runway. The intention is to divide the land into thousands of tiny plots, each with a separate title – with the intention of forcing BAA, the airport's owner, to negotiate with each individual owner, and so delaying the compulsory purchase process. (It thinks that the longer the delay, the greater the chance of the project being cancelled).

Three of the celebrities who signed the purchase deed were Emma Thompson, Alastair McGowan & Zac Goldsmith, and Emma Thompson was quoted as saying

"I don't understand how a government remotely serious about climate change can even consider these ridiculous plans. We'll stop this from happening, even if we have to move in and plant vegetables".

This could therefore be the first time in human history that allotments will be used as a weapon against development! (Although I'm not quite sure how growing vegetables will improve the position of the Greenpeace members: I think it's unlikely that BAA will say "That's a nice crop of potatoes you've got there. We'll delay taking advantage of our compulsory purchase powers until they've ripened and you've picked them . . .")

One of the gardening articles I was reading recently was warning about the danger of growing Jerusalem artichokes which, as the author very nicely put it,

"are the vegetable equivalent of a terrorist sleeper cell. They spread out of sight below the ground, and suddenly explode"

If you've ever grown them you will know how true this is, and how difficult it is to eradicate them: leave one tiny knob of a root below the ground, and it will grow into a plant next year. I very much enjoy eating them, although they are a fiddle to peel, but I did not know that, according to the article, they "release large quantities of carbon monoxide and methane into the atmosphere" – so perhaps if we want to be green we should grow them. Perhaps I should tell Emma Thompson?

Peter Shorrocks

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds.'
I bought her a scale.

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Countryside Matters

The Hallam family of Red Barn Farm, Aston Abbotts moved from Derbyshire in 1978, lock, stock and barrel. I remember the day 30 years ago when Bill and Wendy roared into the yard asking if I had seen his "cooows" that had high tailed it back cross county from whence they came, on the first few days of their arrival. I have written about this hard working and remarkable family before but mostly in jovial terms. Now they need all the help and support the villagers and country folk nearby can give them. Here are some extracts concerning Bovine TB written by Bill for the Farmers Weekly magazine printed November 2008 and also Bills log (with permission)

"Our business is in the middle of what I can only describe as a severely traumatic experience! After having a confirmed case at the abattoir, duly followed by a full herd test, an incoming telephone call, from Animal Health, informed me that 49 of the animals tested so far were to be destroyed. The shock and abhorrent horror was too much to absorb, half our cows in milk! This was virtually all this year's crop of heifers. What a devastating effect on our lives not to mention cash flow. Add to this the time and energy input to rear all our own replacements the trauma is inconceivable. The testing is at present incomplete we have 13 inconclusive results to resample and a further 53 heifers to test. We have resigned ourselves to the fact that more animals will, without doubt, be taken from us! The business has run a 'closed herd' policy for the last 4 years, had TB tests 2 years ago and all were clear. How can the disease spread so fast? More to the point where did it originate? Also to have faith in the new blood testing 'Gamma Interferon Test' when the animal shows not a sign of infection is unbelievable to say the least. This group of cows and heifers were averaging > 30 kgs milk a day each. It is certainty that all your best animals are taken in a situation of this type; never the awkward, sickly, lame, barren or low yielding animals; in farming language generally 'bad do-er's! The next move was to establish whether any animals were unfit for human consumption due to residual antibiotic traces. Two cows had treatment withdrawal periods outside the proposed culling date of Friday 14th November. These cows had to be disposed of separately. One shot on the farm on Friday 14th November and dispatched to the laboratory, the other cow at a date to be confirmed. A most bizarre part of the scenario is the fact that the identified strain is '10' this strain of TB is found in Warwickshire and Worcester. How has this been transmitted to my herd? The Animal Health Officer's report will make interesting reading! Some of the most distasteful and disastrous parts of all this is the fact that our 'Total Gross Output' as been sliced in half at a single stroke; our young blood in the herd have been eliminated and nothing is done to protect my neighbours and the wildlife situation! Now, the clean up operations will take place. Cleaning up the bedding and the disinfecting all contact areas. Afterwards we have to contemplate the logistics of restocking. Where do we source the stock? From which areas do we seek 'clean' cattle? Our dilemma is, to find areas where TB is not endemic! The farm could be restocked and the low and behold the scenario could repeat its 'self, no thank you! We would find that a very bitter pill to swallow! 18th December, we, or should I say Richard, has now completed the disinfection of all areas associated with the infected stock. The relevant paper work has been dispatched. So, hopefully, a festive spirit can reign over Red Barn Farm!"

I am afraid that the prime suspect is still our friend the badger for spreading TB in cattle. The N.F.U. anticipates 40,000 cattle shall be killed because of this disease by the end of 2008. But DEFRA still delays a cull of badgers in livestock areas. Especially in the South West where bovine TB is endemic, (A cull is a cull and not extermination). As maybe the authorities are more concerned with other matters, as seen with their ridiculous fence around the late Mr Ravens old bungalow, deterring a rare newt that none of us have ever seen and fewer people heard about (me included). Yet children can get into the site and break their necks, quite easily. Maybe a fence would be of more use to encircle the dairy farmers. They are indeed becoming a case of "endangered species".

James Henderson

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realised I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'you should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

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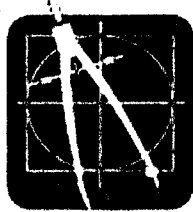
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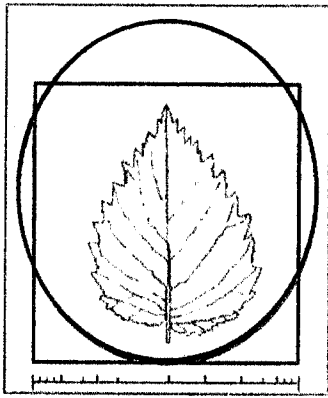
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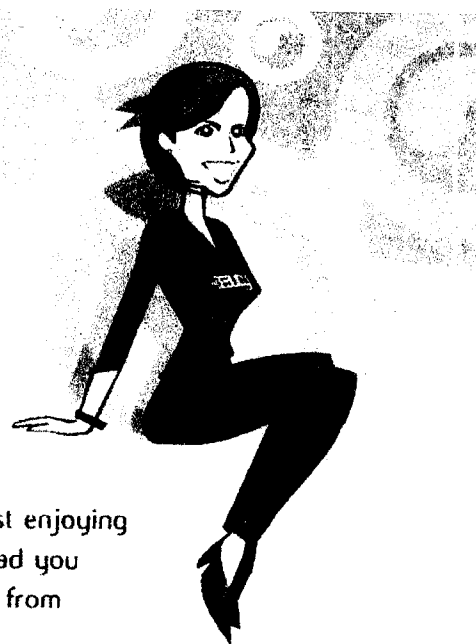
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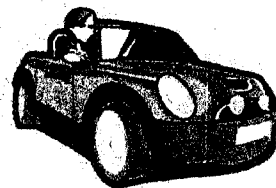
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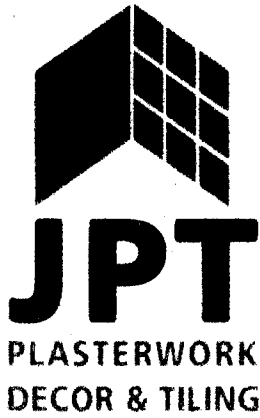
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8th January

12 were present for this, our first meeting of 2009. The Chairman, Joan Alexander, welcomed everyone and the minutes were read, approved and signed.

The £60.00 previously raised for the 'Smiles' charity was increased to £75.00 by club funds. A further £75.00 raised by the 'Thursday' coffee morning was added to enable £150.00 (the cost of one operation) to be sent to this charity.

The club received a Christmas card from Jean Bliss.

Today, Avril Bradley Davis had arranged a 'picture' competition in which we had to guess who or what were contained in some 50 pictures. April Curnow won with a score of 39.

Joan thanked Avril very much for a happy afternoon. and we afterwards enjoyed tea served by Sheila Read and April Curnow. June Brine won the raffle.

22nd January

16 members were present at today's meeting. The Chairman, Joan Alexander, welcomed everyone and the minutes were read, approved and signed.

Today's speaker was Peter Shorrocks who gave us a picture show and talk about a six day trek he had completed along sections of the Great Wall of China. It was very entertaining and he was afterwards thanked by Margaret Hinds.

Tea served by June Brine and Kim White and Diane Smart won the raffle.

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The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's darn near perfect.'

And then the fight started

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

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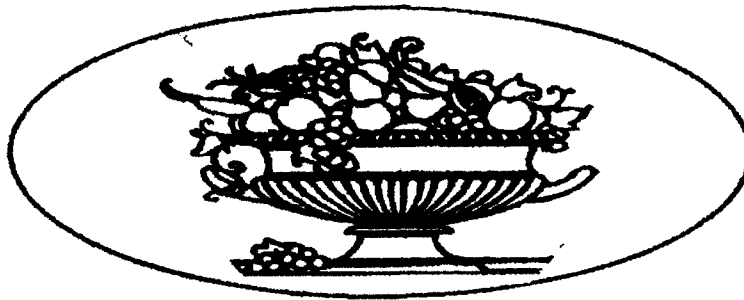
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20th January 2009

I thought it might be interesting for you to receive a summary of the latest HMI monitoring report based on the visit made on December 9th and 10th December 2009.

We were pleased with the ongoing recognition of our rising standards and continuing improvements. This is a result of the hard work and commitment of all staff and governors, positive response from the pupils, plus support from the L.A.

As Acting Headteacher I would like to thank everyone concerned for their efforts and perseverance during these difficult times. Also my gratitude goes to the parents and community who have stayed loyal to Wingrave School and continue to work alongside us.

Summary

** "Standards are rising" is the first statement made in the report. In all areas identified in the original inspection there has been satisfactory progress again since the last monitoring visit in July.

It is acknowledged that the assessment procedures now used show a true reflection of the pupils' progress and achievements. This has enabled us to take "appropriate steps and progress is now improving". In KS2 science there has been "a substantial rise in standards, where targets were exceeded".

One aspect of our improvement is that "no lessons were judged to be inadequate".

It is recognised that pupils find work more challenging this term, but we are aware that we need to act upon making all lessons challenging for all pupils at all times and we are working on this. The inspector recognised that the school has introduced "a number of appropriate new procedures but it is too soon to evaluate their impact".

The strength of the governing body has been recognised and the morale and team spirit of the staff has been praised for "underpinning improvements for the pupils".

** (All quotes used have been taken from the H M Inspector's report)

Wingrave School is worth a visit if you are considering where to send your child to school. It is welcoming, caring and nurturing at this early stage in a child's education. Within a short space of time academic standards have risen and are now providing balance and challenge. All schools have their strengths and weaknesses, but not all schools have the close monitoring and focussed evaluation in which Wingrave is presently involved. This can only benefit the pupils.

D McClellan
Acting Headteacher

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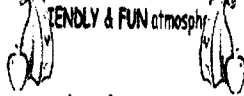
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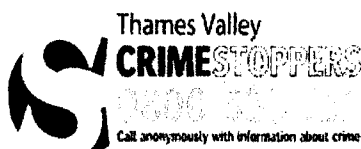
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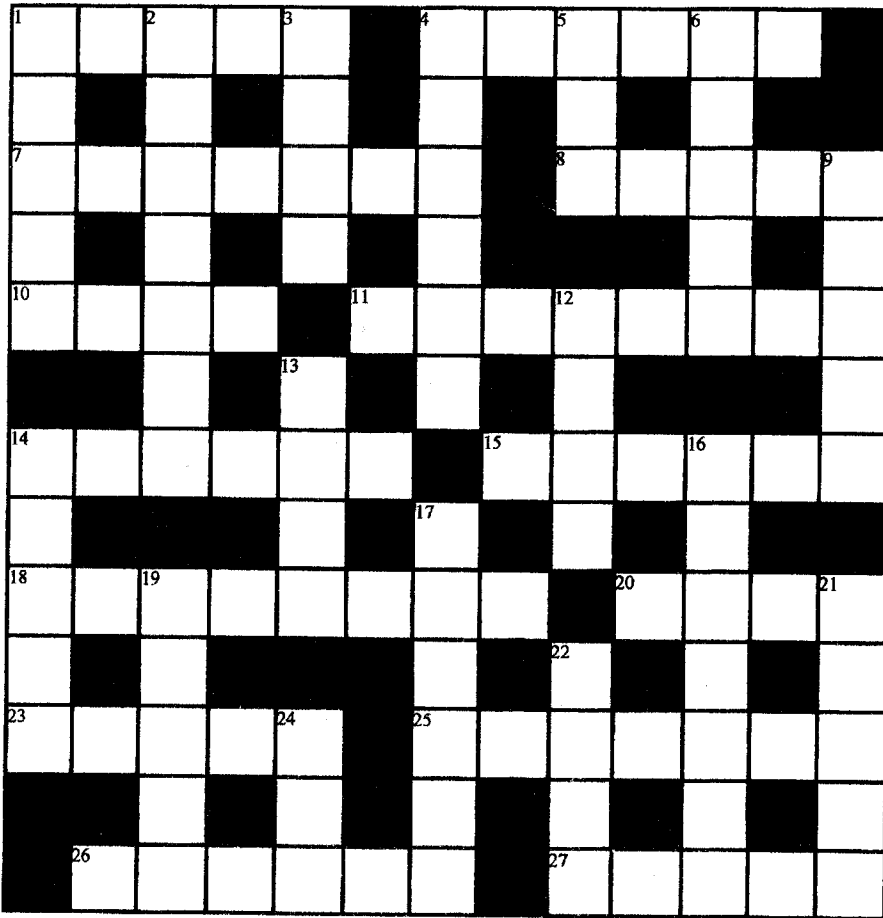
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ACROSS

- 1 Dopey 4 Dinghy 7 Village
8 Wiper 10 Debt 11 Amethyst
14 Boxing 15 Circus
18 Sidewalk 20 Arid
23 Eider 25 Pacific
26 Beaded 27 Bulky

DOWN

- 1 David 2 Pillbox 3 Year
4 Dreamy 5 New 6 Happy
9 Rates 12 Tail 13 Snow
14 Basle 16 Careful
17 Sloped 19 Dodge
21 Decay 22 Scab 24 Red

ACROSS

- 1 Henry _____ (actor) (5)
4 Gambling den (6)
7 Kids construction set (7)
8 Part of the UK (5)
10 Coarse file (4)
11 Seek help (8)
14 Stone pit (6)
15 Join up (6)
18 Doorway for example (8)
20 Nil (4)
23 Try food (5)
25 Good physical condition (7)
26 God of sleep (6)
27 Physical strength (5)

DOWN

- 1 Thigh bone (5)
2 Capital of Cyprus (7)
3 Great distance (4)
4 Spring plant (6)
5 Female pig (3)
6 Synthetic fibre (5)
9 Smell (5)
12 Sand ridge (4)
13 Song for solo voice (4)
14 Search (5)
16 Type of lettuce (7)
17 Scrapes a shoe (6)
19 Easily irritated (5)
21 To set upon (5)
22 An article (4)
24 European sea eagle (3)

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- 2000R In the 'Wizard of Oz' what was the name of Dorothy's dog?
a TOTO b SNOWY c BULLET d LASSIE
- 5000R Which of these countries is landlocked?
a Monaco b Burkino Faso c Venezuela d Bangladesh
- 10000R Syd Barrett was a founding member of which band?
a Manfred Mann b Pink Floyd c Deep Purple d The Grateful Dead
- 25000R In draughts, what is the counter called when it reaches the opposite end of the board and another piece is put on top?
a Castle b Queen c Knight d King
- 50000R Who won the FIFA World Cup for Association Football in Germany in 2006?
a Portugal b France c Germany d Italy
- 100000R In which country did a civil war run from 1975 - 1990?
a Lebanon b Jordan c Syria d Israel
- 200000R African and Indian Elephants have a different number of nails on their feet.
Respectively, they are...?
a 18 and 16 b 16 and 18 c 14 and 16 d 14 and 18
- 500000R How many red stripes are there on the flag of the USA?
a 7 b 13 c 6 d 52
- 750000R Which of these countries has France on its Eastern border?
a Canada b Luxemborg c San Merino d Andorra
- 1250000R Which Liverpudlian was Prime Minister of Great Britain four times in the 19th century?
a William Gladstone b Marquess of Salisbury c Earl of Rosebery d Benjamin Disraeli
- 2500000R Changi airport is in which country?
a Vietnam b Taiwan c Singapore d Hong Kong
- 5000000R What was the name of the rulers in Russia from 1613 to 1917?
a Stroganoff b Romanoff c Hapsburg d Medici
- 10000000R What is the result of the calculation $(a+b)(a-b)$, if $a=7$ and $b=7$?
a 0 b 14 c 21 d 7
- 20000000R Empress Matilda ruled England in which century?
a 11th b 10th c 12th d 13th

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22nd	Andy	21/2	Colin	Anita/Andy	April/Francesca

In 2009 Pancake Day is on Tuesday 24 February

Are you giving up anything in Lent? Do you know what other people are giving up? Do you know why? What is Pancake Day? Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is the last day before the period which Christians call Lent. This day is one of the moveable feasts in the church calendar and is directly related to the date on which Easter falls. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between 3 February and 9 March. The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent.

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs were forbidden during Lent.

Answers to 20 million rupees questions on page 29 a,b,b,d,d,a,d,a,d,a,c,b,a,c



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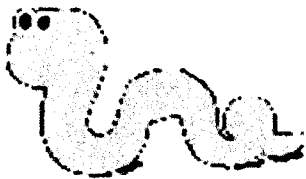
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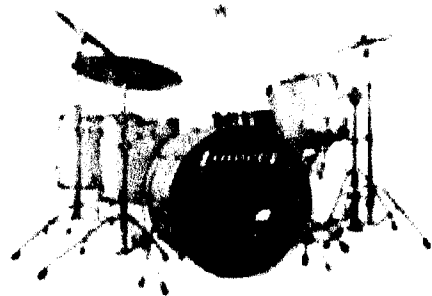
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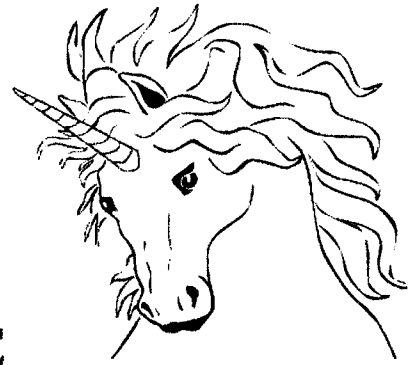
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Special events for February/March 2009

February

- 2nd Quiz
- 6th Band – Under The Influence
- 9th Quiz
- 14th Valentines evening dinner
- 16th Quiz
- 23rd Quiz
- 27th Fine Dining with Jazz from 'Anything Goes'

March

- 1st St Davids Day – lunch and dinner with a Welsh flavour
- 2nd Quiz
- 6/7th Steak Special
- 9th Quiz
- 16th Quiz
- 17th St Patricks Day – lunch and dinner with an Irish flavour
- 23rd Quiz
- 27th Fine Dining with Jazz from anything goes
- 30th Quiz

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Please contact Sharon or Derek on 01296 681261

The Unicorn, High Street, Cublington, Bucks, LU7 0LQ

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What's On In February

Sunday 1st	Rambling Club Evensong	Meet at Watermead 2pm St James Church 6pm
Tuesday 3rd	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 5th	Prayers Coffee Shop Ladies Club	St James Church 9.30am Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm
Thursday 12th	Prayers Coffee Shop Whist Drive	St James Church 9.30am Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Wednesday 18th	Parish Council	Church Room 7.30pm
Thursday 19th	Prayers Coffee Shop Ladies Club	St James Church 9.30am Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm
Saturday 21st	Concert (Songs from the Shows) Lindsay Stafford Smith Tickets £5 - contact Colin Higgs or Shirley Ford	St James Church 7pm
Tuesday 26th	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day	
Wednesday 25th	Ash Wednesday Service	St James Church 7pm
Thursday 26th	Coffee Shop Whist Drive	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 1st March	Rambling Club Evensong	meet Caldecote MK 2pm St James Church 6pm

View from Lines Hill towards Waddesdon



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

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ALLOW YOUR DOG(S) TO FOUL THE RECREATION GROUND. PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND PICK IT UP

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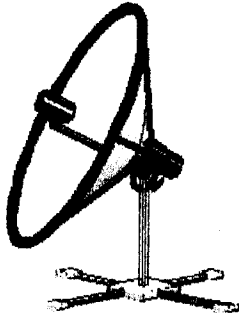
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630 Club - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.

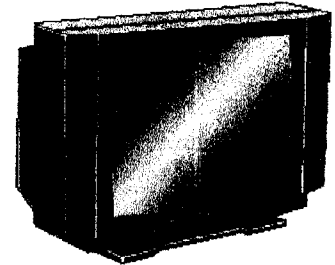
GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry) meet, usually in the Royal Oak, every Tuesday 8pm onwards - all Ladies very welcome - GNOMES specialises in intelligent conversation over a glass of something.

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Lifetime Achievement Award

At this years Aston Abbotts Christmas Show the Annual Awards ceremony was dominated by just one award. A special Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Dave Lewis.

This was meant to be a surprise, but unfortunately Dave clearly got wind of the award because less than two weeks before the ceremony he tried to disguise himself by dying his hair jet-black.

The disguise was almost successful as nobody in the Royal Oak recognised him at first. One well-known villager was so taken in that he asked me, "who is the strange man in the black wig?" and another said, "could that be Elvis?"

On the night, Dave stepped forward to receive his award to tumultuous applause from the packed crowd. Unusually for awards ceremonies these days, Dave did not cry.

Unusually for Dave these days, he kept his trousers on.

Congratulations Dave, on a well deserved award.



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