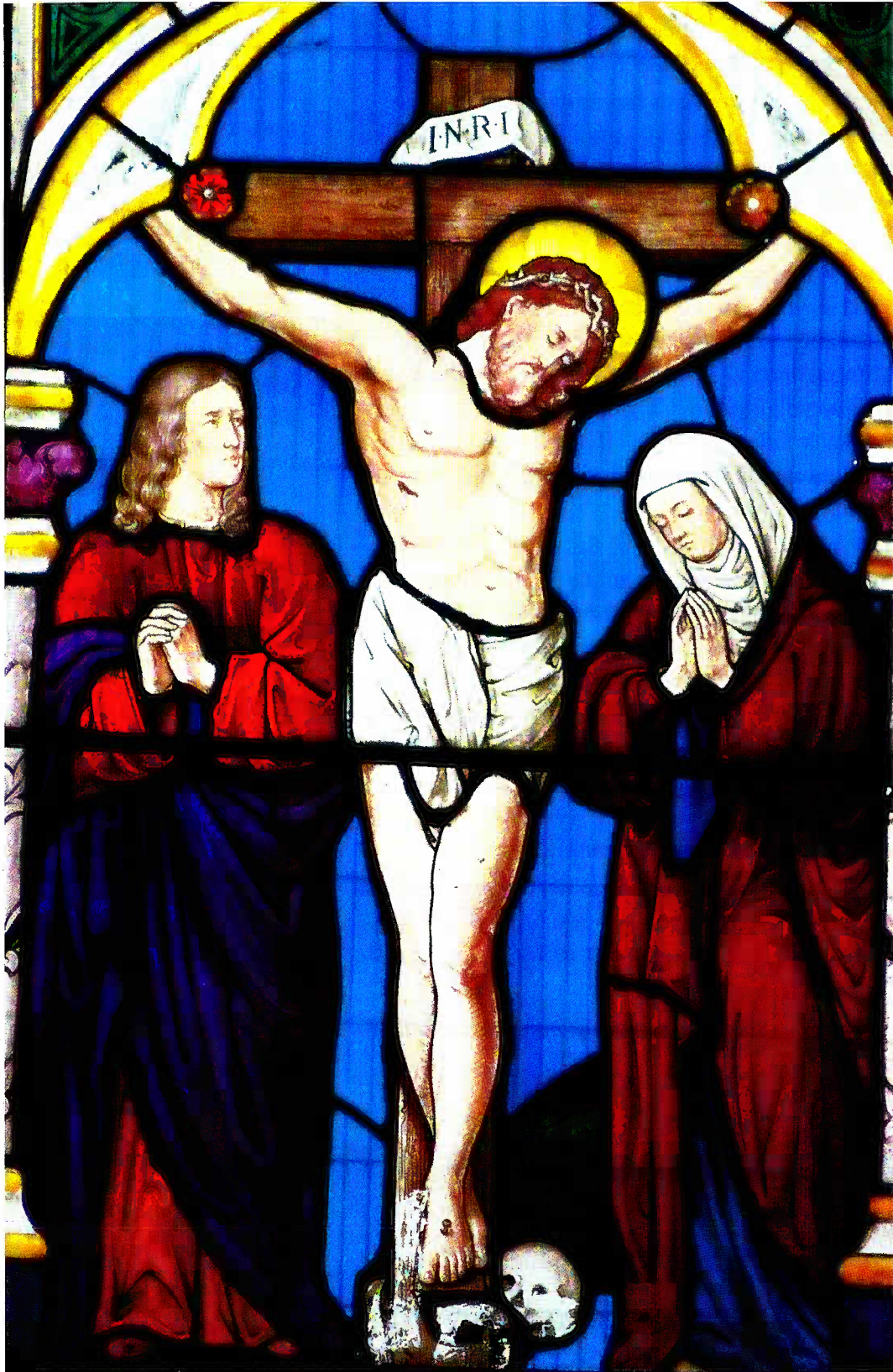


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# Editorial

Next month's Chronicle is being edited by Jo Perkins and her son Alex. Please send your articles and notices to her home at 1 Wingrave Road or via her email address [perkijo@hotmail.com](mailto:perkijo@hotmail.com). Alex is running in this year's marathon (see page 15). Hopefully Jo will be able to hold the front page to announce how well Alex did.

This month's front cover (and last month's) is kindly sponsored by Janice Issett who paid £10 per issue for the printing costs. Jo is going to do the same for the May edition.

There are no frogs in my ponds and each year I put out a request for frog spawn. Andy Bystra very generously remembered my request when on a visit to Bristol and managed to transport a large flower pot full of frog spawn back to Aston Abbots - if they successfully hatch out I wonder if they will croak with a Bristol drawl? I'm told that the Abbey ponds used to be alive with toads and that residents would patrol Moat Lane collecting them up and moving them to safety.

Geoff Curnow lent me his copy of the Aston Abbots Village Survey that was carried out in 1992. The section dealing with response regarding The Chronicle concluded *'there were no clear problems as most comments come from single people. 'One-sided opinion' versus 'lost it's bite' 'not enough gossip' versus 'too much gossip'; 'in-crowd features'; innuendo; Rector's page not sufficiently to the point; tatty layout, late delivery, not enough content (by which is meant articles, stories, input from villagers). Most people want it to continue monthly'*.

When the results of the latest Village Survey are produced it will be interesting to compare the results. I like to think that the legacy Phil Spooner (the last editor) gave me/us has been continued.

Enjoy the Easter break - looks like Spring has arrived!

John

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Chris Espley	30 <sup>th</sup>

The Gnomes all went down to The Old Swan, Cheddington, for their annual dinner and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Carol Spooner for organising everything. Another delightful evening was spent with Gnomes at Francesca's and it was lovely to see Sheila Humphreys back socialising.

I don't know whether anyone else caught the interview on Three Counties radio on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> with Liz Barlow but it was very interesting. Sounded a bit like the Archers with all the countryside background noises and rattling buckets! Unfortunately, they didn't mention Aston Abbots but said that Liz farmed in Aylesbury Vale!

**LITTER BLITZ!** - Saturday 4th April.

Meet 10.30am outside Church Room

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 21st APRIL - 8pm Church Room**

**Please note that next month's Chronicle is being guest-edited by Jo Perkins and her son Alex. Please give Jo your full support and deluge her with your gossip and articles - I'm looking forward to reading the May edition. *Ed***

**You can contact Jo by sending her your articles to her home at 1 Wingrave Road or by email to [perkijo@hotmail.com](mailto:perkijo@hotmail.com)**

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The Church is keen that the village should have the lease and we are now in the final stages of achieving this. In the meantime, the church solicitors have applied for the registration of title with the Land Registry. Once all this is agreed, the solicitors will then prepare and issue a certificate required by the charities commission and from then on the responsibility for managing the Church Room will pass to the Church Room Trustees (Messrs Dicken, Shorrocks, Hardcastle, Palmer and Ms Lane,). In order to complete the transaction, the Trust Fund will have to foot the church solicitor's bill in the region of £1200.

A survey of the building has been completed and this reveals a number of faults largely of a minor maintenance nature, but nevertheless will demand cash payable from the Trust Fund. In addition, the Trustees will be responsible for obtaining and paying for an Energy Performance Certificate, an Asbestos Certificate and a Fire Risk Assessment Certificate. However, it is possible that we might be able to reduce costs by submitting an Asbestos Management Plan that will list any asbestos that is in the building and proposing how we should manage it.

Items that will require more immediate action are the treatment of the roof timbers to prevent beetle damage, improved overhead lighting, ceiling insulation and constructing an access into the loft space from the kitchen area. We hope that monies left over from the Planning Obligation Agreement from the Bull and Butcher development will pay for these items – you will recall that a major part of these monies was spent last year on new crockery and cutlery for the Church Room kitchen.

Future plans involve an extension on the north side of the building to accommodate two toilets (one for the disabled), additional storage, electrical rewiring, kitchen refurbishment and a ramp instead of the steps at the entry to the Room. These plans will involve a large capital expenditure and although we raised funds from the Fete in previous years for these works, the cash in the Trust account will be insufficient to cover all the planned expenditure. We have therefore explored the possibility of obtaining a grant and we are quietly optimistic that we shall receive one.

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Kate Curry has managed to get Aston Abbots included in the 'Music in Quiet Places' series this summer. The concert will be on **Sat 20th June at 7.30pm** in the Church. There will be a 'village walk' before it (6.30pm) and refreshments will be served in the Church Room during the interval.

Publicity material will be provided by AVDC nearer the time. In the meantime please put this date in your diary. Kate will be the ticket agent.

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When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert .
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
- (4) The woman remains outside the compulsory three meter exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.

Here comes the important part:

- (5) **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.** More routine...
- (6) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
- (7) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat

Important again:

- (8) **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.** More routine...
- (9) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (10) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (11) Everyone **PRAISES** the MAN and **THANKS HIM** for his cooking efforts.
- (12) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed ' her night off ', and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

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There are currently seven members of the Book Club. First choice of book is down to me and I have played pretty safe by selecting last year's Man Booker Prize Winner 'The White Tiger' by Aravind Adiga. We will be discussing the book over a glass of something in early May.

*If you would like to join in the discussion/fun then please let me know.*

*There's room for a few more. Ed*

Sally Turnham wonders whether Aston Abbott mums and dads with babies/toddlers would like to have a regular get together? Sally is happy to do the first one at her house. Suggested time is 10.30 am - 12.30 on Wednesday 23rd April for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat at The Chapel, 73 The Green. email [sallyturnham@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyturnham@hotmail.com) or call/text on 0775 272 6229

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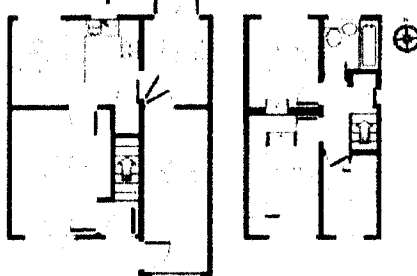
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# COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

## Red Alert

A recent example of man's interference to save one species from another involves UK squirrels. As well as driving reds to near extinction, by passing on a pox virus, grey squirrels damage trees by stripping bark and have reduced wild bird populations by eating eggs and young in nests. Ironically man created the problem in the first place as he introduced the grey squirrel to Britain in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century!

In a desperate attempt to save our native reds, grey squirrel control is underway. By 2008 13,000 greys had been killed in Northumberland and Durham to protect the dwindling number of red strong holds, with the intention to push the front line ever further south.

The contentious case of squirrel versus squirrel is certainly set to run and run. Indeed, most people in the southern part of the UK at least, now know only greys and see them as cute, oblivious to the damage they are causing to song bird populations. Others, more concerned with protecting our native wildlife and forests, hate them with a vengeance. Hypocritically, many people who have no hesitation in killing rats, for example, are amongst the first to oppose culling an apparently cuddly creature.

Other culling is so wide spread and entrenched in our way of life that it is very rare to hear dissent. For example, both native woodpigeon and the introduced rabbit are killed in millions every year, but there is no strong objection as most people acknowledge that these two species are our greatest agricultural pests, causing enormous economic loss. They also appreciate that their populations are not in the least threatened, and as a bonus both species make excellent eating. Culled deer also provide good food, but they are killed for the good of the species as well as to protect crops. And so it goes on, with endless debate over well-known issues such as culling badgers, to lesser know issues such as culling or moving hedgehogs from the Hebridean island of Uist, where they were decimating the population of terns by eating their eggs.

One thing is certain now: we cannot turn the clock back and leave nature to sort it's self out. Dog walkers beware of the resurgence of our 'friends' who are back hare coursing behind the allotments, down to the lay-by on the A418. Coursing has happened 2 or 3 times in March. The advice is, always call the police and do not approach these dangerous people and always carry a mobile phone.

*James Henderson*

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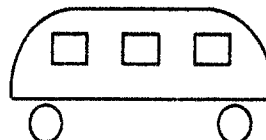
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## ALLOTMENT DIARY

A lot of authors talk about “writer’s block”, and the panic that comes over them when they put a blank sheet of paper in the printer, type the heading, and then gaze in vain at the paper seeking inspiration. I hope some comes soon: our editor, as always, has kindly told me what my deadline is to produce some copy for him, and it is imminent!

(I’m sure that other contributors to the Chronicle will identify only too well with this problem!)

Well, for the first time for some months, I can talk about the allotments. Spring is sprung (at the moment anyway) and the grass is riz [see page 29]; and there are already signs of great activity all around me. The carpeting has largely been removed. Most of my fellow allotmenters - being more diligent than me - have already manured and dug much of their allotments, and have planted their first early potatoes. I am lagging behind, but I have weeded or weed-killed a good bit of my patch, and hope to do the rest in the next few days, and then to spread compost on it. It will then be down to my son Adam to rotovate the land, and I can start my own planting. I have already experienced the pleasure of choosing what vegetables to buy, pouring over the enticing sites on the internet: and, as always, am full of confidence that my vegs, when they arrive, will look like those in the pictures on the internet, or on the seed packets. The saying about “Travelling hopefully” is very true of gardeners!

Yet again the usual spring miracle has occurred with most of the seeds that I have planted in propagators in the greenhouse. I can’t speak for the economy, but the first green shoots have already appeared of my cabbages, Brussels sprouts, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, green & yellow courgettes and aubergines. The only ones still to make an appearance are the red peppers and my broccoli – but on looking again at the packets, I have discovered that the broccoli seeds should have been planted by summer 2008. If no shoots appear in the next few days, I will have to buy some more seeds. (It’s not just that I’m mean: one of the problems is that most packets of seeds contain many more seeds than any gardener can possibly need, so that one is always saving some in the packet for the following year – and sometimes one does not notice that the packet started life 2 or 3 years before!)

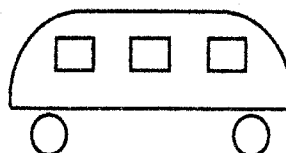
I shall be growing one usual vegetable this year: while I was selling lifeboat flags recently, Dennis Knight kindly gave me a seed of a South African squash called “Little Gem” for me to try, which he tells me tastes just like a sweet melon. I shall look forward to making its acquaintance.

As always, I have been trawling the newspapers for vegetable related news items which might amuse or interest you; and have found one slightly odd one. Ken Livingstone is quoted as having said

*“I’m growing potatoes. As London collapses into barbarism under Boris Johnson, we’ve got to secure our food supply”*

While I’m sure that growing potatoes is a good thing for Ken to do, I cannot understand why he believes that Boris’s plans for London will lead us back into barbarism. (Incidentally, did you know that the word “barbarism” comes from the Latin word for “beard”? The Romans were clean shaven (or as clean shaven as you could be 2,000 years ago), whereas the barbarians were a shaggy bearded lot. And the Romans therefore coined the word “*barbari*” for them, derived from their word for a beard, “*barba*”. This etymology is of course of particular interest to me at the moment, as those of

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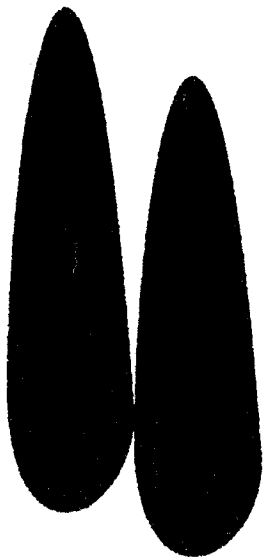
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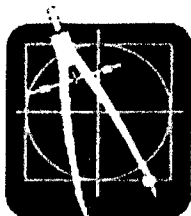
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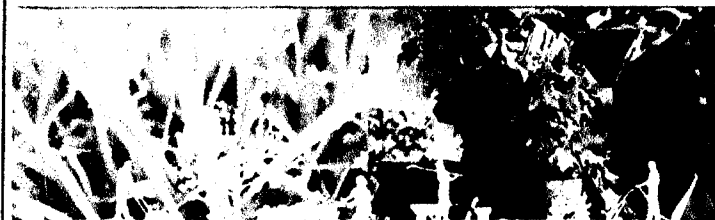
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**It is a chance for talent to shine, so as always, there is an invite from anyone from the village or associated with someone in the village to come forward. If you play an instrument, sing or are in a band then just give Nigel ( 681152), Neil( 681201) or John (681685) a ring to fix a time for a chat.**

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## **The road is long, in fact its 26 miles:**

Hello all readers of the Aston Abbotts Chronicle, my name is Alex Perkins, I live at No.1 Wingrave Road and this year I am going to run the London Marathon.

I am running the marathon for the Motor Neurone Disease association because MND is a nasty disease (like most I imagine) and my DAD, (ex- Aston Abbott resident) died from it, so the marathon is a quest that's close to my heart.

I have never done anything like this before so am quite nervous, scared and worried but also a little excited. The challenge is also a little more real for me as I have asthma which is triggered from sporting activities and is something that really does not like me running. Some of you may have seen me running through the village, usually covered in sweat breathing heavily and sometimes escorted by my brother's dog Bart.

A friend of mine from Wingrave is also running the marathon and I intend to beat him. I suppose you could look at it as a Wingrave vs Aston Abbotts competition. Don't worry I'm not going to let the side down!

This is just a short note to try and raise awareness for my run and also direct any interested eyes to my marathon website – [www.runginger.co.uk](http://www.runginger.co.uk).

On the site you can get some more information about my run and also find my training blog which gives an insight into what's involved in getting your body ready to run 26 miles. I could REALLY do with any help that I can muster so please feel free to spread the word [www.runginger.co.uk](http://www.runginger.co.uk) and also feel free to shout and throw stuff when you see me passing.

My very nice Brother James Perkins and the even nicer Hannah Brandon are going to be organising some charity events in aid of my quest so please watch this space and check [www.runginger.co.uk](http://www.runginger.co.uk) for more information on this.

Cheers,

*Alex Perkins*

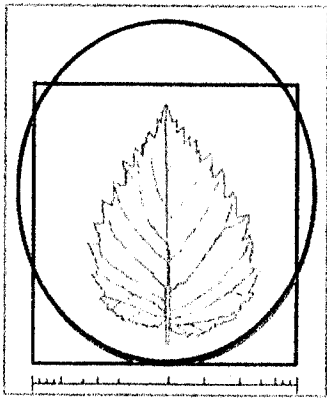
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### **Ladies Club – Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

14 members were present at today's meeting in the church room, Aston Abbots. The Chairman welcomed everybody and the minutes were read, approved and signed.

Plans were discussed for a spring lunch to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March in the church room.

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Audrey Tompkins and she gave a talk entitled 'Readings and Anecdotes'. It proved to be an hour of absolute hilarity and she was afterwards thanked by Joan Alexander.

Our tea hostesses were Margaret Hinds and Jill Scott.

*Shirley Ford*

### **Ladies Club – Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March**

14 members were present at today's meeting in the church room. After welcoming our members and guests, the Chairman, Joan Alexander, 'chaired' a short meeting to finalise plans for the Spring Lunch, due to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Our speaker today was Mrs. Jill Carey who gave an illustrated talk entitled 'From Petra to the Pyramids'. She proved to be a very knowledgeable speaker and this coupled with the beautiful slides she had bought along made for a very interesting afternoon. She was thanked by Irene Lowden.

Tea hostesses were Shirley Ford and April Curnow and the raffle winner Carol Morris.

*Shirley Ford*

### **Ladies Club – 'Spring Lunch' -Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March**

30 members and friends were welcomed by Joan Alexander who remarked on what a lovely spring day we had 'chosen'. Everyone helped themselves to a delicious cold lunch followed by a 'mouthwatering' selection of puddings and rounded off with coffee or tea. The meal had been provided by members.

The day ended with a raffle in which most of those present won a prize.

*Shirley Ford*

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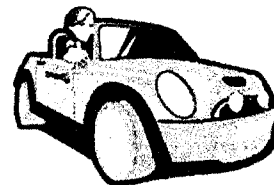
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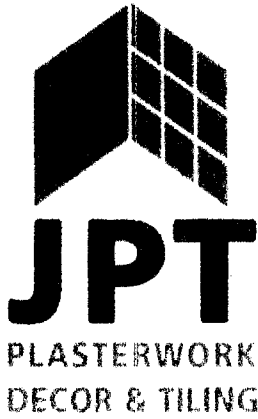
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At this point I'm tempted to mislead you into believing there's a new film being shot called "Carry on up Lines Hill". Or, that since The Gables is up for sale, we've resorted to the money-spinning wheeze of letting the place to a dubious film company shooting "Confessions of an estate agent".

But no, it was Auntie BBC descending on us to film "Escape to the country". If you've ever put your house up for sale, you'll know the continuous effort it takes to keep the place neat and tidy. But when it's going to be seen by the nation, you make an extra effort. And yes, I *am* house-trained. I always vacuum the carpets once a year, whether they need it or not.

It was all the estate agent's idea. Perhaps they felt we were feeling neglected and needed some visitors, in a "quiet" market as they euphemistically call the global financial meltdown. Certainly it led to a thorough spring clean - and there was I thinking the place already looked immaculate. Anyway, further de-cluttering made the rooms appear double the size, and I wondered why I'd never done it before, and even why I wanted to move. Well, we probably wouldn't have bothered to make the effort otherwise - or so said Sue, mopping the kitchen floor at five o'clock on Monday morning.

The producer arrived, and after a couple of hours deemed The Gables suitable for the programme. They were looking for equestrian properties and liked the adjacent paddock with its own drive. Being the only horseless person hereabouts, I had to feign knowledge of our four-legged friends. But, truth to tell, my experience of matters equestrian is limited to bifteck de cheval avec frites in Belgium.

The cameraman spent all the next morning filming house and garden. The weather was superb all week, which helped because the hedges were not yet in leaf, and Peter's flock of mobile lawn mowers had not yet arrived in the paddock.

The following morning the entire crew arrived, with the buyers. Yesterday's shots would be mixed in with today's, so I'd been asked not to move anything. I was tempted to nip out and get a grandfather clock for the hall, just to undermine their continuity, but refrained.

They were all very nice people, and the presenter, Alastair Appleton, seemed a pleasant sort of cove. I recalled seeing him recently showing a house in Totternoe, and he was a refreshing change from the usual in-ner-face and over-the-top "personality" presenter. But please don't think I spend all day watching property, cookery and antiques on TV. Though I do quite fancy one of those stair lifts they advertise, providing there's an express version, in case you forget on the way up what it was that you wanted upstairs.

Well, the people from Auntie don't want owners hanging around, and in the nicest possible way they asked me to get lost while they were filming. So I adjourned for coffee at Norduck with Dicky and Ann. Four hours (!) later they were finished.

On they went to another three houses in the shire, and the programme will be shown in summer - date to be advised. Nowadays one has to make an extra effort to market a house. Perhaps Knight Frank could organise a jousting event? Meanwhile the house looks terrific - just like a film studio in fact. Ah! It could be a nice little earner in these recessionary times. The Gables is not exactly Cliveden, but how about an adult movie set in Aston Abbots? "A Romp in the Country"? Or some goings on at The Abbey? "When the Abbess met the Abbots" No, let it be a realistic kitchen sink drama about housework, and mopping floors. Called "Shire Hell".

*Jeremy Bale*

Will keep you posted as and when the programme is due to be broadcast. *Ed*

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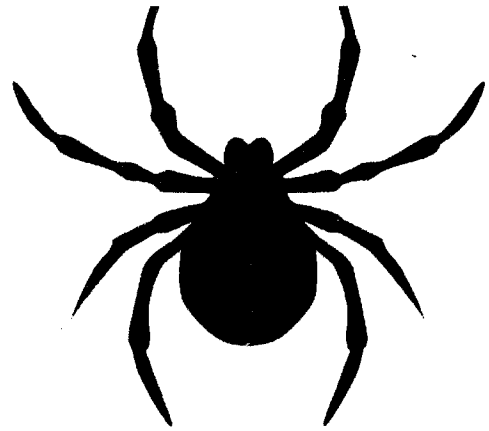
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### THANK YOU

Very many thanks to all those kind friends who have visited, phoned or sent 'Get well' cards following my motorcycle accident. The plethora of advice given concerning the future of my motorcycling is receiving serious consideration and engineering proposals are currently being drawn up for the design and fitment of 'stabilizers'!!!

### Where does the name 'Easter' come from?

Pagan traditions give us the English word "Easter" which comes from the word "Eostre". The Anglo-Saxon word for April was "Eostre-monath" (the month of openings). However, it should be remembered that Christians celebrated the resurrection of Christ long before the word "Easter" was used, and the word they used for the celebration was "Pascha", which is derived from and linked to the Jewish festival of Passover.

According to Bede, the English monastic historian, the English word Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon name for the month of April, which was known as "Eostremonath" in the AngloSaxon tongue and since Pascha was most often celebrated in Eostremonath, the English Christians began calling it "Easter". Bede also notes that the month was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Esostre.

Rituals related to the goddess Eostre focus on new beginnings, symbolized by the Easter egg, and fertility, which is symbolized by the hare (or Easter bunny).

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If you have any issues you would like to see discussed at this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Paul Bruton.

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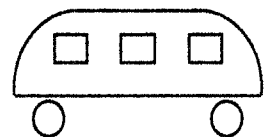
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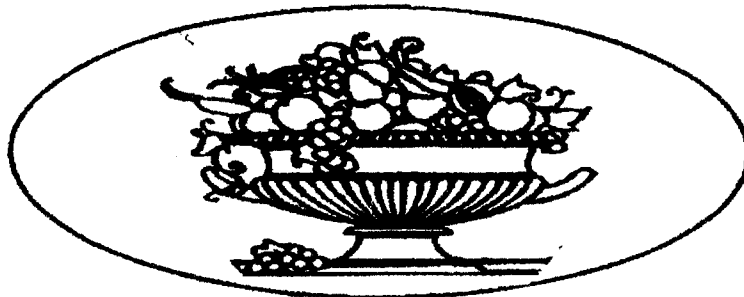
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Many of us, whether ourselves, or family and friends, have been affected by cancer in some way and if we are able to support the fantastic work of the scientists, doctors and nurses then more and more people will continue to survive this disease.

We really hope you are able to support this cause, every single pound really, really does make a difference.

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All parents and helpers are welcome. Please come along and meet the Youth Centre Committee and enjoy cheese and biscuits and a free glass of wine with them.

#### Nominations are invited for the various Officers

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If you wish to nominate anyone for the above roles, please fill in the slip and return it to Alison Marchant at 18 Mill Lane, Wingrave before the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 (681673)

I wish to nominate.....for the post of.....  
On the committee of Wingrave with Rowsham Youth Centre 2009

Nominated by.....seconded by.....

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24th-26th May Bank Holiday



#### ALLOTMENT DIARY

**ADDENDUM - In case you wondered what 'riz' was**

"Riz" is of course short for "risen". I am sure everyone knows "Spring is sprung", but the rest maybe less well-known.  
*Peter Shorrocks*

*Spring is sprung, de grass is riz.  
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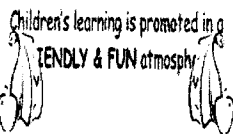
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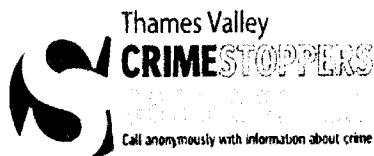


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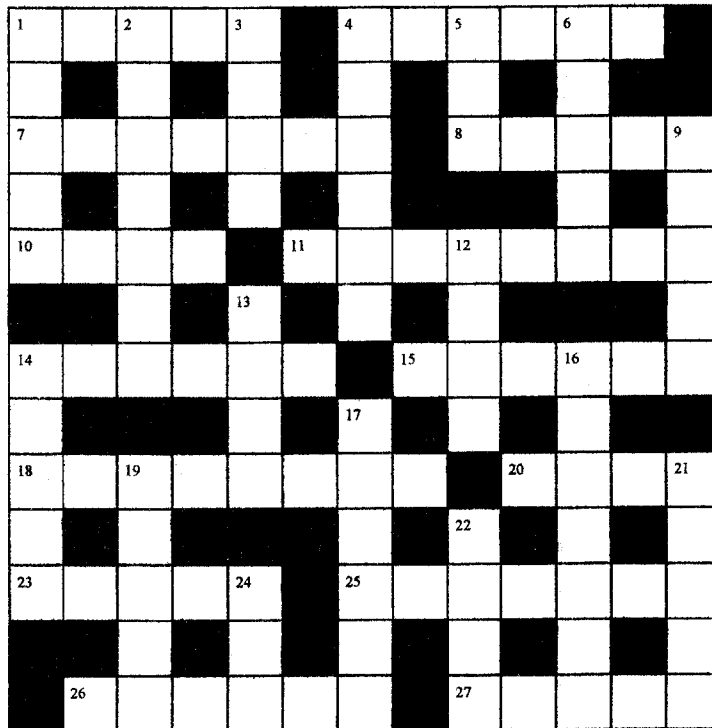
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# The Chronicle Crossword

**APRIL 2009**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Sales 4 Camera 7 Alpacas
- 8 Power 10 Prow
- 11 Conveyor 14 Joyous
- 15 Enroll 18 Computer
- 20 Flop 23 Bunch
- 25 Alaskan 26 Change
- 27 Tonic

**DOWN**

- 1 Stamp 2 Leprosy 3 Sack
- 4 Custom 5 Map 6 Rowdy
- 9 Rural 12 Vine 13 Guru
- 14 Jacob 16 Oilskin
- 17 Deface 17 Munch
- 21 Panic 22 Bait 24 Hen

**ACROSS**

- 1 German painter (5)
- 4 Help (6)
- 7 Good with puds (7)
- 8 Better than being late (5)
- 10 Childs game (4)
- 11 Board game (8)
- 14 Cook with fat (6)
- 15 Not closed (6)
- 18 Translate (8)
- 20 Lacks funds (4)
- 23 Stopped (5)
- 25 Axe (7)
- 26 Maker of beer (6)
- 27 Southeast Asian ox (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 To surpass other (5)
- 2 Bouquet (7)
- 3 Water animal (4)
- 4 Take away (6)
- 5 Female (3)
- 6 Clean (5)
- 9 Give way (5)
- 12 European mountain range (4)
- 13 Break (4)
- 14 Type of sweet (5)
- 16 Not good (7)
- 17 Tie up (6)
- 19 Type of tree (5)
- 21 Petrol company (5)
- 22 Men only party (4)
- 24 Early morning moisture (3)

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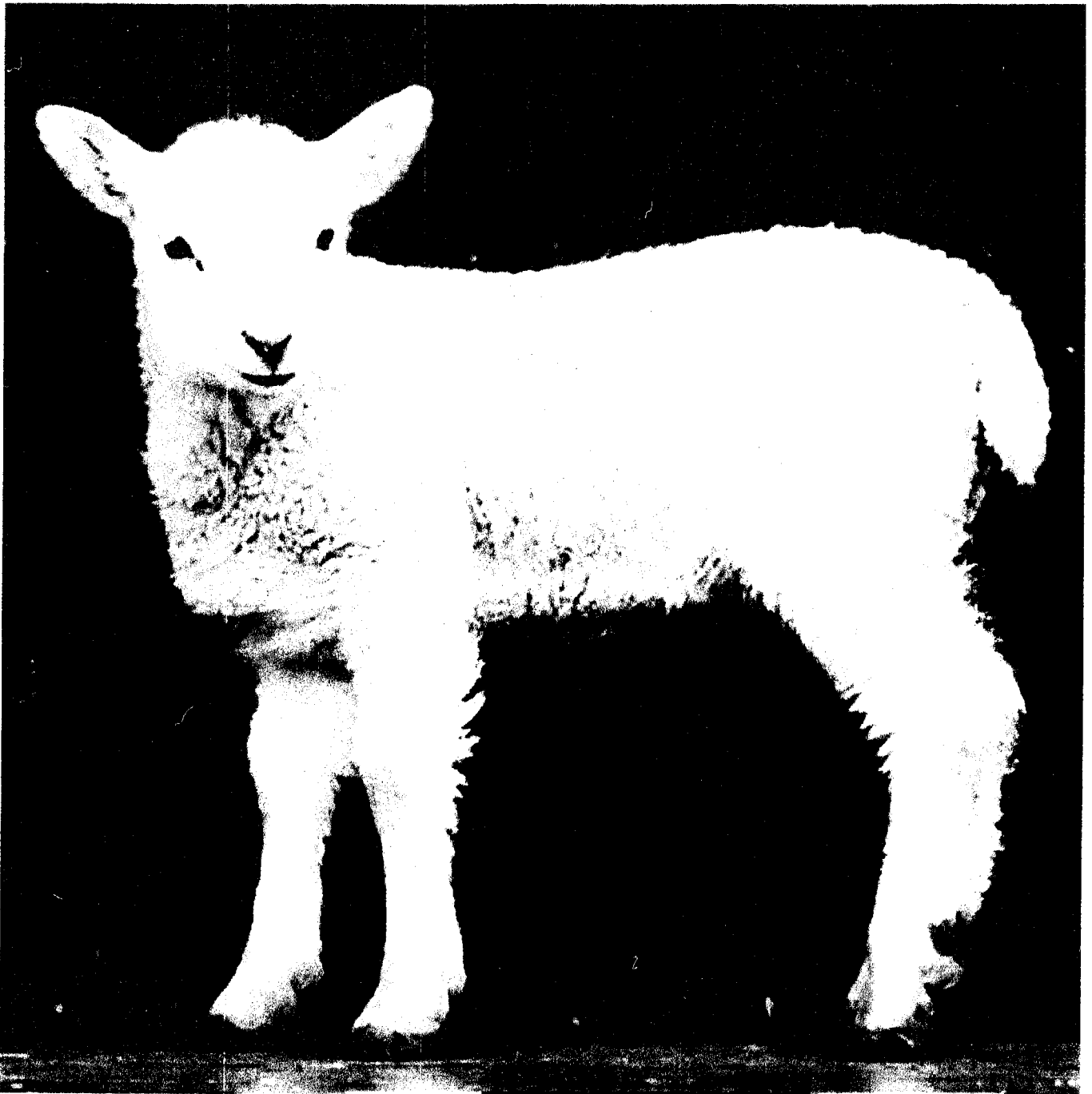
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Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

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contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

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**2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion 10am**

**3rd Sunday Said Communion 8am**

**5th Sunday Benefice AA/Cub./Soul./Stew. in rotation**

*this month at Stewkley*

**The Church is OPEN every Thursday morning at 9.30am for anyone who wishes to reflect, meditate or pray for a few minutes or longer.**

**It is anticipated that the Church will be open for around half an hour or so and people may come and go as they wish. Usually Shirley Ford will be present to start with a religious reading or prayer.**

**Please come along.**

5 April - 6pm Evensong  
10 April - Good Friday - 2pm Story of the Cross  
12 April - Easter Day - 10am Holy Communion (Peter Binns)  
19 April - 8am Holy Communion (Visiting priest)  
26 April - 10am Holy Communion

	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Mowers</b>
5th	Andrew		Anita/Caroline L	Fred/Kate	4th Gordon
10th				Shirley/Anita	
12th	Church Wardens	as requested	Ann/Gordon	April/Shirley	11th Bob
19th	Gordon		Shirley/Andrew	Caroline AS/Priest	18th Ray
26th	April	Colin	April/Colin	Andy/Caroline L	25th Andy Stefanczk 2nd May Phil

## GOD CREATED CHILDREN (AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN)

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students... here is something to make you chuckle.

*Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children.*

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve.

And the first thing he said was 'DON'T !'

'Don't what ?' Adam replied.

'Don't eat the forbidden fruit.' God said.

'Forbidden fruit ? We have forbidden fruit ? Hey Eve..we have forbidden fruit !'

'Do NOT eat the fruit !' said God.

'Why ?'

'Because I am your Father and I said so !' God replied, wondering

why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants

A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break

and He was angry ! 'Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit ?' God asked.

'Uh huh,' Adam replied.

'Then why did you ?' said the Father.

'I don't know,' said Eve. 'She started it !' Adam said.

'Did not !' 'Did too !' 'DID NOT !'

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you ?

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT !

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.

2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.

3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

4 Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word

what you shouldn't have said

5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own

6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day AND FINALLY:

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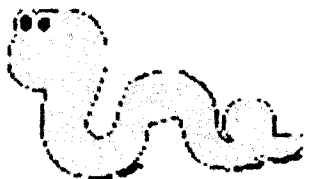
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District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Whist	Colin Higgs	681343
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Fete Coordinator	April Curnow	681459	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	682964
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544	Wingrave Post Office	(Stores)	681696
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000	Wingrave School	Office	681436
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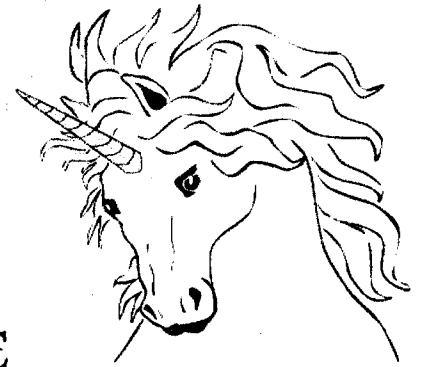
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### Special events for February/March 2009

#### 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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# What's On In April

Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop Ladies Club Bingo	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 5th	Rambling Club Evensong	Dunsmore 2pm St James Church 6pm
Wednesday 8th	Parish Council	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 9th	Coffee Shop Whist Drive	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Friday 10th	Story of the Cross Quiz evening to support Alex on London Marathon	St James Church 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion	St James Church 10am
Monday 13th	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 16th	Coffee Shop Ladies Club Coffee Morning	Church Room 10-12noon Audrey Stephenson's
Friday 17th	Cheese & Wine/Slide Show	Church Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting	Civic Centre 2pm
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Shop Whist Drive	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 26th	Walk to Wing Church (teas)	The Green 2pm
Thursday 30th	Coffee Shop Ladies Club	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm
Sunday 3rd May	Rambling Clubs Annual Spider Walk Tea in Church Room Evensong	St James Church 6pm

## Address

Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to **John Hardcastle, Marloes, Lines Hill, Aston Abbotts, Bucks, HP22 4NG**  
**Jo Perkins for May**

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*Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list*

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**Tuesday 12th May 2009** (see page 19)

**The Green 12 - 3.30pm**

**Last minute** - one week's self catering at Easter in our holiday cottage in Padstow - £350 - sleeps 4 - w/c 4 April and w/c 11 April avail at time of going to press. Call Sally on 0775 272 6229

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### REFUSE COLLECTIONS OVER EASTER

**Thursday 16th - revised date Friday 17th April**

## LITTER

## BLITZ

Saturday  
**4th April**

meet

**Church  
Room**

**10.30 am**

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

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