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FATHER'S DAY 21ST JUNE

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Editorial

Very many thanks to Jo Perkins for editing last month's Chronicle. And congratulations to Alex Perkins who completed the London Marathon raising a substantial sum for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Judy and I got back home on 2nd May after a three week adventure. The weather had obviously been good here, when we were away, as the lawn was nearly knee high. I spent the whole day cutting grass and it took me a week to try and tame the weeds that had sprung into great activity. We had a most enjoyable holiday, but it is always nice to be back.

April Curnow has called a meeting to discuss the Fete on 1st July (see page 7 for details). Please come to the meeting to lend your support. There are many small tasks that you could be involved with. Hopefully the July Chronicle will get to you in time - but if not please put this date in your diary now. Go on - NOW!

You may have seen the leaflet regarding the series of concerts being given locally (Music in Quiet Places). Aston Abbots is hosting one in the Church on 20th June. Tickets are available via Kate Curry (see page 5 for details).

Fund raising for the upkeep of our Church is becoming a more difficult task, especially as all costs are increasing. Renewal of entries to the '100 Club' is now hoped for - if more of us contributed then it might be possible to have a '200 Club'. See page 33 for details.

Many thanks to Kevin and Jane Copping for an excellent article about their house 'Home Farm' and the 'fun' they've had renovating it (see pages 25 & 27). I can recall Judy and I looking over the house when we were property hunting.

What a fantastic house - 'full of potential' as the estate agents would say - we loved it but it was too big a task for us. Kevin and Jane have done a fantastic job renovating it. They have kindly sponsored this month's front cover.

Don't forget to vote on 4th June!

John

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Alison's Gossip Column

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Get Well to Ian Roberts who's recovering after having his appendix removed. I'm sure Janice is looking after him very well.

I enjoyed the new Aston Abbots Book club very much. A few more "booklovers" would be good. No need to be "brainy", just able to read one book a month and have an opinion!

Now here's a funny story, but look away if you're a dog lover.

My daughter's friend was dog-sitting in London for a couple who'd gone off on holiday to India. The dog became very ill so Amy took him to the vet, who wanted to put the dog down. Amy couldn't contact the couple so the vet gave the dog medication instead. A couple of days later the dog died. Still Amy couldn't contact the couple. She was distraught and begged the vet to take the dead dog. He agreed. Amy didn't know how to transport the dog so put him in a suitcase! At the bus stop a man offered to help Amy with the heavy case and asked her what was in it. She was too embarrassed to admit that it was a dead dog, so she said it was a stereo system. With that the man ran off with the case!!

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I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown to me and my family on the recent death of my mother. We found it a great comfort during a difficult time.

Sally Clarke

Well done Rosie on running the race for life at Waddesdon Manor and raising £160.00 towards cancer research.

Lynne Manning

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Francesca Bean

HAPPY 90th Very many happy returns to Bob Higgs who celebrates his 90th birthday this month. As many of you will know, Bob still lives in the house where he was born all those years ago!!

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Race For Life - Sunday 10th May 2009

Myself, Helen and Jane H would all like to say a heartfelt THANKYOU to ALL of you, our friends and neighbours, who supported us by sponsoring us for this year's race for life.

The weather was absolutely glorious for us on Sunday and the atmosphere was totally inspiring. Everywhere you looked, people had pledges pinned to their backs to say who they were running for. Whilst emotional, I think all three of us felt spurred on by everyone's courage and determination. We are all proud to say that we ran ALL the way and didn't stop to walk at all!! Coming in at a time of about 30 minutes (which isn't half bad for us really!)

A special mention must go to Helen as she had suffered from a sickness bug just the day before and she still managed to run all the way and with a fantastic time too.

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your sponsorship money by way of the race for life links. we really were spurred on to do you all proud and hope that you feel that we have!

For those who have pledged, either by way of the form left at the Royal Oak or spoken to me direct, could I please ask that you drop your sponsorship money in to me at Home Farm so that we can have a final count up and submit any further money.

At the last count, between the three of us, we have raised £1,260+

We couldn't have done that without those of you who so kindly sponsored us.

We really do thank you all.

It's for such an amazing cause and one that touches so many of us.

Thank you all once again.

Jane, Helen and Jane xx



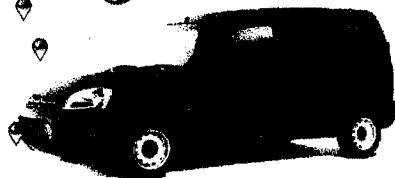
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FETE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1st JULY

Would anyone who has agreed to help in any way at the fete on 25th July this year please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 1st July at 8pm** in the Church Room.

Also, if I haven't press ganged you already to help, there may be other people who would be available to help even in a small way.

There are leaflets and raffle tickets to deliver, items to be collected for the fete and many jobs which we very much need help with on the day of the fete itself. So please come and offer your services on 1st July.

You will have seen in the Chronicle just how much money we need to raise to carry out the much needed repairs and for the maintenance of our Church. The 25th July is the date of our Patronal Festival which is why we have the Festival of St. James weekend with flower displays in the Church and a special Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening.

Please help us make this year special with a huge effort to make the fete a spectacular success.

April Curnow (fete co-ordinator)

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our first meeting on 6th May we discussed 'The White Tiger' by Aravind Adiga. We all enjoyed it and would recommend it. Next month's book, selected by Kate Curry, is On the Black Hill by Bruce Chatwin. We will be reviewing the book over a glass of something on 10th June 8pm at Kate's house. The next book to read will be chosen by Alison Lewis.

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

There's room for a few more. Ed

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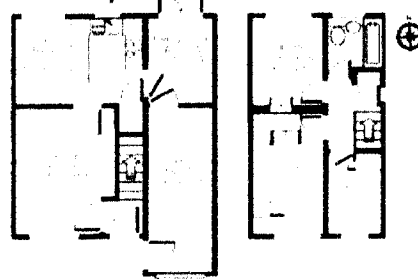
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MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2009

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 21st April in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT: Peter Shorrocks (Chairman of the Parish Council), Paul Bruton (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Frank Callaghan (Neighbourhood Police Officer) and 6 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 Apologies – Dickie Dicken, Judy and John Hardcastle and Richard Clarke.

MINUTE 2 Minutes of previous meeting were approved by the Meeting as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 3 Matters arising – none.

MINUTE 4 County Council, District Council and Police

No one was present from the County Council

Neighbourhood Police Officer Frank Callaghan who operates out of Wing Police office, talked to the meeting about his current role and duties that covered 12 villages from Hardwick to Great Brickhill. He was assisted by Community Support Officer, Paula Boston, who was probably more familiar to villagers. Her role was to walk the villages, including responding to calls of concern from members of the public. He reported that Aston Abbots was one of his quieter villages with a relatively low crime report rate. He reported to the meeting on the following issues:

- The crime statistics for the year to date were 5 crimes, no dwelling burglaries, and included 2 thefts from farm premises and 2 criminal damage incidents.
- The crime statistics for 2008 showed 8 offences that included 2 dwelling burglaries, 2 vehicle thefts and criminal damage to vehicles.
- Villagers should continue to be aware of disturbance burglaries and if they have any suspicions report them to the 0845 number that is listed in the Chronicle.
- The Neighbourhood Watch scheme was a good way of reducing crime and he agreed to get Paula Boston to contact the Parish Council with details and also make her aware of the Thursday coffee mornings which would be a good way of updating villagers.
- The recently formed Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) were an initiative for the Police and communities to address local issues, the idea being to create a local authority profile, more details were on the Thames Valley Police website and if anyone wanted to get directly involved please contact them.

NPO Frank Callaghan then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

District Councillor Peter Cooper talked to the meeting about the following matters:

- Local Development Framework – This was the core strategy for development in the area to 2026 and was now in a form that was unlikely to change. The area had been split into 5 tiers and Aston Abbots was in Tier 5, the criteria for this tier would effectively mean that the planning policy would remain as existing and any development would be within the existing village envelope. Wingrave and Wing were in Tier 4 and would pick up any excess development to a maximum of 80 new dwellings. It was worth noting that currently Bierton was scheduled to take up to 10,000 new homes and this would impact on us, as the infrastructure will be affected. There will be a Public enquiry on this part of the proposal in the Autumn. The infrastructure to support this was a matter of concern particularly in the current economic climate, although £24m had been provided.
- The development of the A418 was still not clear. BCC realise they have to do something but the problem is funding. SEERA ceased to exist on the 31st March and has been replaced by SEDA and they are re evaluating the project and it is expected to hear something by the end of September 2009. However even if they support the project it is unlikely to happen before 2016.
- The meeting was updated on the progress of the development within Aylesbury and it was noted the Theatre had signed a contract for managing the new theatre with the Ambassador Group, planned opening is March 2010 and full performances by September of that year. Agreements had been signed for the new shopping centre and it is anticipated to start building at the end of 2010 over a 3 year period. Debenhams and 30 other stores had currently indicated they will want a presence and Waitrose had signed an agreement to open a store in front of the new theatre to include a multi storey car park, work may begin at the end of this year.
- On a local matter he advised that the lights at the crossroads were a matter of concern. The matter was being stone walled by BCC and they would not allow the Parish Councils to adopt the lights. He felt we should keep on fighting to at least get lights at the bus stops.

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Cllr. Cooper then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

MINUTE 5 The Chairman presented to the meeting his Annual report that included the current status of the Village Plan, planning applications considered during the year, the services of the mobile library, our application for a footpath to the Wingrave crossroads and the provision of a streetlights at the Wingrave crossroads. It was also noted that in recognition of 40 years service as a Parish Councillor, Mr Colin Higgs had been chosen by BALC to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden party in July 2009.

MINUTE 6 Village Activities.

Reports were given on activities during the year of the following organisations: G.N.O.M.E.S. (April Curnow), Ladies' Club (Carole Maurice), P.C.C. (Shirley Ford).

During the presentations it was noted that a number of other functions and clubs are held at the Church rooms and raise funds for various charities and organisations, including Bingo Group, Thursday Coffee morning and Whist group. It was also noted that as a result of the 5 yearly Church inspection considerable funds were required over the next 3 years to address required repair works and increase in the Parish share of the Oxford Diocese.

MINUTE 7 Children's Play Area and Recreation Ground

The Chairman informed the meeting that we had received a grant towards the costs of the remedial works required to the fencing on the Recreation Ground and it was anticipated this work would be carried out in the near future.

MINUTE 8 Church Room

The Chairman advised the meeting that progress was being made on the Lease of the building and a survey had been carried out on the building identifying the required works. He was applying for and hopeful of obtaining a grant from WREN to modernise the building as we were unlikely to have sufficient funds to complete without support.

MINUTE 9 The Chronicle

In John Whyte's absence the Chairman read a note apologising for his absence. In addition the report thanked everyone for their hard work over the year in contributing to the continuing success of the Chronicle. Although the finances were stable, it was requested that the current level of financial support be maintained.

MINUTE 10 Fete 2008

April Curnow reported the event had raised £3,730. The beneficiaries have been the Church (£1,292), Church rooms & maintenance (£1,454), the Chronicle (£500) and the Recreation Ground Fund (£484).

MINUTE 11 Fete 2009

- After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:
 - a) Chronicle £500 (regardless of actual takings)
 - b) Church - 50% of the remainder
 - c) Church Room - fund for refurbishment 30% of the remainder
 - d) Church Room - short term maintenance 10% of the remainder
 - e) Recreation Ground 10% of the remainder

MINUTE 12 A.O.B.

- There was a general question from the floor regarding the impact of switching the lights off at the crossroads. The consensus was that it was difficult to see the turning and some fluorescent paint on the kerbing may improve the situation. Additionally it was probably worse for pedestrians and people waiting for the bus, and therefore lighting at the bus stops would greatly improve the situation.

The Chairman thanked all those attending and the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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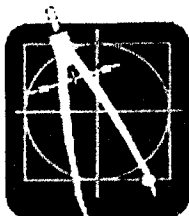
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It is a chance for talent to shine, so as always, there is an invite from anyone from the village or associated with someone in the village to come forward. If you play an instrument, sing or are in a band then just give Nigel (681152), Neil(681201)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

If you want to be part of the organising team then you will be most welcome. Just call any one above or see us when we are in the pub.

The one thing you can be sure of is a lot of fun.

Tickets will be available from John (681685) 6 weeks before the show.

The stage will be in a different position this year in the far right corner of the rec. This gives us more room for Gazebos and car parking.

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My chickens have been very jumpy for the last two weeks and I now know why. The other week while working in the garden one warm evening, I saw a young leveret hiding in the grass margins of the rape field. I gave him a quick squeak to see if I could attract his attention but to my astonishment within seconds a vixen was within 10 yards of me across the lawn standing motionless. She took me by total surprise. I have had her in the crosshairs more than once but have always resisted due to the time of the year and knowing she obviously has cubs about. This has always been a difficult decision, putting wild nature before domestic fowl. I do draw the exception over magpies, rats, crows, rooks and rabbits. Why can't rabbits stick to grass instead of flora stems and vegetables? Unfortunately this has not been the case for some of the hen keepers along the Leighton Road. This vixen has been reaping havoc and some poor souls have lost quite a few laying birds. She shall have to take her chances after harvest, when the game keepers return to their duties. Some of the incidents reported claim the raiders biting through tough galvanised wire. Well, badgers are not averse to taking the odd chicken or two and sometimes clean up weak lambs. All is not what it appears in the countryside, but the fox is unlike any other predator, kills for fun and normally only takes one hen and returns the next night for another dead bird, having wiped out the whole hen house the night before. I have never known why they do this, if they just took the odd one I could accept that but alas that is never the case.

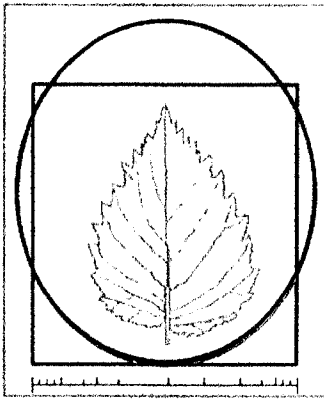
I read in the Bucks Herald that the shower block and building constructed for our 'Friends' at the travellers site near Wing has been 'vandalised' by a pick up truck ramming into it and the fence around the site, causing significant damage to both. Well this is a new record. The previous two times that the site was trashed was after the installation was completed!! This time the water and electricity were not even connected and afterwards the pick up truck was set alight, incidentally that had been stolen from Aylesbury the night before. The damage is estimated to be in the region of £100,000, the building has been transported back to the manufacturers on 2 huge low loaders, with the aid of an equally massive crane. Now the whole project initially costing £600,000 is now over £700,000 of tax payer's money. When shall this government ever, ever learn to stop playing fast and loose with our money for the 3rd time??

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Peru and the Galapagos Islands

Judy and I spent three glorious weeks travelling through Peru and Ecuador (the Galapagos Islands in particular). No Chronicle deadline to worry about.

Our journey started in Lima. The central part of Lima, with its many fine old colonial buildings, has been deserted by banks, businesses and hotels; all these have migrated to a district called Miraflores. The Miraflores district fronts the Pacific. We had a meal at one of the cliff top restaurants but a sea mist (fret) prevented a full view of the ocean. The taxi we took back to our hotel (a yellow official one) proved to be a 28 year old VW beetle – the cabbie was very proud of his car! We stayed in Lima for one night before flying on to Arequipa.

Arequipa is about 1000km south of Lima at a height of 2300m above sea level. The city is dominated by views of El Misti volcano with its perfectly conical snow capped summit. We had our own guide for this part of the holiday and she accompanied us around Arequipa and on our 2 day tour up to the Colca Canyon. To overcome/alleviate altitude sickness you are encouraged to drink coca tea and chew coca leaves. These are readily available all over Peru. Another beneficial substance was a vegetable extract called the Maca. A leaflet that came with a packet of The Maca sweets spelt out its curative properties for all age groups. For old men is stated *'the regular consumption of The Maca in the third age, is observed clearly bigger vitality and a harmonious balance in the senile organism disappearing the oscillations and weaknesses'*. Bought loads. Peruvians claim that Colca Canyon is deeper than the Grand Canyon and also that it is more spectacular. As we've never seen the Grand Canyon it's difficult to agree with the Peruvian assessment – all we can say is that the Colca Canyon is magnificent – it's very high at nearly 5000m (the Grand Canyon is at 5000feet). We saw condors, whose wingspan is the largest of any bird at approx. 12 feet, gliding on the thermals.



To get to Colca Canyon we had to motor across the arid high Andes plain. Here herds of llamas and alpacas graze. There are also vicunas and guanaco but none were pointed out to us. The grazing does look very sparse and the herds are constantly on the move. For our visit the weather was very benign but our guide explained that it can be very hot and cold and there's always a wind. In fairly recent time the Government has provided outside toilets for all the isolated dwellings and shepherd huts. These loos are painted bright blue or green and are therefore easy to spot.

We stayed two nights in Chivay (which is at a height of approx 4500m). Here we visited their thermal baths. I had had a headache for a while and our guide was getting concerned for me to the point that she insisted I get medical attention. We had planned our journey so that we steadily, rather than suddenly, went to high altitude, but in my case I was judged to be in need of oxygen and other medications to help me along. Chivay hospital was very rudimentary but clean and I'm sure the doctor and his staff has seen thousands like me before.

After Colca Canyon we journeyed, for a whole day, on to Puno. Our driver took us on a short cut (for some distance) along a very rutted road – we've certainly seen bits of Peru your average tourist has not seen. On the way we stopped to visit a church in a village called Lampa. It proved to be one of the nicest buildings on our tour. When they were restoring the building they excavated out the old catacombs and tunnels and found a vast quantity of complete corpses, the remains of prominent Lampenos. These have been displayed in a specially built mausoleum, covered entirely in black marble topped with an exact replica of the Pieta by Michelangelo.

Puno sits on the shores of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. Our hotel bedroom window looked out onto the lake. From the hotel you could access a private jetty where the steamship Yavari is moored. This ship was manufactured in England in 1862; the specification demanded that the ship should be capable of being transported by donkey from Lima to Puno. It took 6 years to transport the 'donkey sized' bits

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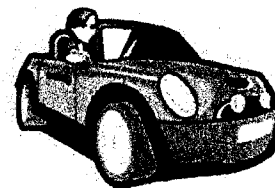
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up and over the Andes mountains. It's currently being restored – it had been a neglected hulk; similar story, in some ways, to the SS Great Britain, brought back to UK from the Falklands.

On Lake Titicaca are the floating islands of the Uros people and the more remote islands of Amantani and Taquile. We visited one of the floating islands and, for a few minutes, dressed in the local costumes. Our boat took us on to Taquile Island for lunch – it was a two-hour trip back to our hotel.

The following day was spent on a train travelling to Cusco. Health and Safety legislation does not figure highly in Peru. The train travelled quite slowly, and was even slower when it went through a town. The markets in these towns are invariably laided across the railway track. From the open caboose at the back of the train you could watch the tables, umbrellas and goods all flow back to engulf the track as soon as the train had passed.

Cusco is the former capital of the Inca Empire and it is a fascinating mix of colonial churches, monasteries and converts and extensive pre-Columbian ruins. Almost every central street has remnants of Inca walls. Overlooking the city lie the ruins of Sacsayhuamen (Sexy Woman, as the guides called it). No one has really explained how the Incas managed to produce such magnificent stonework. No mortar, just a tight fit you can't put a knife in. Some of the stones are over 100 tons each. After the Spanish Conquest a lot of stone was used to build the churches and buildings you see today. The impressive Sacsayhuamen site was used as a quarry up until the 1960's.

From Cusco we travelled down the Sacred Valley to Aguas Calientes, the nearest town to Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu is an iconic site (like the Taj Mahal) and it lived up to its reputation. We saw it in nearly every weather condition. Mist, cloud, rain and sun. The human endeavour to create such a place must have been enormous. Indeed the terracing we saw, as we travelled through Peru, is remarkable for the effort that must have gone into its creation. Machu Picchu was 'discovered' by an American in 1911. A whole host of theories as to its historical significance have emerged. What is in no doubt is how finely preserved the site is, having not been discovered by the Spanish conquistadors nor disturbed by looters since its abandonment. We trudged up a long path to the Sun Gate which is where those who choose to trek into the site get their first glimpse of Machu Picchu.

We returned by train to our hotel in Cusco. At one point in the journey the train had to negotiate a switch back, as the inclines were too severe for normal engineering. From Cusco it was a flight back to Lima and then on to Quito (in Paraguay) for a couple of days prior to flying out to the Galapagos Islands.

It was unfortunate that our two-day stop coincided with the Presidential elections (that occur every four years) as this meant that nearly all the 'touristy things' were shut and, by law, you couldn't drink alcohol. It wasn't really that much of an imposition, as we hadn't drunk very much any way. Alcohol does not go with high altitude.

Raphael Corea was re-elected with 51% of the vote – a close runner up was (a distant relative of an Aston Abbott family?) Mr Guitierrez with 30.7%. Mr Otros was third with 18.3%. Knew you'd be interested.

We didn't see a British newspaper for the whole of our trip and for the last week no television either. BBC World News & CNN are rather boring after 10 minutes. Sport, especially football, does feature in local newspapers and there is a degree of interest in our Premier League. In one newspaper I spotted, for example, 'El Wigan del mediocampista ecuatoriano cayo derrotado 2-0 ante el Blacburn, en la Liga Premier de Inglaterra'. We hadn't heard of swine flu till we got back.

We had been looking forward to the final part of our holiday, five days in the Galapagos Islands – and we were not disappointed. We had selected a small boat, on advice from friends, rather than the bigger cruise liners – and I'm so pleased we did. The Galapagos is a place to be seen on your own, not with a large crowd.

The birds and animals have no fear of humans so you can get very close and you have to watch your step for fear of treading on them sometimes. It is just like a David

Attenborough programme, only this was for real. It was amazing to swim with seals and penguins and the occasional shark and all the myriad of colourful fish.

Everything about the Galapagos is volcanic – some of the vast lava fields were less than 100 years old. Indeed we saw some minor volcanic activity where fresh lava was flowing towards the sea.

All in all it was a fantastic three weeks that seemed to last for three months. Brilliant! Ed





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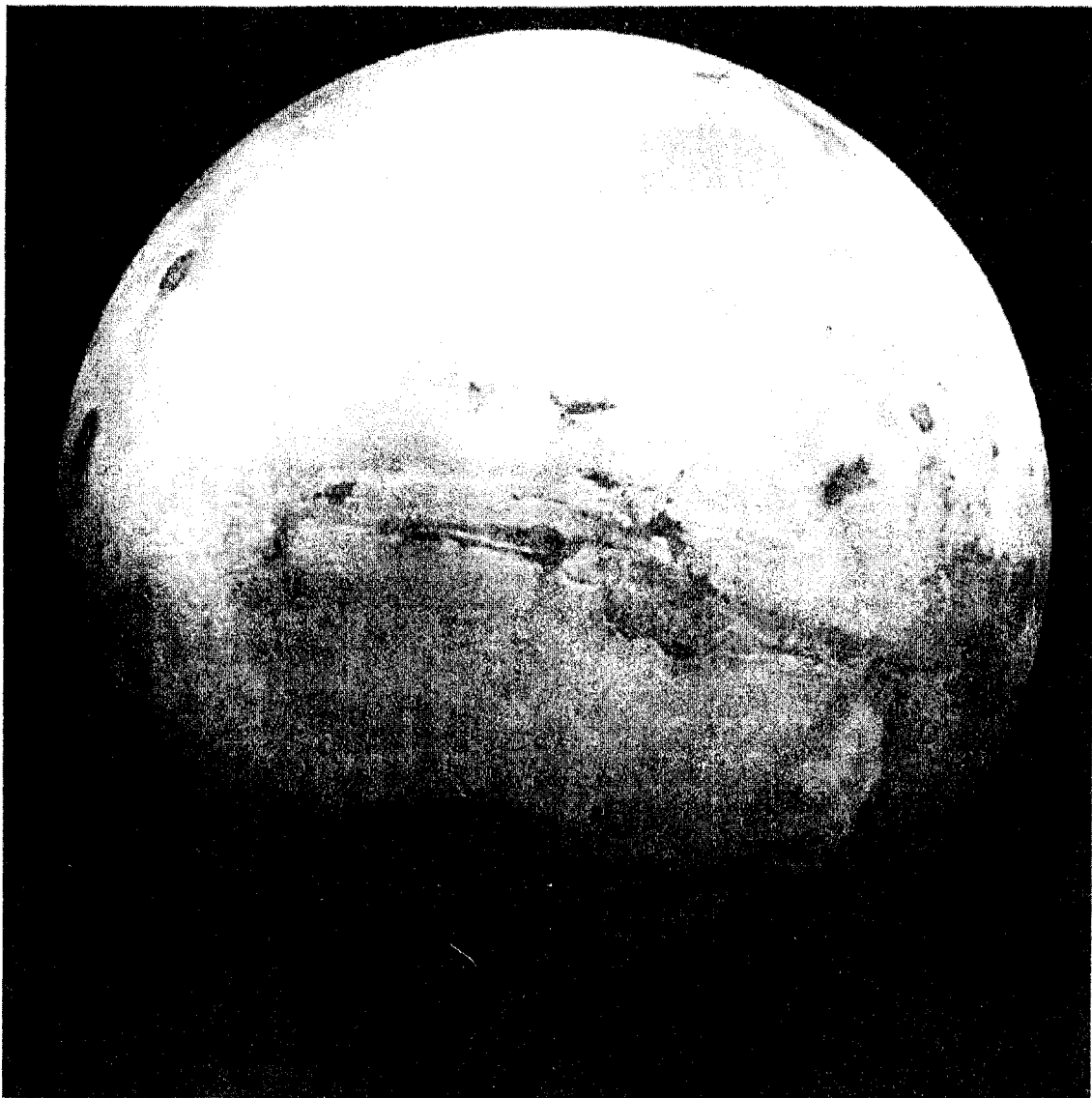
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The Red Planet is about to be spectacular in Aston Abbotts!

This month and next, Aston Abbotts is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between Aston Abbotts and Mars in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Aston Abbotts in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Aston Abbotts and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification



Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

By the end of August when Aston Abbotts and Mars are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

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Governor Newsletter

As this has been such a short half term there will be no full governor newsletter. We would, however, like to say how much we have enjoyed working with Mrs Gurton these last few weeks and very much look forward to a bright and exciting future for our school. We were lucky with the weather for May Day and the children gave an excellent performance of traditional Maypole and Country dancing and, of course, the crowning of the new May Queen. It is great that Wingrave School continues with such a lovely tradition. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our parents evening on 3rd June at 7.00pm. There will be representatives from the LA and the diocese as well as the school.

Jackie Farrands Vice Chair of Governors

THANK YOU

All the members of St James PCC would like to say a huge thank you to Vic. and Christine Scott who presented such an interesting slide show, followed by a 'challenging' quiz. The church room was absolutely 'packed' on the night, presenting something of a challenge to April and her helpers who managed to provide an attractive and tasty cheese and wine supper for all.

The general consensus was that it was an extremely enjoyable evening. Thanks to all of you who came along and supported us, £442.00 was made to help much needed church funds.

Holiday Complaints actually recorded by Thomas Cook:

"The beach was too sandy."

"We bought Ray-Ban sunglasses for five euros (3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."

"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England but it only took the Americans three hours to get home."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friends' three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller"

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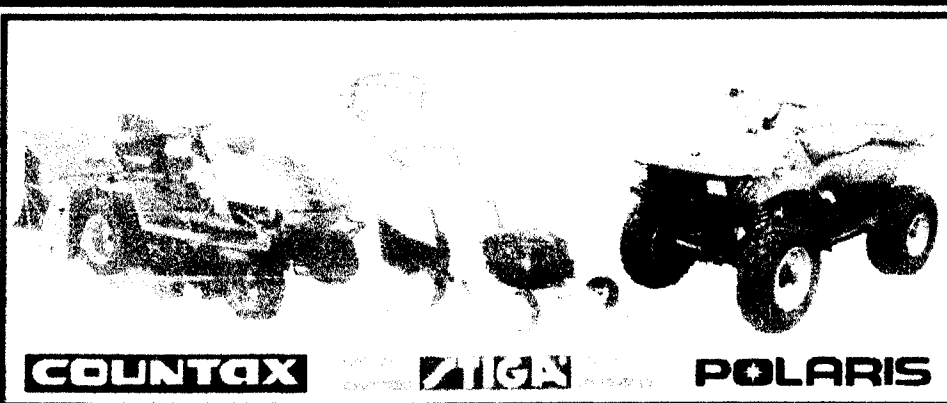
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HOME FARM – A MORE RECENT HISTORY

It's funny sometimes, how things work out.

I had a call from an estate agent with a request to do a 'tidy up' on a property that was about to be placed on the market. This was a common occurrence in our line of business.

So, I was brought over to Home Farm, assessed the work and got the nod to do it. "I just want people to be able to see through the windows", the agent said.

This was quite a task. The entire courtyard elevation was covered in Ivy, from floor to wall into the tiles on the roof. I happened to mention to the agent that this was 'my sort of house', so if something smaller came onto the market to keep me in mind. We did the tidy up and Home Farm got sold.

Some months later, we had a letter from the same agent to say that Home Farm was 'unexpectedly re-available' and the keys were in his office if we wanted to have a look around.

I thought, 'well there's no harm in looking'! When we collected the keys the agent said 'wear old clothes it's a bit dirty inside'. If any of you had had the chance to look around during one of the open days you will probably agree that this was something of an understatement!

Jane and I pushed the rear door in and the first thing that struck us was the overwhelming smell. We had been told that a dozen or so greyhounds had had the run of the house for many years, whilst owned by the Chapman family. As far as we know, Home Farm was in the Chapman family for three generations and one member of the family was recognized as an Olympic runner.

I had taken no more than three or four steps and said 'we've got to have it!' (Emotional, I know, with no concept of how much we would have to pay or what we would need to spend!) Jane's response was pretty much words to the effect of 'over my dead body'. After some persuading the rest, as they say, is history. Once in our ownership the assault began!

The main problem was the lead valley between the two roof pitches, which had failed, despite the previous owners attempts to keep it water tight, using Sainsburys plastic bags stuffed in the gaps between the missing tiles and mastic in an attempt to patch up the lead work. The lead valley was replaced along with many roof timbers that had rotted. Two industrial dehumidifiers were commissioned to try and dry the place out.

The house had no mains drainage, water or gas, so enquiries were made and the utilities commissioned. At this point there were a huge amount of decisions to be made, where do we need plug points, tv points, alarm sensors, radiators, basins, sinks, baths, lights, drains – the list went on!

The house was damp downstairs, for some reason (and if anyone knows, whilst reading this please let me know why) the soil level was up to twelve inches above the **inside** floor height – no wonder! The soil height was reduced, floors dug up prior to installing a new sub-base, damp proof membrane, concrete, synthaproof, insulation, underfloor heating and screed.

It was about at this point that the Listed Buildings Officer from AVDC arrived one day, unannounced. She had a look around and basically said 'you can't do this, you can't do that'. At this stage, we weren't subject to any restrictions at all because the house wasn't listed. However, we were not intending on changing the fabric of the building to an unrecognizable state, we merely wanted to bring the house back to its former glory. Seventeen weeks after her visit Home Farm became grade 2 listed. This was a double whammy really, as we were then restricted and had to apply for any further alterations (and we did) and also were unable to reclaim the VAT back on the works that we had carried out prior to the listing. The listed officer dated the oldest part of the house back 400 years.

The upstairs was in slightly better condition so the rotten plaster was removed, ceilings down and new electric installed. New radiators, ceilings and plaster were installed prior to a lick of paint and we had a 'flat' upstairs. I might point out that at the beginning, me and my dog Tess were sole occupants for the first six weeks as Jane and the boys (Charlie then 5 and Jack then 3) stayed with her parents in Wendover!

We commissioned a guy to make new windows to match the existing. The blacksmith at Mentmore made and repainted the metal casements and 'Bob the Glass' hand made new leaded light panels that he fitted to the casements. We were now water tight, dry from damp, had glass in the windows . . . it was starting to resemble a house again!

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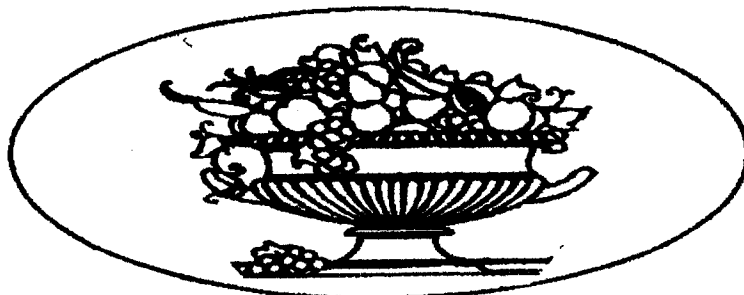
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With renewed enthusiasm, we commissioned the kitchen and ordered the AGA!! In the meantime, the walls and ceilings downstairs were re-plastered. We saved as much material and character as we possibly could throughout the restoration.

Half of the original kitchen floor and the hall had some fantastic 12 inch square hand made quarry tiles, some had succumbed to the damp and disintegrated but we managed to save just enough to re-tile the hallway. The kitchen floor was retilled with French 8 inch quarries, we also took out the supporting wall between the old scullery and kitchen to make a split level kitchen dining space.

Reclaimed York stone was chosen for the boot room and it's proved to be the perfect material to kick off your dirty boots! York was also used for the three fireplace hearths.

We found, covered in many layers of paint, some fantastic rare vertical double hung sash window shutters in the Drawing and Play rooms, one pair had been totally eaten by flying ants so the second pair was used as a template to make an old looking replacement.

It's not until you embark on a project like this that you realize just how skilled people were 200 years ago. The furniture on the window frames in the family room were immaculately dove tailed to the metal frame. Some of the joinery in the roof timbers is also fantastic, and I do wonder how they got the higher timbers up there without cranes!

The end was in sight (well, we now know, that you never really get to the end – it's an ongoing labour of love). The kitchen was fitted around the new aga. We had used what is now our utility room (fitted by World of Old) as our temporary kitchen. Jane chose colours and painted walls (I was now relegated to painting ceilings and the first coat in watered down white emulsion on the walls!)

The three woodburning stoves were installed, I remember tying a rope around my waist, with one foot each side of the ridge, knees firmly pressed against the chimney whilst feeding the 9 m long flue liners down through the centre of the existing stacks – health and safety!

We've tried to be sympathetic in the colours that we've used for paint and fabric around the house, and with Jane's love of the colour red and an obsession with hearts we seem to have a fair amount of both!!

Our guest suite probably has the most character in the house which is accessed via a separate staircase. There are a wealth of original oak beams both in the walls and roof timbers. This part of the house would have been the farm worker's cottage, the second room adjacent, now provides ensuite facilities.

All the beams were painstakingly rubbed down to expose the natural colour of the wood, the replastering was carefully executed to highlight the original timbers in the walls.

We know that during World War 2, when Aston Abbotts entertained the exiled head, Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia, Home Farm was home to some of his guards who stayed in the barn attached to the house. We've discovered names and dates written on the walls in the barn by the guards, during their stay!

I'd like to mention that renovating the house was a great way for us to meet people in the village. First, there was Jeff Bannister, swapping some hardcore for an introduction to the 6.30 club, sadly the late Clare Shorrocks, acknowledging the task ahead of us and allowing us one year's grace in assisting with the fete. Clare was also a huge help to Jane with guidance on the curtain front. I also had a mention from the former editor of the Chronicle, Phil Spooner, about the 'young man' (I liked that bit) tapping away, removing the render on the front of the house in time to the music as the band played on the green one sunny Sunday afternoon. Oh, and Bridget, and something to do with the lottery!

All in all, it's been a fantastic journey and we have made so many friends along the way, Aston Abbotts is a great place to live, with many characters!

With the main house done (well nearly – the porch soon will be – watch this space) we just have a couple of outbuildings that need some attention, oh, and a barn, but that's another story!!

Kevin and Jane Copping

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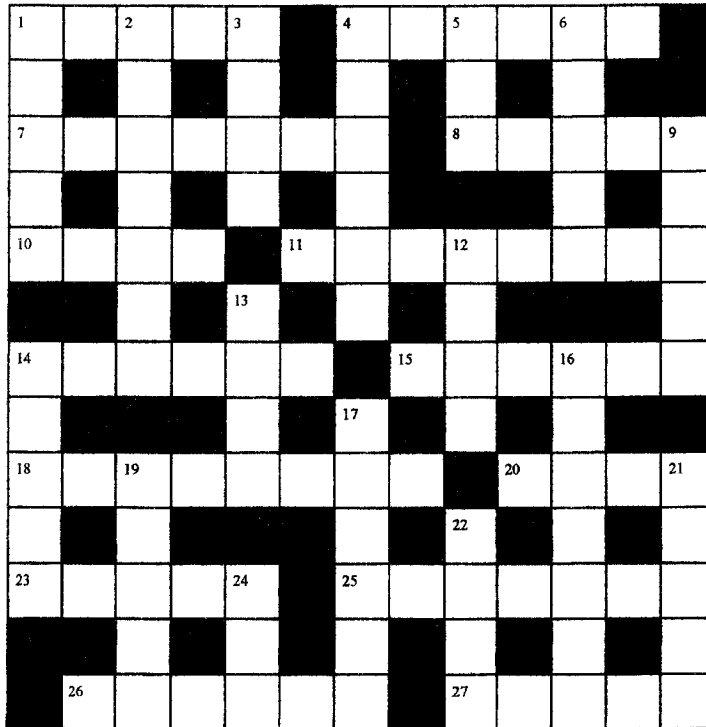
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- 22 Boom 24 Rev

ACROSS

- 1 Slanting (5)
- 4 Arrow holder (6)
- 7 Radio aerial (7)
- 8 Removal of rocks (5)
- 10 Needed on car (4)
- 11 The best (8)
- 14 Ball game (6)
- 15 Keeps the fire going (6)
- 18 Place for ships (8)
- 20 Small island (4)
- 23 Desire (5)
- 25 Watch (7)
- 26 Looks after animals (6)
- 27 Fly a plane (5)

DOWN

- 1 Explosion (5)
- 2 Old soldier (7)
- 3 Not short (4)
- 4 Hunted animal (6)
- 5 Gone at last(we hope) (3)
- 6 Run away (5)
- 9 Go in (5)
- 12 Sparkling wine (4)
- 13 Neat (4)
- 14 Toy bear (5)
- 16 Small hawk (7)
- 17 Frame for plants (6)
- 19 Stop (5)
- 21 Chosen (5)
- 22 As soon as poss (abbr) (1.1.1.1)
- 24 Card game (3)

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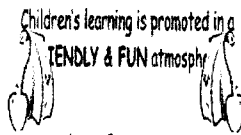
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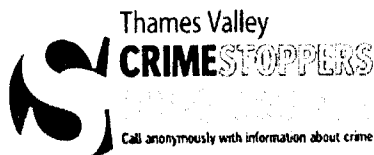


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For a one off payment of £15 you have a chance to win £50 as the 1st prize or £10 as the 2nd prize.

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You can, of course, have as many entries as you like!

If you would like to take part please give your payment to a PCC member in person or you could drop it off at their home. Their telephone numbers are listed in the Chronicle (see page 31).

Please support your Church!

Ladies Club – Thurs. 30th April.

11 members were present at today's meeting in the church room Aston Abbots. Apologies were given for Mrs. June Loader.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and the minutes were approved and members informed that the 'spring' lunch held on the 19th March made a profit of £191.00 for club funds .

Our speaker for today was Mr. Hugh Grainger who gave an entertained us with a series of funny stories and jokes which had us laughing throughout. He was afterwards thanked by Joan Alexander. Our tea hostesses today were Daphne Rogers and Dianne Smart and the raffle was won by Audrey Stephenson..

Ladies Club – Thurs. 14th May

14 members were present at today's meeting in the church room. After welcoming our members and guests, the the Chairman, Joan Alexander, read the minutes of our previous meeting which were duly signed..

She then introduced our speaker for today who was Mrs. Margaret Deakin who gave an illustrated talk entitled 'Impressions of Japan'. 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 Dianne Smart.

Tea hostesses were Shirley Ford and April Curnow and the raffle winner, Audrey Stephenson.

Shirley Ford

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

I have just returned from foreign parts, and am typing this, having not yet had time to go down to my allotment. However, if it is anything like my veggie patch at home, I am going to have some weeding to do! The good news, however, is that my son, Adam, did remember to water the plants that I left in the greenhouse, so that they are still thriving. We had one bit of sad news while I was away: Adam has started keeping chickens, and has started letting them out of their enclosure for an hour or so in the evening, so that they can peck for insects, etc. outside their enclosure. Unhappily one evening last week, when he went to put them back in, he came face to face with a fox, and there was no sign of the chickens. And this in a garden which often has three dogs roaming about it! One of the birds reappeared next morning, having presumably been fast enough to fly into a tree when the fox appeared, and then smart enough to keep quiet until it had gone. But the other three are now ex-chickens, to adapt Monty Python.

Last month I mentioned the idea of sowing onions near carrots, which most gardeners know is said to be desirable because carrot fly does not like the smell of onions. This is a piece of gardeners' lore which is passed on by word of mouth. Other examples of this folk-wisdom (as to the efficacy of which I give no guarantee), include the following:-

- To prevent mice feasting on your newly-sown peas, put holly clippings in the trench
- On the same principle, poke brambles down mole runs, and the mole will not use those runs again (although it may well decide to build a new run alongside the first). It is said that if you put empty bottles in the runs with the necks protruding, the wind will make a ghostly noise which will scare the moles away. However, I remain dubious about this.
- Yarrow should always be kept hanging in the tool shed "for safety", and it came to be believed that the plant protected the shed from entry by thieves. However, the truth is more prosaic: yarrow can be used to staunch bleeding (in France it is apparently known as "the carpenter's herb") – and clearly it made good sense to keep some handy in a tool shed, even if the original reason has been forgotten.
- Seeds should only be sown when the moon is waxing, and not when it is waning. I have read that scientists have found evidence that seed planted in a waxing moon do better than those planted in a waning one; but I must say I am sceptical.
- An elder-bush is said to have an irresistible attraction for flies. Plant one outside your kitchen window, and the flies will remain on the bush, and not come into the house
- There are several nice superstitions about parsley. Firstly, it must always be grown from seed, and it is bad luck to move it. In France the bad luck is very specific: there is apparently a saying "*Repiquer le persil, repiquer la femme*" ("*Transplant the parsley, transplant the wife*"). Secondly, it is notoriously difficult to grow from seed, and there used to be a saying that it is slow to germinate because it goes 9 times to the devil. (But, if you sow on Good Friday, you can prevent this). It is also said that it takes an honest man to grow parsley – and, somewhat more worryingly, that you should not buy a house which does not have parsley growing in the garden "*or you will never see the year out!*"
- Basil is said to act as a deterrent to flies, so that if you put a pot of basil on your kitchen window sill, it should reduce the number of flies that come in through the open window. (I noticed this idea being used in Greece, from where I have just returned, to try to keep flies away from an outside restaurant area).

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The Church is OPEN every Thursday morning at 9.30 am 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.

June 7th - 6pm Evensong
June 14th - 10am Holy Communion
June 21st - 8am Holy Communion
June 28th - 10am Holy Communion

	Sidesman	Flowers	Cleaners	Readers	Mowers
7th	Gordon	Donated	Caroline/Anita		6th Nigel
14th	April	Christening	Ann/Gordon		13th Geoff
21st	Andrew		Shirley/Andrew		20th Peter Curry
28th	Anita	CHH	Colin/April		27th Tara 4th July Marcus

Can you imagine the nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure! Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. It comes from a Catholic Elementary School test.

CHILDREN WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIBLE WERE WRITTEN BY CHILDREN. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCHEDED OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.
5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.
6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.
7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS .
8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.
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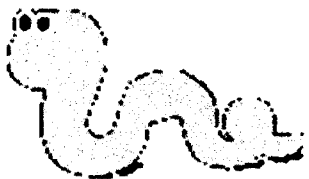
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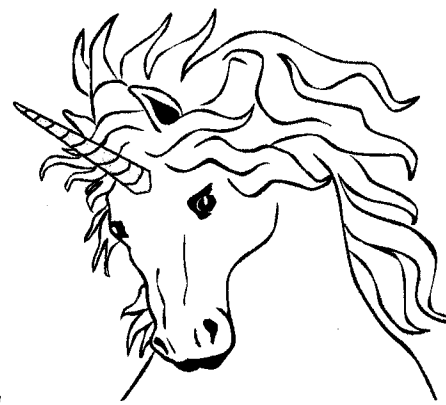
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- 20th *BBQ in the garden* 5-9pm
- 21st *Fathers day*
- 26th *Open air Dinner and Jazz*
- 27th *BBQ in the garden* 5-9pm

July

- 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
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Sunday 7th	Rambling Club	Whipsnade 2pm
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Tuesday 9th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 11th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 13th	Cublington Fete	The Old Rectory 1pm
Sunday 14th	Ramblers Club	Meet at Bledlow Manor
Tuesday 16th	Bus/Walking Tour around Marsworth Reservoirs	Catch 10am bus
Wednesday 17th	Parish Council	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 18th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 20th	Music in Quiet Places	St James Church 7.30pm
Tuesday 23rd	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 27th	Ramblers Club	Waddesdon GC 11am
Monday 29th	PCC Meeting	Church Room 8pm
Wednesday 1st	Fete/Festival Meeting	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm

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