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ASTON ABBOTTS FETE
25TH JULY 2009

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Editorial

In this month's Chronicle you can read the reminiscences of George Elliott (see page 5) who was born in the village approximately 90 years ago. George concludes his article saying he would be delighted to hear from anyone with news of any of the names he has mentioned, whether they are alive or dead and from anyone who he should have remembered but did not mention. You can contact him by writing to him at 8 Warnham Road, Horsham, Sussex, RH12 2QU or telephone 01403 265831.

Preparations for the Fete are well underway - hope you got to the meeting April Curnow called for 1st July. If you were unable to get to the meeting and can offer to help on the day (or before) then please contact her. The notice on page 7 gives details of other ways you can help.

Astonbury8 hits the Rec on 18th July. See page 13 and the back page for details of this village event. The family concert that has everything.

On page 21 is a request from the Police (you might have received it in the post). It deals with Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to learn more and/or act as a co-ordinator then contact the Wing Police office.

The Parish Clerk has been informed that there is a possibility that funds may be available from Bucks County Council to improve public rights of way within our village. If you feel that there are rights of way that would benefit from improvements, then please let the Parish Clerk know and he/the Parish Council will find out if it would be possible to obtain a grant to fund these.

Can I remind Chronicle readers that in order I can print your letters and opinions I do need to know the name and address of the author. If you don't want your name published I do need to be able to confirm 'name and address supplied'.

The Chronicle is now on holiday until the beginning of September. I trust you enjoy your holidays.

John

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Copy date for the next issue

Friday 21st August

Please pass items to John Hardcastle or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

July

George Fox	2 nd July
Donna Wiggett	2 nd
Margaret Hinds	6 th
Nigel Palmer	6 th
Nicola Lovell	9 th
Vic Scott	13 th
Gordon Smith	15 th
Andrew Plested	19 th
Ellie Williams	19 th
James Hartnett	21 st
Anne Brancker	24 th
Daniel Smith	24 th
Christy Oldfield	24 th
Jade Smith	24 th
Deirdre Whyte	27 th
Lawrence Hinds	29 th
Julia King	31 st

August

Paul Fletcher	4 th
Liz Barlow	4 th
Ivor Belgrove	7 th
Christine Fox	10 th
Mark Hewitt	11 th
Jackie Coates	12 th
(Glorious 12 th !!)	
Louise McManus	17 th
Zoe Williams	19 th
Andrew Parker	21 st
Zoe Oldfield	24 th
Andrew Peacock	24 th
Jenny Howell	27 th
Dean Wiggett	29 th

George Brandon died 3rd June at the amazing age of 98 years. Most of his life was spent in Aston Abbots. He was married to Ivy and together they had four children. He was the chimney sweep for the local area and his father was the publican at The Five Elms in Weedon. George was known for cultivating his own tobacco and still smoked a pipe until recently. He could be regularly seen sitting on the bench on The Green. Commiserations to Ivy and her family.

Congratulations to Judy Hardcastle who was presented with the Cubitt Award for Long Service at the Pony Club.

A big 'Thank You' to Sally Palmer, who hosted a very entertaining GNOMES evening, where we enjoyed a Fish n' Chip supper, followed by a Race Night. The proceeds went to the Spinal Injuries charity.

Our vicar has been getting a lot of bad press in the tabloids but I have only heard good things about her and I think she has a lot of support in Aston Abbots. Keep your spirits up Michelle.

Congratulations to Deirdre and Fiona Whyte who have both just got such good degrees. Next year John, when Laura gets her degree, you'll be the odd one out!

George Brandon

Ivy Brandon and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their kind thoughts, cards and flowers following the recent death of George. These were much appreciated

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF THE CALENDAR GIRLS - well the Chronicle is going one better!

In September a new column called 'The Recipe Girls' is starting - 11 lovely ladies have volunteered to suggest a recipe of the month. Starting in September it will be Val Smith followed by Sally Palmer, Carol Spooner, Alison Lewis, Brigitte Gutierrez, Fransceca Bean, Judy Hardcastle, April Curnow, Jackie Farrands, Anita Parker & Margaret Hinds.

The Christian Aid collection that I did along Cublington Rd, Ross Rd and part of the Green raised £75.15. thanks to all who contributed. Anita

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Letter to the Editor

Please feel free to use any parts of the enclosed how and where you wish. Cannot think much of it will be of interest to the present inhabitants of Aston but it has given me some amusement in the preparation.

I have also come across the account of the inquest into the death of Henry George Elliott (*see page 19*) who would have been my uncle. I was aware that my father had a brother who met his end in mysterious circumstances until Howard Lambert turned up this account for me - if nothing else it is an insight into how youngsters went to school and how inquests were held in the 1890's.

Just a chance may get along to your fete on the Saturday but by no means certain.

George Elliott

ps If none of what I enclose ever sees the light of day again I shall not be offended.

The reminiscence that follows I found most interesting - I hope you agree. Ed

HAPPY DAYS *by George Elliott*

I have been asked if I would care to record some of my memories from the time when I lived in Aston seventy years ago. What follows is in no particular order of time or importance, just a jumble of memories which come to me as i sit down to write.

Firstly a little family history. I have a well researched family tree prepared by Howard Lambert, a distant cousin going back to 1800. There is evidence of the Elliotts living and farming in the district long before then. For example, on page 20 in 'The history of Aston Abbotts 1000-2000', there is a map showing the allocation of common lands dated 1795; this means that my ancestors must have occupied lands a long time earlier. My father died in 1932 when we lived at Oxleys Farm. Following his death my mother, brother John and I moved up to Oak Farm house. early in 1940 we all moved down to my mother's home district South Wales. At the time I was thirteen and John four years younger. Mother died in the summer of 1940 and John died in 1988.

When we left Oxleys the farm was let to the Pages who have farmed there ever since - now in their fourth generation I believe. In 1954 John and I made up our minds that we were never going to want the farm and sold out to Mr Wilfred Steel who lived at The Firs. Some years later I understand he sold to the Pages.

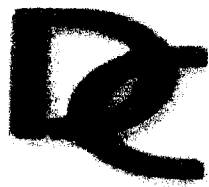
I have just mentioned the Steel family. Mr Wilfred's mother had a companion, I believe she was a Miss Bush. They were close friends of my mother. John and I had to be on our best behaviour when ever these ladies called.

Another very close friend of the family was Mr Luke How who lived at Church Farm and was a well known calf dealer as well as being a farmer. Luke was very helpful to me in obtaining my first job in 1950 after qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor and Auctioneer. Luke had a brother - a batchelor - who was a poultry farmer occupying a small field across the road from The Firs.

My best remembered friends and contemporaries were undoubtedly Bernard Osborn of village shop fame and Percy Humphrey whose father was the licensee of The Bull and Butcher but was best known as an outstandingly good baker. I can still recall the aroma from the bake house which had the old fashioned ovens which had to be prepared ages before baking could begin. I also remember the crickets which bred in profusion on the premises and occasionally one or two would venture as far as our house at least one hundred yards away over open garden land. Percy had two brothers - John and Frank I believe. John died of war wounds; Frank was a star turn in the village cricket team. They also had two sisters, one was Gladys but I cannot remember the other's name (just hope I got the first one right!)

The village had a cricket team. I recall each year they played a visiting team from London. They were entertained to lunch, or it might have been tea, set out on long trestle tables in the yard of The Bull and Butcher.

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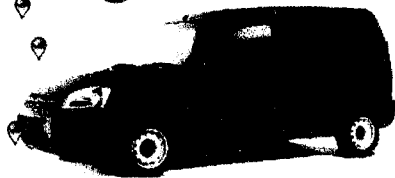
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An Open Letter to the Village - from Peter Knight

Alex and I were admiring a beautiful and old fashioned orchard last week when Alex says 'Why can't the allotment field in Aston Abbots become a village orchard?'

Now surely there's a thought. I have lived in the village since 1968 and I cannot remember the field behind the allotments being used for anything other than a poor crop of hay. Plant an orchard making a pleasant place to walk and provide fruit for the village as a whole.

Fruit trees could well be donated as gifts or in memory of a loved one - (the first tree in memory of George Brandon?). It is easy to say 'if' we had done this twenty years ago what an asset the village would now have! Obviously 'we' need to find out if the 'owners' of the land would allow a village orchard, but above all 'we' need to know what the village thinks of Alex's idea. Plant this autumn and there would be good fruit in three years time plus a pleasant environment and an asset for the village.

Reactions please to Peter Knight 681478

SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2009

OUR SUMMER FETE IS THE BIGGEST FUND RAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR AND WE HOPE THAT AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE WILL BE HELPING TO MAKE THE ST JAMES FESTIVAL WEEKEND AS SUCCESSFUL AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THE THEME OF THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IS 'Beauties of the Earth'.

Raffle tickets will be dropping through your door in the near future. Please buy them yourselves and/or get your family and friends to buy some to help make this a successful fund raising event. People will be calling on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the week before the fete to collect items that you would like to donate. **No electrical items please.**

PLANTS:- Please spare a few plants for the Plant stall. These should be taken to Caroline Abel-Smith at The Vicarage a day or two before the Fete.

CAKES:- All those wonderful cake makers in the village please try to bake a cake or two for our Cake Stall. We can never have enough as we always sell out very early. Jams and pickles would be most welcome also. Please bring these on the day of the fete.

TOMBOLA:- Please spare a few bottles and cans for this fun stall. There were queues last year to buy tickets and we could have sold more than we had.

Please take any items you can spare to Margaret and Tony Hinds the week before the Fete.

RAFFLE:- Tickets will be on sale at the end of June and will be dropped through your letterboxes.

BOOKS:- I am sure that many of you will have a few books cluttering up the shelves that you have no need of any more. Please pass any that you can spare for the Book Stall to April Curnow.

The Church will be open for the Flower Festival on the Saturday and on Sunday 26th July.

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our second meeting on 6th May we discussed 'On the Black Hill' by Bruce Chatwin. We all enjoyed it although some thought it ran out of steam after two thirds. Next month's book, selected by Alison Lewis, is 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' by Khaled Hosseini. We will be reviewing the book over a glass of something on 8th July 8pm at Alison's house.

The next book to read will be chosen by Sally Clarke.

If you would like to join in the discussion/fun then please let me know. You will be very welcome.

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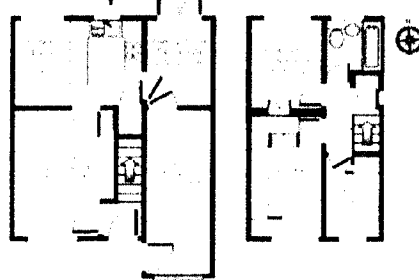
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 27th May 2009

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

District Councillor Mr P Cooper was in attendance.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Cllr Shorrocks was unanimously voted Chairman.

Cllr Higgs was unanimously voted Vice Chairman.

Street Lighting Officers: Cllrs Stefanczyk and Cllr Curry.

Planning Committee: Cllr Shorrocks, Cllr Hardcastle and Cllr Dicken.

Transport: Cllr Higgs and Cllr Hardcastle.

Highways: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Curry, Cllr Higgs and Cllr Stefanczyk.

Cllr Higgs requested the Clerk refer to members of the Parish Council as Councillors when drawing up the minutes of meetings.

Cllr Shorrocks reported that he felt the year had seen a number of successes for the Council although we had a number of setbacks, particularly in relation to some planning matters. He thanked Councillors for their contribution during the year.

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from Ivinghoe Parish Council on the subject of village and rural roads being used by increasing numbers of HGV's, including an incident report form they requested we complete in order to compile relevant data that may be used to achieve a tangible solution to the problem. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to advise that at the present time we were very lucky in that it was not felt this to be a major problem for the village. It was noted there was a speed limit review for our Area on the 28th May. The clerk would contact BCC and obtain copies of any documents produced.

The quotations for the works to the Church rooms had been received and it was RESOLVED to accept the estimate from R W Sargent. Cllr Higgs would contact the supplier and arrange for the works to be completed before 30th June 2009.

The Clerk reported the alleged breach of approved details had been remedied. However the new road sign was causing vision problems for vehicles leaving the close and he was contacting the appropriate body to report the matter.

Cllr Shorrocks advised we had received the report from the tree consultant and this had agreed with the reports commissioned by Mr Gibson that the tree had been severely damaged by the recent development and as a result is likely to affect the stability of the tree and the tree is not now suitable for a TPO. We had received notification from AVDC that the works could be carried out. There was a condition attached that within one month of the felling of the tree details of a replacement tree to be planted shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the Approved details/tree shall be implemented before the end of the first planting season following the works. The Clerk confirmed the report was available for viewing by Parishioners and they should contact him direct.

Council had received from Stop Aylesbury Vale Incinerators Group (SAVI) a letter advising of the latest proposed site for an EfW incineration plant between the villages of Edgcott and Calvert. As our village is in the radius of the waste produced they wanted to raise awareness as they were concerned there had been little publicity or public consultation. They have been holding various meetings to raise awareness and these were being well received. It was noted that their main concern was over the technology being used as this was inferior to that available and used in other Countries. District Councillor Cooper has up to date details on his website blog and the address is cllrpetercooper.blogspot.com. The Clerk would complete the form attached to the letter received.

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QUANTON RAILWAY News and Events Update

As usual the centre has been buzzing with activity. May saw two packed Bank Holiday Weekends, the first of which hosted the Miniature Railway Gala and Model Collectors Fair. Train fans from far and wide came along to get a ride on these amazing miniature trains. A Heritage DMU shuttle service from Aylesbury was running every hour making the weekend a real winner.

The weekend of the 24th and 25th hosted the Veteran Transport Weekend. Veteran Cyclists put on an excellent display of classic cycles while our Annual Bus Rally went down a storm. These weekends are ideal for all age groups and offer an excellent day out for families and enthusiasts alike.

Another miniature themed event was the 'World in Miniature' Traction Engine and Miniature Models Rally on the 30th and 31st May. Along with the beautiful traction engines there was a large collection of doll's houses that caused quite a stir! The children at the event really enjoyed themselves and seemed to feel more at ease with the smaller versions of the big engines.

The next 'Day Out with Thomas' weekend is on the 3rd, 4th and 5th July and you can save £2 per a ticket by pre-booking and even if you leave it late just turn up on the day and you are guaranteed to get in.

Check out the listings below for up and coming events or click on the web site to access regularly updated information.

We're looking forward to seeing you here at the Bucks Rail Centre this summer where one visit is never enough!

Forthcoming Events

Shunters Day – 19th July Fancy a game of 3D train chess? Well come along to our Shunters Day and help us solve the Shunting puzzles. Get to see how all sorts of wagons are connected and moved around to form a fully linked train. Aside from being a fun day this event offers a real insight into how steam engines function on a day to day basis.

'Day out with Thomas' – 3rd, 4th and 5th July You know Summer is here when Thomas and his friends are out and about. A hugely enjoyable day out is guaranteed whatever the weather! And remember you can save £2 per ticket by booking in advance, see below for details.

1940's Weekend - Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August Experience the authentic sights, tastes and sounds of the 1940's in this fascinating family event. Other attractions include: Acorn Coffee, Spies and Spivs, Firing demonstrations and Bar/Music. In association South East Midlands Area MVT.

Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th and 31st August The Buckinghamshire Railway Centre's 40th

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It was noted that the appeal for the Erection of a Barn to Store Machinery at Windmill Hill Barns had a start date of 6th April. After discussion it was RESOLVED to write to the Inspector emphasising the points already made by Council and the reasons for dismissal of the previous application on appeal that were still appropriate to this application.

Cllr Shorrocks had nothing to report on the progress of the Village plan and would contact Mr Ellwood.

Cllr Hardcastle reported on the most recent Local Area Forum meeting at which our application for funding a footpath to the Wingrave crossroads was voted upon by Parish Councils. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful and the available funding went to one of the larger Parishes. The view of the Forum is that the voting system is unfair on the smaller parishes as the number of votes available is proportionate to the number of electorate, effectively making it extremely difficult to obtain funding from this source. Council were looking at other funding opportunities and an application form from WREN was to be completed by Cllr Shorrocks and the Clerk. District Councillor Cooper advised that they were trying to organise a meeting to agree changes to the way priorities were organised and exploring other funding possibilities such as S106 monies and general funding from WREN.

It was RESOLVED to donate any monies received from the forthcoming Music in Quiet Places to the PCC.

The Clerk confirmed he had received a response to his letter in respect of the changes to the school transport and that there was no impact on Aston Abbots.

Details of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been received and as a co-ordinator was required details would be posted in the next edition of the Chronicle.

The Clerk outlined the details of the Parish Paths Partnership and these would be included in the Chronicle for any ideas for improvements from villagers.

The Clerk reported he had received the quotation for a streetlight at Wingrave crossroads. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact his fellow Clerk at Wingrave Parish Council in order to take a co-ordinated approach and obtain a revised quote for a lower poled light as 10 metres was probably not required. It was RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase our own streetlight to address the issue.

District Councillor Cooper advised that he was arranging for Nigel Brooke, a 2nd Tier Director to visit his Ward, specifically to look at local issues and problems. Councillors would consider our position and advise him accordingly.

Cllr Clarke reported the monthly inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report. He would also look into the arrangement for the annual inspection.

Cllr Clarke updated the meeting on the replacement fencing required and he was in the process of receiving quotations for the works.

It was RESOLVED to allow the use of the Recreation Ground to the organisers of Astonbury and the Fete.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th June 2009 at 20.00 in the Church Rooms.

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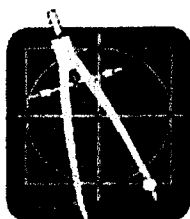
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HAPPY DAYS *continued*

We youngsters were very fascinated by the London ladies (?) the wives and girl friends of the players whose dress was different to that we were used to seeing in Aston - more revealing I expect. Opposite the church yard lived the Chapmans' father, mother and two boys. I believe one about my age but I cannot recall having much to do with them. Father was a farmer but I believe he had been an athlete of Olympic level - his standard of farming was not of the same standard!

Although there was quite a little gang of us boys I cannot recall any more names apart from Hinds, one of whose father sounded the Last post each year at the November remembrance service. I believe one of the family was a skilled erector of scaffolding - scaffolding in those days was wooden poles tied together such as is still to be seen in Eastern countries.

Bernard and Percy both had to lend a hand in their fathers' businesses. When on my own, and bored at home, I spent a great deal of time with Harry Brandon and his son Percy (better known as John) at their rambling old workshops opposite The Bull and Butcher. They were well known throughout a wide district as skilled agricultural engineers as well as shoeing smiths. I had the run of the place and when I see the picture on page 74 of the history of the village illustrating the unprotected driving belts and pulleys it is remarkable I was never injured. Not only did I get on very well with Harry - I suppose he became a father figure - but he made sure I was useful working the large hand operated bellows to the forge furnace (in the picture on page 73 it appears that there was a mechanically operated bellows). Shortly after the war started in September 1939 two second extra lathes were installed. Quantities of rough castings were delivered which were then precision turned for I believe gun breaches. There was also a hand operated petrol pump - I believe it supplied Power petrol at less than a shilling a gallon. John later emigrated to Australia and I remember when I saw Harry after the war he told me that this had greatly upset him.

Brother John attended the village school - I did not - but Mrs Brock, the head mistress, wrote to me on several occasions after I had moved to Wales with news of the village and about my erstwhile buddies. She was assisted in the school by Miss Childerely (?) and the two of them also ran the Sunday school on Sunday afternoons - John and I both attended.

My father had five or six workers at Oxleys but the only one I can recall was Ernest Smith, his foreman, who lived in one of our cottages across the road from Oak farm. I know he was very upset that we did not give him the chance to buy his house but everything had to be included in the sale to Wilfred Steel. I have several interesting diaries written by my father and in his writings just a few months before he died he noted the weekly wages currently paid.

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There is also recorded 'Thursday 4th July 1932 - Pargeter Bros. Finished rabbiting - 424 - paid them £10.0.0' See page 85 in the history of the village - clearly they missed a few! *continued page 17*

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HAPPY DAYS *continued* At Longmoor Farm lived the Harris's. Mr Harris was a farmer but he was also a principal horse buyer for the Sainsbury grocery firm which was probably the most lucrative part of his business. Mr Harris had been my father's Best Man. There were four daughters - the youngest Sheila - was also called Bibs. She was my governess for a time at Oxleys and stayed with mother as a companion for some months after we moved to Oak Farm. Another daughter married the well known Dr Paul Brown who practiced in Cublington. I remained in touch with both of them until they both died about three years ago. Dr Brown had a stained glass window installed in Cublington church after his wife died and I believe there is space for his date of death to be recoded on it - this may in fact have been done. He was buried in the village church yard in Gloucestershire close to where he had lived with Bibs for the last years of his life.

The principal residence in the village was owned and occupied by the Mortons. Capt. Morton had served in the first war and was promoted to Major when he took command of the Home Guards in WW2. The Mortons seem to me, looking back, to have assumed the squirearchy of the village. Up until 1940 I believe my family were, in terms of acreage, the largest landowners in the parish and had no doubt the largest mortgage! From records my father kept I believe it doubtful if he would have remained solvent had he continued farming much longer due to the poor state of the industry in the early thirties.

When I began to go to Aylesbury Grammar School - this entailed a walk to Wingrave cross roads to catch the bus. For some time my mother arranged for me to be watched over by Billy Smith, son of Ernest Smith. There were two others, also pupils at AGS who I remember; Ken Ward, son of the Morton's butler, and Beryl Williams, daughter of the Morton's chauffeur. I never saw Ken after the war but I met Beryl on several occasions, but have heard nothing of either of them for many years. Further completely unconnected snippets of memory:- there was an old soldier by the name of Higgs who, I believe, fought in the Boer War and was a part time gardener for us at Oak farm. Ada Jeffs, a maid at Oxleys, who lived in one of the New Zealand cottages and died at a quite early age much to my mother's distress. Nellie, another maid at Oxleys, very kindly provided me with lodgings for several months between the time I left school in the early summer of 1944 and when I joined the Fleet Air Arm in the autumn of that year - she was by then married of course, but I cannot remember her married name. Her family were the Parkers who farmed across the road from Longmoor. I had my regular haircut by some one, name long forgotten, in his little shed on his allotment garden - sixpence I expect. In September/October evacuee children arrived and were distributed around the village. I recall some quite spirited aggression between us boys. The King George VI Coronation and the children's party in the village hall - we all came away with a presentation mug. On at least two occasions the fire brigade had to rescue cats which had become stranded up one of the large old elms on the Green - long since gone I believe. We village lads had more respect, probably fear, of the village policeman than do our successors today. The one in office, at the time I left the village, had the surname Dennis. We were unkindly amused when we heard that Luke How had caught Mrs Dennis collecting dung in one of his fields and severely scolded her. It was probably 1937 or 1938 when the first water main was laid through the village. I was fascinated by the mechanical trenching machine - not much different to those one sees today. I became friendly with the driver and recall him telling (boasting I expect) that he was paid £6 per week. When he moved on to the next job at Burcott my mother allowed me to travel along with him on the machine (paedophiles were unknown I suppose) taking my bicycle with me on which I rode home. *On reflection the Harris's had by then moved to Wing and I expect I called in on them before cycling home.* Another elderly woman of whom I have fond memories was Mrs Robinson, sister of Ernie Smith. She lived in one of the cottages next to the shop. She put me up when I made short visits to Aston on holiday from school in Wales. Her son, after the war, became butler to Mr Steel but was killed in an accident at Wingrave Cross roads, about 1950.

It has given me much pleasure to have a reason to recall my early days in Aston. It surprises me how much I can recall (or think I can) after over seventy years when so often I am at a loss to recall what I did yesterday.

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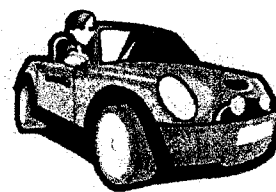
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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

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It is no surprise given we import one million litres of milk each day from Holland, Belgium, Ireland and the rest from Northern Europe, to learn that we are no longer self sufficient in milk. The fact is that we have lost half our dairy industry in the last 10 years and continue to lose three producers every day. At the beginning of 2007 there were almost 18,000 milk producers and we lost just over 1000 by December. Our supply of oil and gas are already in foreign hands. Will our milk supply be on the long list of future lessons to be learnt by this government? Coupled with the problems with rural pubs, shops and post offices, does anybody care about the rural folk and the countryside? Lastly, it never fails to amaze me that our travelling 'friends' can over a weekend move onto a piece of land and illegally set up camp, but when the poor long suffering folk nearby write in to their local council and complain about the noise pollution, traffic, black rubber smoke, fly tipping, intimidation etc. they are then branded "racist". Watch out Wingrave we must be getting close to an invasion soon.

James Henderson

EXTRACT FROM BUCKS HERALD 1ST JUNE 1895

FATAL ACCIDENT

ON THURSDAY, MR G FELL, CORONER, HELD AN INQUEST AT OXLEY'S FARM ON THE BODY OF HENRY GEORGE ELLIOTT, AGED FOURTEEN, WHOSE DEATH IS RECORDED ABOVE. MR WILLIAM ELLIOTT SAID HE LIVED AT OXLEY'S FARM, AND THE DECEASED WAS HIS SON. HE WAS A DAY SCHOLAR AT A SCHOOL AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD, AND USED TO RIDE TO AND FRO ON A PONY. ON TUESDAY MORNING HE STARTED TO SCHOOL ABOUT TEN MINUTES TO EIGHT, AND SOME TEN MINUTES LATER WITNESS WAS CALLED BY A MAN AND WENT TO THE MAIN ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE DECEASED LYING ON HIS BACK. DECEASED WAS CONVEYED HOME AND MR LIGHTFOOT, SURGEON, OF LEIGHTON, SUMMONED, WHO STATED THAT HE WAS SUFFERING FROM CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN. DECEASED WAS CONSCIOUS BUT DEATH TOOK PLACE AT SIX O'CLOCK THE SAME EVENING. THE PONY WAS VERY QUIET AND DECEASED WAS A GOOD RIDER. THE JURY RETURNED A VERDICT OF 'ACCIDENTAL DEATH'.

Outside Bristol Zoo, there is a car park for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 and coaches £5. This parking attendant worked there solid for all of 25 years. Then one day, he just didn't turn up for work.

"Oh well", said Bristol Zoo Management - "we'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant..."

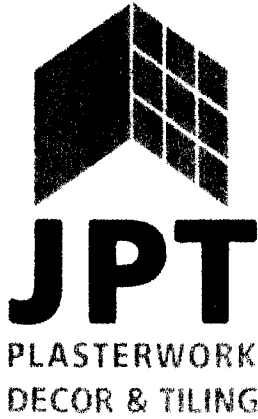
"Err no", said the Council, "that car park is your responsibility"...

"Err no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"... "Err NO!"

Sitting in his villa in Spain, is a bloke who had been taking the car park fees, estimated at £400 per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years...

Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over £3.6 million...Fantastic...

might be a spoof item - but I enjoyed it! Ed



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH is not a case of a few residents 'curtain twitching' – it is a way for people to protect their property and look out for their neighbours properties.

If you see something suspicious, albeit a vehicle or a person you can feed this information back to the Police and to other Watch members – it does make a difference for very little effort.

Many thanks for taking the time to look at the information.

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN ASTON ABBOTTS

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Fish and Chip Supper

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So when I received an e-mail about a fund raising idea to hold a Fish & Chip supper I thought this would be a change from our usual GNOMES' meeting in the Royal Oak.

The idea was enthusiastically taken up by the GNOMES and on 16th June 18 ladies attended a fish and chip supper at my house. An exception was made to our usual rules to allow Nigel to be present. After an enjoyable meal, efficiently provided by Wings of Wing, we held a race night. It was suggested that, like Ascot, we should have hats for the occasion. As it so happened I had a stock of sugar paper and coloured tissue paper so several ladies got stuck into creating their Ladies Day Hats. Finally, with the hats completed and the DVD under control, proceedings commenced. Nigel acted as bookmaker and bets were placed. Some concern was expressed during race 3 when heavy betting on Fu Manchu in the Vile Villains Chase meant Nigel potentially faced a pay out of £40,000. To meet his commitments a dose of Quantitive Easing would have been required In the event the rank outsider, backed incidentally only by myself, romped home at 11-1 thus saving the Bank of Palmer in more ways than one.

In the event, the most successful gamblers were April Curnow and her cousin Elisthka. They exchanged their pot of over £6000 Bank of Palmer notes for 2 M & S vouchers and seemed strangely happy to do so.

The event raised £130 for the charity

Sally Palmer

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"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a Mum."

"We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation..... 'housewife' covers it," said the clerk emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our local police station. The Desk Sergeant was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar."

"What is your occupation?" she probed. What made me say it, I do not know... The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The officer paused, pen frozen in mid air, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasising the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire!

"Might I ask," said the officer with new interest, "just what you do in your field?" Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing programme of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (the whole family), and already have four credits, (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree.?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the girl's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. When I got home, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 10, 7, and 3. Upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby), in the child-development programme, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had triumphed over bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mum."

Motherhood.....What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations", and great grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates"??? I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants".

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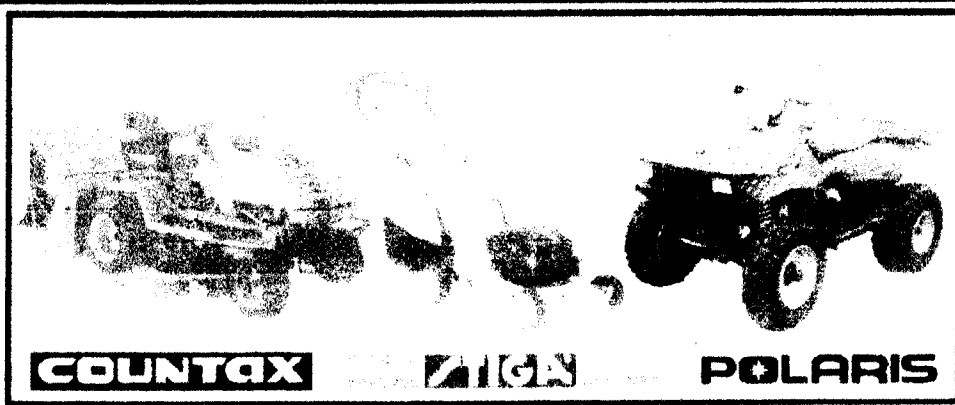
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Wednesday 17th June 2009

Present: - Cllrs. C Higgs, Mrs K Curry, Mrs J Hardcastle, P Shorrocks, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk).
District Councillor Mr P Cooper was in attendance.
3 members of the public were in attendance.
Apologies had been received from D Dicken.

Cllr Curry requested the Clerk place headings within the body of the minutes for clarification of the detail. The Clerk gave details of an increase in the current prices received from Buckland Landscapes effective from the 1st June 2009 and it was RESOLVED to accept the new monthly rate. Cllr Clarke would investigate whether Buckland were still carrying out strimming to the pathways and fences around the Recreation Ground as work was required in these areas.

The Clerk reported we had received from BCC details of two consultations that were taking place and he was requested to email details to Councillors for any comment.

The Clerk also reported we had received from AVDC a copy of the Core Strategy document which sets out the overall strategy for Development in the District to the year 2026. It is an important document and Council will review and if thought necessary a special meeting will be convened in order to submit our comments. The closing date for submissions is the 22nd July 2009.

The works to the Church rooms had started and would be finished at the end of next week. Cllr Higgs would contact the supplier, obtain an invoice and arrange payment before 30th June 2009.

- **09/00969/APP** (Kinsale Agriculture, Norduck Farm, Moat Lane.)
Retention of mobile home for further 3 years (Renewal of 05/00258/APP).

RESOLVED to oppose this application on the grounds that the application is not valid as the original date for his application has passed and therefore the application should be a new application and not renewal of existing. Also Council did not believe the need for the mobile home was justified in the application.

Council were made aware of residents concerns over the current development in particular noise levels, hours of work, disruption to existing businesses and inadequate provision of a passing bay on Moat Lane. These matters would be included in our letter of opposition with the objective of including conditions on any future applications or a review by AVDC of existing.

Village Plan - Cllr Shorrocks had nothing to report on the progress of the Village plan and would contact Mr Ellwood.

Church Row Pump - Cllr Clarke would contact the local residents to ascertain current requirements and report at the next meeting.

Traveller's site at Cublington -- Concern was raised over the recent events and money that had been spent by AVDC on the development of the site only to see it vandalised, with further monies now required to carry out a temporary repair, with further reported costs in the region of £160,000. There is a requirement for these sites to be provided and the current Core Strategy document is proposing a further 40 sites are developed in the period to 2026 within the AVDC planning area. It is understood that the intention is to tidy up and move new families into the site

Community Chest Grant -- Having received the grant it was RESOLVED to purchase the Hot Cupboard for the Church rooms.

Streetlights at Wingrave Crossroads - The Clerk updated Council on his discussions with Wingrave PC who are also discussing this issue. It was felt a co-ordinated approach to BCC would be in all our interests. The next meeting of Wingrave PC was the 14th July and Cllrs Curry and Higgs would attend on behalf of Council to establish a way forward.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs -- In order to carry out a survey to assess whether there is a need would involve a cost of £300 per site and as 3 sites had been identified the cost did not appear to justify benefit, given the recent response to the note placed in the Chronicle asking for volunteers to man a SID to gather data on speeding through the village. Additionally there is currently a speed limit review in progress for our Area and as result it was decided to wait until any new limits were implemented and review the situation at that time.

District Councillor Cooper advised that Nigel Brooke, a 2nd Tier Director had visited the Ward to look at local issues and problems. He was hoping to look at the funding arrangements for the Local Area and will be attending the next Local Area Forum meeting on the 2nd July and this item is on the Agenda for discussion. District Councillor Cooper also emphasised the importance of the Core Strategy document and reminded Council they only had 6 weeks to consider and respond.

Cllr Clarke reported the monthly recreation ground inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report. He also advised he was contacting the Contractor we had used previously to carry out the annual inspection.

Cllr Clarke updated the meeting on the replacement fencing required and he was in the process of receiving further quotations for the works.

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for year ended March 2009. The Statement of Accounts was signed.

RESOLVED to approve the Statement of Assurance to the Auditors. The Statement of Assurance was signed.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August 2009 at 20.00 in the Church.

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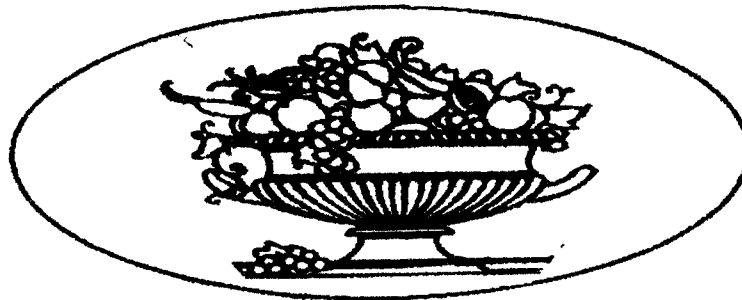


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We have the youngsters, **what we need now are some adults** to help all this happen.

Our Beaver leader Sue is leaving after almost 10 years of service to Wingrave Beavers. Karen Robson has agreed to take over from Sue, but she needs someone to share her duties in this most rewarding role. They will work alongside Sue's other very experienced leader Jan. **Beavers** are aged from 6 to 8 and currently meet Monday evenings from 6.15 – 7.15pm.

Nikki runs **Cubs**, with some excellent assistance from Steve and Jane. They meet on Tuesdays from 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Scouts unfortunately closed 18 months ago when Jeff retired and we didn't manage to secure a replacement, leaving a large number of Scouts without a troop.

If someone (preferably more than just one person) would like to run either Cubs (aged 8 – 10½) or Scouts (10½ - 14) the other leaders are happy to move around to enable all sections to be active once again. **How fantastic that would be!**

Don't think that you'll be abandoned once you take on the role; there is training to ensure you know what to do, along with guidance on activities and programmes. Our current leaders have lots of experience and are all easy going and very supportive. They are more than willing to give help and advice, not just at the beginning, but ongoing too. **Why not pop along to a meeting** and observe it for yourself.

To re-iterate, we need a Beaver leader urgently otherwise the **Beaver section may face closure**. If we also get a Cub or Scout Leader we can re-open the Scout section.

What now? Well... anyone even slightly interested should talk to Sue or Nikki on Monday or Tuesday evenings at the Scout Hut, or phone Jeff (our Group Scout Leader) on Aylesbury (01296) 625454 or his mobile 07808 497357.

Let's keep Scouting going in Wingrave for our wonderful youngsters.

Ladies Club – Thurs. 28th May.

14 members were present at today's meeting in the church room Aston Abbotts.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and the minutes were read and approved.

Our speaker for today, Miss. Jo Messenger who gave us an illustrated talk about the more remote parts of New Zealand. Her experiences had been gained, when, after retiring she went on a two month walking tour of both the North and South Islands.. She was thanked by Mrs. Margaret Hinds. Our tea hostesses today were Daphne Smart and Dianne Smart and the raffle was won by Daphne Rogers.

Shirley Ford

Ladies Club – Thurs. 11th June

13 members and one guest 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..

Our speaker today was Mr. John Cornwall who gave an illustrated talk about the gardens at Llanhydrock House and the 'Lost Gardens of Heligon'. The diversity of plants shown was amazing and ranged from the common place to the truly exotic. All were illustrated by beautifully taken slides. He was thanked by Daphne Rogers. Tea hostesses were Audrey Stephenson and Avril Bradley Davis the raffle winner, Audrey Stephenson.

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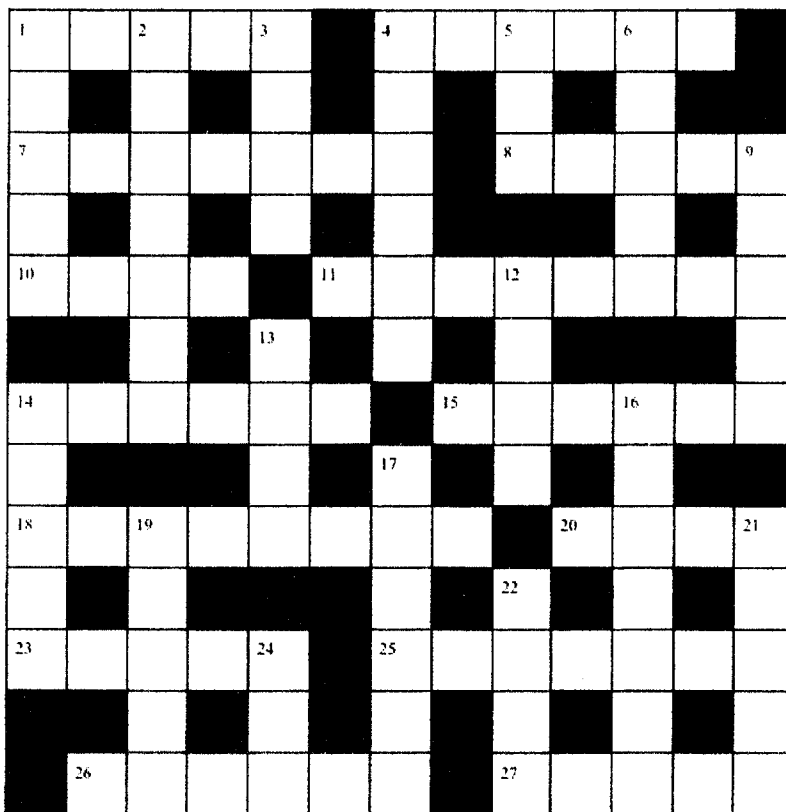
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- 1 Bevel 4 Quiver 7 Antenna
- 8 Erode 10 Tyre 11 Greatest
- 14 Tennis 15 Stoker
- 18 Dockyard 20 Isle
- 23 Yearn 25 Observe
- 26 Keeper 27 Pilot

DOWN

- 1 Blast 2 Veteran 3 Long
- 4 Quarry 5 Ice 6 Elope
- 9 Enter 12 Asti 13 Tidy
- 14 Teddy 16 Kestrel
- 17 Harbour 19 Cease
- 21 Elect 22 ASAP 24 Nap

ACROSS

- 1 Rounded like an egg (5)
- 4 Symbol of disgrace (6)
- 7 Rumour (7)
- 8 Used to make bread (5)
- 10 European freshwater fish (4)
- 11 Appearing at Astonbury again (8)
- 14 Dogs home (6)
- 15 Time pass by (6)
- 18 Cook outside (8)
- 20 Not straight (4)
- 23 Colour (5)
- 25 Plover bird from USA (7)
- 26 Occupation (6)
- 27 Small (5)

DOWN

- 1 Not the same one (5)
- 2 Give up (7)
- 3 Opposite of West (4)
- 4 Tool for cutting grass (6)
- 5 Type of vine (3)
- 6 City in Florida (5)
- 9 One of our senses (5)
- 12 Worlds longest river (4)
- 13 Held on 25th July at AA (4)
- 14 Good on 18 across (5)
- 16 Gift (7)
- 17 Not good to go in at golf (6)
- 19 Spanish Red wine (5)
- 21 Fortune tellers cards (5)
- 22 Turn upside down (4)
- 24 Flock of pheasants (3)

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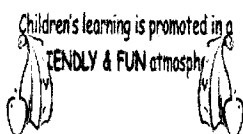
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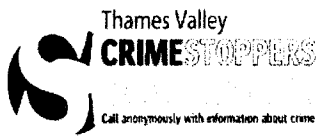


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5th Sunday Benefice AA/Cub./Soul./Stew. in rotation

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.

JULY

5th - 6pm Evensong
 12th - 10am, Holy Communion
 19th - 8am, Holy Communion
 26th - 6pm, Songs of Praise

AUGUST

2nd - 6pm Evensong
 9th - 10.30am, Holy Communion
 16th - 8am, Holy Communion
 23rd - 10am, Holy Communion
 30th - 10am, Morning Prayer

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JULY				
5th	April	4/5 Caroline L/Anita	4th Marcus	Caroline A/S
12th	Andrew	11th Ann/Gordon	11th Geoff Ryan	-
19th	Gordon	18th Shirley/Andrew	18th Gordon	Jan Johnson
26th	Church Wardens	25th Colin	25th Bob	Festival
AUGUST				
2nd	Andrew	1st Caroline/Anita	1st Phil	-
9th	Andy	8th Ann/Gordon	8th Andy Stefanczyk	Shirley
16th	Gordon	15th Shirley/Andrew	15th Caroline L	-
23rd	April	22nd Colin/April	22nd Tom	Colin
30th	Caroline	29th TBA	29th Adam	-
			5th Sept. Marcus	

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, my plan for keeping weeds off part of my allotment while I was away on holiday – namely leaving carpet over the unplanted patch – worked a treat: and despite Colin's fears that it might attract rats, there was no sign of this. My leeks have now been planted in the weed-free zone, and so far are doing nicely. The main problem this year caused by my absence was not the size of the weeds, but the fact the clearly May was a dry month, and since I had failed to ask anyone to do any watering on the allotment while I was away, my courgettes and squash were looking a bit sickly when I got back. I have been watering them assiduously since my return, and believe I have saved most of them, but it was too late for one of my courgettes and the squash.

Some of my carrots have failed to come up, but I am beginning to regard this as par for the course: it seems to happen every year. The other failure has been my parsnips; but talking to Margaret Hinds recently I discovered that parsnip seed is usually only good for the year you buy it. You cannot use last year's seed, as you can with most vegetables – and I had used seed which was 2 years old! I'll know better next time. I have planted some more (2009 seed), but it went in a bit late, and I may have missed the germinating window.

My other misfortune has been that in the spring I decided try to kill off the weeds between my raspberry bushes using Roundup. I did succeed in killing a lot of them, but clearly some of the spray got onto the raspberries as well, and some of the canes are looking rather sad. They say experience is the name you give to your mistakes!

More news on the spread of allotments: I read that the Queen has had a 30ft by 12ft vegetable patch dug in her garden at Buckingham Palace, in an area previously used for growing flowers. No chemicals are used, and the plot is irrigated from the Palace borehole. However, since I understand that the gardens of Buckingham Palace extend to about 40 acres, this should perhaps be regarded as a token gesture, rather than a serious attempt at allotment gardening. However, one nice touch is that the Queen – or more precisely her gardeners – are growing vegetables with regal overtones, including French beans called Blue Queen and Royal Red, Northern Queen lettuces, and tomatoes called Golden Queen, Queen of Hearts and White Queen.

This is the first time that the palace gardens have been used to produce vegetables since the "Dig for Victory" campaign during the last war

President Obama was the world leader who set a precedent for this: he has had 1,100 sq. ft. of the White House lawn dug in order to plant crops.

Finally, some more bits of gardening lore for you (as to the efficacy of which I again offer no guarantee). It is said that you can keep slugs from your plants by making rings round them of crushed mussel shells, coffee grounds or a paste made from crushed garlic. Alternatively copper is said to give slugs an electric shock, so stick a ring of copper tape around pots; or place a ring of copper wire on the ground around plants you wish to protect.

For other pests, you can plant a decoy close to the plants to be protected. You can use a pungent plant that will repel the insects – for example, chives and French marigolds are said to keep aphids away – or you can use plants which confuse pests by sending out mixed olfactory signals, which prevent the insect from finding the plant which they normally eat. Nasturtiums are said to be very good for this.

A Machiavellian plan is to persuade your neighbour to grow hostas, which slugs seem to regard as gourmet nosh. They will then leave your plants alone, and go to eat his hostas instead!

Peter Shorrock

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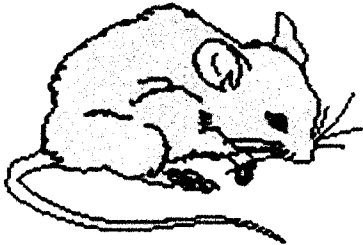
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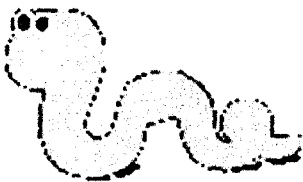
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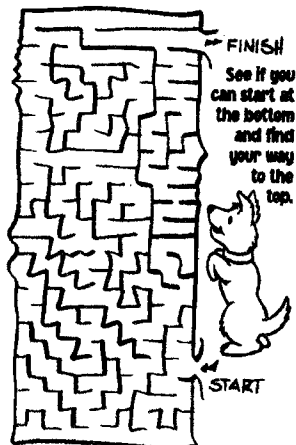
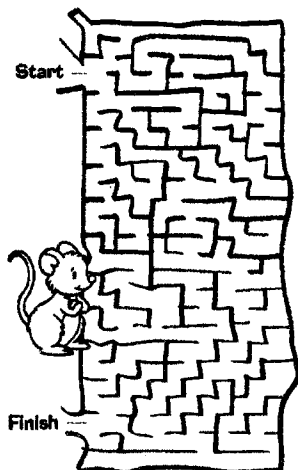
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21st Morris Men visit
22nd/23rd French cuisine
25th BBQ in garden 5-9pm
29th 30th Steak nights
31st Live Jazz Dining Al Fresco

26th 27th Steak nights
28th Live Jazz Dining Al Fresco
29th -
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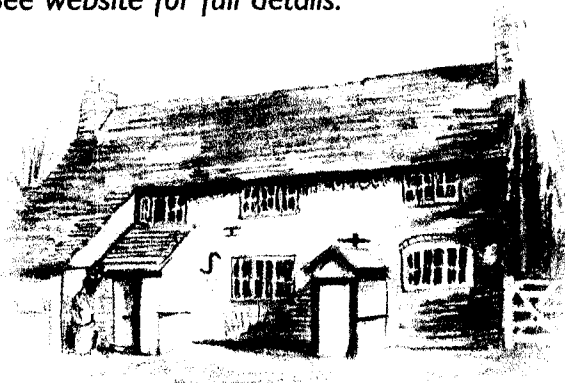
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The Unicorn, High Street, Cublington, Bucks, LU7 0LQ
Please see web site for full details www.theunicornpub.co.uk

What's On In July/August

Wednesday 1st	Fete/Festival Meeting	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 5th	Rambling Club	Cholesbury 2pm
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Tuesday 7th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 9th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th	Bus Walk (Wendover)	10am bus from village to Ayl.
Thursday 16th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 18th	Astonbury	The Rec gates open 6.30pm
Monday 20th	Collection for Fete Stalls	Bricabrac/Plants/Books
Saturday 20th	Music in Quiet Places	St James Church 7.30pm
Tuesday 21st	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Saturday 25th	Fete/Festival	The Green/The Grove
Sunday 26th	Floral Displays	St James Church 2-5pm
	Songs of Praise	St James Church 6pm
Thursday 30th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm

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Sunday 2nd	Rambling Club	Bierton 2pm
Tuesday 4th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Wednesday 5th	Parish Council	St James Church 8pm
Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Tuesday 11th	Bus Walk (3 Locks)	9.08 bus from village to L/B
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Tuesday 18th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Thursday 27th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12 noon
	Bucks County Show	Weedon Park

Address

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

Email submissions to:

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

COUNCIL MEETING 5th AUGUST
will be held in Church (not Church Room)

FOR SALE Ford Fiesta Finesse - 1299cc, reg,d Oct 2000, Red, approx 70,000 miles

Been off road for a year as owner abroad so no MOT or tax
Reasonable Offers considered - please phone 689125

AT 5 MINUTES AND 6 SECONDS AFTER 4 A.M., ON THE 7TH OF AUGUST, THIS YEAR, 2009, THE TIME AND DATE WILL BE:

04:05:06 07-08-09

THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN UNTIL THE YEAR 3009!!!

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.

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

Astonbury 8

Saturday 18th July 2009

£10.00 - Under 16s FREE

For tickets phone 01296 681685

or email info@astonbury.biz

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**Aston Abbotts Recreation Ground
Starts 7.30 pm**

