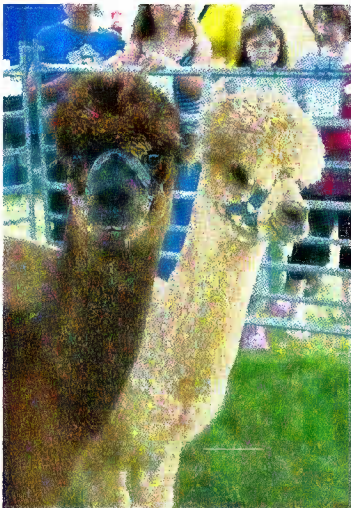


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Editorial

Wingrave crossroads hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons on 15th September. The large gas main running near this junction fractured with the result that the A418 was closed for a while to all traffic. It must have been grid lock in Aylesbury and Wing.

The Parish Council has decided to go ahead with the installation of lights at the crossroads. The costs to be shared with Wingrave Parish Council. Bucks County Council cannot be persuaded to change their policy. I wonder how Bucks policy can stand scrutiny when I compare Wingrave crossroads with the newly installed lighting at the roundabout serving Haddenham Parkway - the number and intensity of the lights here is awesome.

No one has come forward yet to take over the Chronicle Crossword - I hope there is someone who would be willing to take on the task. The format is entirely up to the compiler and can change month on month if you wish. This month's crossword is Rod Rothero's last - It will be a shame if the tradition started by Don Bellingham did not continue.

I spotted an unusual oak tree that had fruits (acorns?) of a type I had never noticed before. Having failed to identify them I showed some photos to Vic Scott who told me that it was indeed an oak but who's acorns had been damaged by a minute black wasp *Andricus Quercus Calicis*. Apparently this wasp was 'imported' from Bulgaria about 10 years ago, making it's first appearance in Bristol and is now pretty much countrywide. Blue tits like them. Is there nothing Vic doesn't know? Our trees seem to be suffering from all sort of new diseases and insect attack.

Hope as many of you as possible can attend the Harvest Festival and Supper. Details on page 5. Ray Wilkinson will be displaying his auctioneering skills - last year I recall Dave Lewis bought nearly every vegetable going, whether he wanted to or not. Such was the skill of the auctioneer!

John

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

October

Denise Robinson	2 nd
Juliette Gutierrez	3 rd
Stuart Biddle	5 th
Devon King	8 th
Edward Picking	11 th
Alex Perkins	12 th
Juan Gutierrez	14 th
Christine Scott	24 th
Jackie Farrands	24 th
Rita Robinson	26 th
Val Espley	27 th
Tori Smith	27 th
Mandy Thornhill	29 th
Hayley Wilkinson	31 st

HARVEST FESTIVAL
11th October
5pm
HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION
6.30 for 7pm

The photos for the front cover are a selection that I took at the Bucks County Show. It was my first show since moving to the village and I was amazed at the size of it, apparently the biggest one day show in the country. I was pleased to find that several of the Aston Abbots villagers had stands there, including Jane and Kevin (Buckland Landscapes) who won second prize for the best stand. Liz and Ivan were there with some of their lovely Alpacas and some gorgeous knitted items from Alpaca wool. RGC Engineers (Lawnmowers) were another stand from village residents.

Ian Roberts drum tuition has kindly sponsored this cover and as usual done the layout. If any of you would like to sponsor a colour front cover then please let me know, it costs £11 approx. Janice Issitt

Sheila and Percy Humphreys would like to thank all their village friends for the many gifts and cards that they received for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Did anyone see the very unusual spectacle a couple of weeks ago, of three alpacas racing through the village?

Liz Barlow had been preparing to take two stud boys up to Church farm from Nashs farm when they suddenly escaped through a gate that someone (who will be nameless!) had left open. But being males, their only interest was to get to the females as fast as possible! And that's what they did. We all went tearing after them but by the time we caught up with them they were happily looking over the fence at the girls!

Chronicle distribution – Mystery solved!!!!.

Firstly, Let me give Dianna a very warm welcome as our newest 'Chronicle deliverer. It was her who turned out to be the 'very nice lady' I'd met at the Fete and who had offered to take over Rod & Val's 'round'.

I have taken the opportunity of establishing each delivery round, details of which appear on page 29. If any of these details are incorrect please let me know and I will correct them. Finally, on your behalf let me thank all who take the time to deliver the Chronicle to each household, every month,
Andy Bystra 681690

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

'The Recipe Girls' started last month.- hope you were able to try out Val Smith's pasta dish.

11 lovely ladies have volunteered to suggest a recipe of the month. This month it's Sally Clarke's turn. The following month's are by Carol Spooner, Alison Lewis, Brigitte Gutierrez, Fransceca Bean, Judy Hardcastle, April Curnow, Jackie Farrands, Anita Parker & Margaret Hinds. see next page

It is anticipated that a new series of BBC's 'Escape to the Country' will include a visit to The Gables, Lines Hill on Friday 16th November.

ASTON ABBOTT'S KITCHEN
featuring the Recipe Girls



**“October
Supper”**
from Sally Clarke

Italian Chicken
(quantities serve 2)

**500g pack ready to
use polenta**

25g grated parmesan
2 skin on boneless
chicken breasts
250g pack cherry
tomatoes
leaves from a few
sprigs rosemary, torn
1 garlic clove, sliced
2 tbsp olive oil

1. Heat oven to 220C/
fan 200C/gas 7.
Roughly break up the
ready to use polenta
into small chunks and
scatter them in the
bottom of a small
roasting tin. Tip in the

parmesan and mix. Sit the chicken breasts, cherry tomatoes, rosemary and garlic on top of the polenta. Drizzle with olive oil, then season to taste.

2. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes until the chicken skin is crisp and golden, and the polenta and cheese are turning crusty around the edges. Serve with a green salad.

photo by Janice Issitt



**Family Harvest Festival
Service**
in
Aston Abbots church
starting at
5.00pm,
on
Sunday the 11th of October.

The emphasis will be on this being a 'family service dedicated to Harvest thanksgiving, during which children will be invited to present their offerings.

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&
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Space is rather limited so to avoid disappointment it's recommended you book early with either

Andy 681690 or April on 681459

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The success of this fund raising auction is of course dependent on donated produce.

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1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? see page 7

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This is an email sent to me by James Henderson that I thought you might enjoy

The Lost Bagpiper

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the excavator and the crew who were eating lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played the workers began to weep. I played and I played like I'd never played before, from *Going Home* and *The Lord is My Shepherd* to *Flowers of the Forest*. I closed the lengthy session with *Amazing Grace* and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, Sweet Jeezuz, Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.



APPEAL



You may have read or heard on the news over the last month that this year has seen an enormous rise in unwanted and feral cats. This is partly due to the recession and the costs of vets bills meaning that cat owners are not having their animals neutered and so the feral population is rising enormously. I myself came across a mother cat and four kittens on the outskirts of the village and have adopted and tamed them with the help of the local Cats Protection. The mother cat was pregnant again already and has just given birth to another three kittens. Gillian from Cats Protection Chiltern who lives in Wingrave is helping with the cost of my new furry family and will help me to re-home four of them. My intention was to get a cat at some point in the future, I now have 8! If anyone is struggling to pay the costs of neutering their cat then the Cats Protection will help you with this. Either google Cats Protection and look up the Chiltern branch for local cats that need re-homing. Or call Gillian on 680 397. Kitten lovers can visit me at any time, if you are interested in helping please let me or Gillian know. Thanks Janice Issitt (3 The Green).

The correct answer is: **Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door.** This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way. *see page 9*



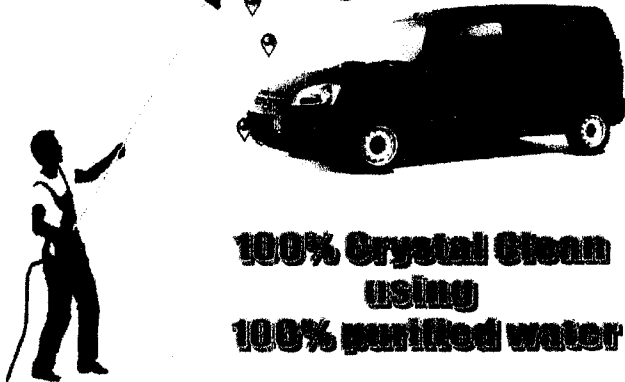
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Countryside Matters

Yet again Bucks County Show has delivered a wonderful array of stalls and something for everyone. The cattle lines are as good as I have ever seen and the sheep outstanding. It amazed me to see the care and preparation of the herd's men, using shampoo and their brushes on their cattle. The massive bulls tethered to a scaffold pole with a rope halter and the general public just feet away. How wonderful it is to get hands on with some of the best cattle in the country. A great big thanks must go to the two gents who worked all the year to produce the one day show and of course a small array of wonderful volunteers, who give up days of their spare time to give us all a great day. Car parking, judging, stewarding and a mountain of other tasks. We should all be very grateful to have our own County Show that helps us all keep in touch with the grass roots of farming, bearing in mind the Royal show has now finished. We must all keep supporting this wonderful local event.

As I am writing this article my lovely black cocker bitch is whelping with her first litter of pups. My wife sat beside her all last night to no avail as she panted and scratched and dug about all night. I have just seen the 5th pup arrive but the scan showed 6, so we shall just have to be patient.

What a terrible season for wasps, we have found and destroyed 14 nests in the yard, garden and surrounding hedgerows. I have never known it worse. The way to find the nests is to wait for a breathless evening, sprinkle as many as you can with white incandescent powder or ant powder and try and see which way they fly and then follow them to their nest site. Then dose their nests which are normally in the ground, using old rat and rabbit holes. Sounds easy, certainly not. Another way is to catch a few wasps, put them in the freezer until they are dopey and then tie some white cotton thread around them and let them thaw out and follow them that way. I have never had much success with that technique!

Ellie has just delivered her 7th pup, four black and three brown so that proves the scan to be mistaken one must have been hiding. At last now back to a normal nights sleep.

James Henderson

If you are intending to use the A41 between Aylesbury and the new Parkway Station be aware that there will be traffic restrictions until 2nd October. This all to do with laying electricity cables to the Parkway Station. If you use the household waste facility at Rabans Lane you might like to know that cable laying on Rabans Lane started on 5th September and will finish in late November.

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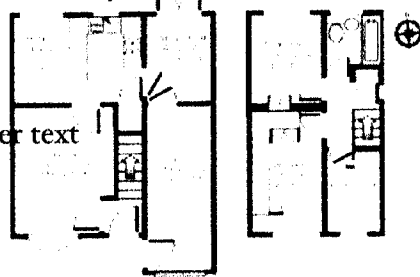
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LADIES!!! Remember... a layer of dust protects the wood beneath it.

'A house becomes a home' when you can write 'I love you' on the furniture.'

I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect- 'in case someone came over' Finally I realised one day that no-one came over; they were all out living life and having fun!

NOW, when people visit, I don't have to explain the 'condition' of my home
They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun.

If you haven't figured this out yet, Please heed this advice.

Life is short. Enjoy it!

Dust if you must

but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake cookies or a cake and lick the spoon or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time

with wine to drink, rivers to swim and mountains to climb, **music to hear and books to read,**
friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must,

but the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain.

This day will not come around, again. Dust if you must , but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind.

And when you go - and go you must –

you, yourself will make more dust!

**If you haven't seen the video yet then
don't miss the one posted on YouTube.**

Just google

Aston Abbotts Fete

**and you'll see a lovely record of all the effort
that went into a perfect day.**

Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?
Wrong Answer. *see page 13*

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre news and events update

There has been a real 40's theme to proceedings here at the Centre over the last month. It all started with the 1940's weekend on the Sat 15th and Sun 16th August. There was a rich and varied line up of events ensuring a great day out for both families and enthusiasts. The weekend was in partnership with the South East Midlands Area MVT and featured a display of over 40 military vehicles. Other attractions included re-enactment groups, firing demonstrations, spies and spivs and 40's fashion shows. The event went down a storm may well become a regular event.

The Centre hosted its 40th birthday celebrations on 29th, 30th and 29th August with five locomotives in steam, re-enactments of the first public train rides from 1969 with Beattie 30585 hauling a mixed train of vintage and a Rover Car Rally and a special 1960's themed Veteran and Vintage Car Rally.

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**

Grand Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally – 26th and 27th September

A two day event celebrating all that is steam. Some of the vehicles on display include Traction Engines, Fire Engines, Vintage Vehicles, Classic Cars, Bikes & Commercials, Tractors and Stationary Engines. There will also be steam engine rides, children's fairground, miniature railway, craft and trade stands. A will be a bar serving drinks and the Café will be serving food all day.

Open 10.30am - 5.30pm. Adults £9.00, Seniors £8.00, Children (5-15) £5.00 and Family £24.00 (2 adults & up to 4 children). Under 5's go free

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Thomas and friends will be celebrating along with Santa and his helpers on these very special festive days.

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Avis rental cars – a cautionary tale

If you ever book a rental car from Avis, BEWARE....

I recently booked a car online with Avis for a 4-day rental. The car was to be picked up at Geneva airport (French side) and delivered back 4 days later. I paid via Mastercard on the day I booked it. The cost was £130.

While booking, I was asked to put a time of day for the pick-up and drop-off. Based on the plane arrival and departure times I opted for 11 am pick up and 10 am drop-off.

Our plane landed at Geneva airport on time but we had a long wait at Immigration. Those of you who know it will be aware that the airport is annoyingly split into French and Swiss sides, with no clear indication of which is which. On exiting customs, we found that the car rental desks had been moved in an airport refurbishment but we finally managed to find the Avis desk and queued up to collect our keys. The Avis desk clerk had no record of our booking and it turned out that we were on the Swiss side and never do they speak to their French counterparts. Having exited the Swiss side and entered through French immigration, we now queued up at the French Avis desk and claimed our car keys. By this time, it was (I now know) 11.42 am. All well and good, you may think...

As the drive from Geneva to our weekend destination was a long one, we decided that at the end of our stay we would return to Geneva a day early and spend the night in an airport hotel to make sure we caught our morning flight home. So we dropped the car off the evening before our flight, in effect a day early. Still all well and good..

Imagine our fury when, a week later, we received an invoice from Avis for a total of £394! Shurely shome mishtake, we thought. The subsequent phone conversation with the Avis Customer Service desk beggared belief. Apparently, by picking up the car 42 minutes 'late', we had 'defaulted on our agreement'. The fact that we delivered it back a day early further compounded our crime! What's more, our bank had already remitted the full £394 to Visa.

So no joy from Avis and apparently not from NatWest Mastercard either until Jeremy threatened to reveal all to the tabloids. The bank are now 'looking into it on our behalf'.

These wretched rental companies must rely on consumers' inertia, concluding that 'well, even if we have to repay the money in 50% of cases, we're still quids in....'. We await the outcome.

You have been warned.

Sue Bale

Home Improvement Loans for the over 60s: Residents aged 60 or over will soon be able to apply to Aylesbury Vale District Council for home improvement loans that will help them stay warm, secure and comfortable in their houses. The loans will be provided for work such as **essential** maintenance, central heating installation or improvement of existing system, replacement doors and windows, structural repairs, rewiring, new kitchens and bathrooms. The money is coming from the South East Regional Housing Board and borrowers can choose whether to make regular monthly repayments, occasional payments or make no payments at all until they leave the property or it is sold. A leaflet providing details of the scheme will be available from the council's offices, as well as local libraries.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.
see page 15



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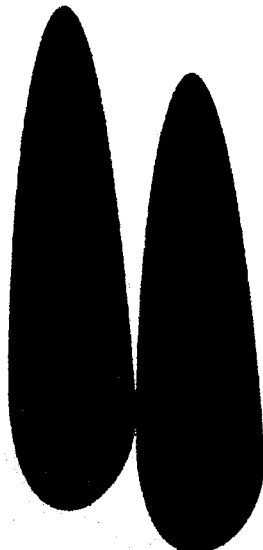
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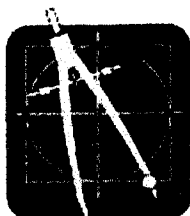
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Allotments have been in the news since I last wrote my allotment diary, for all the wrong reasons. Down in Torquay, it seems that on one group of allotments, one of the members has had his prize dahlias sprayed with weed-killer; another has had his biggest pumpkin gouged with a pair of secateurs; while a third has had his prize-winning cabbages speared with a stake.

This may have caused you to cast a wary eye over the people who have allotments in this village, and wonder what we are getting up to. Are there gangs and cabals within the membership? Is Vic perhaps a Mr. Big, whose power spreads throughout the allotments, and has a band of enforcers to keep us in order? Do we walk in fear of the Church Cottage Gang or The Green Mafia? Do we have to surround our patches with barbed wire and security lights?

Well, I'm happy to say that the reality is the total opposite. I cannot imagine a group of people less likely to indulge in the sort of shenanigans that the folk in Torquay have been getting up to. Within a week of my starting work on my allotment, I remember Simon coming over and lending me a new tool he had just bought for planting potatoes. A year or so later, Alan, having discovered that I had planted my leeks too late to germinate, gave me a small flowerpot of his seedling leeks, which he said were surplus to his needs. Another occasion, I recall Vic letting me have a number of small cabbage plants to replace mine, which, being a beginner, I had forgotten to net, and so lost my entire crop to pigeons. And, while I was away on holiday this year, at a time when my leeks had just been planted, and my courgettes were looking sickly because of a hot, dry spell in May (Yes, really!), Mike watered these for me, and saved both crops. I could go on, but you will get the picture: far from sabotaging each other's crops, allotment-holders in Aston Abbots go out of their way to help each other.

Since I last wrote, I have harvested most of my crops, and the outstanding performance has been one of my maincrop potatoes – both in terms of the yield, and the size of the individual potatoes. I weighed some of the biggest. The champion weighed 11lb. 12oz. (or 800g in new money), and there were four others that weighed more than 11lb. 8oz. (700g). There were a dozen or more that I did not weigh, but must have been more than 11lb (450g). You may remember that because of my failing to use an indelible pen on my markers stakes, my potatoes this year were largely anonymous, but clearly I needed to discover what this paragon was, and I have worked out that the species which has performed so well is Cara. I have not yet found out how good it is for cooking or eating, and will report on this next month. If it does well, however, I would commend it to you.

I am also happy to tell you that although cabbage white butterflies quickly found that they could get through my netting to lay eggs on my brassicas, the net did provide some deterrent, and the number of caterpillars has been greatly reduced, so that I have been picking off caterpillars in single figures, rather than in tens. I have also noticed that this year I have only had to remove cabbage white caterpillars (black white & yellow), and not the pale greenish-blue jobs which are so difficult to see against the underside of a cabbage leaf. Clearly some butterfly or moth was unable, or disinclined, to penetrate the netting.

I have just read in today's Times that vegetable growing is becoming the latest fad in Japan, and it is possible to take a course (at around £1,000) in vegetable appreciation, run by the Japan Vegetable & Fruit Meister Association. The course includes one module on the logistics of fruit & vegetable production, and another on "Vegefru Communication"(!) The obsession with eating, growing and appreciating fruit & vegetables has spiralled to such an extent that about three new books on the subject come out in Japan every week. One title, has eclipsed them all "Watashi no hozonshoku" – the definitive work on home pickling. Last month it sold more copies in Japan than "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows"!

Peter Shorrock

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend? *see page 17*

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Dear Villagers

We have had a very successful start to the new school year. All the classes have settled quickly with their new teachers and are eager and ready to learn. This is especially true of our new reception class who all seem to have coped with the new adventure of starting school so easily and calmly.

We have received our recent Ofsted report which has now been circulated to parents. (You can view and download this report on our website) The report confirms that all the areas of weakness identified at the inspection in 2008 have improved significantly and the school is now deemed to be at least 'satisfactory' in all areas, with judgements of 'good' in some important areas and perhaps most importantly in the personal development and well being of our pupils.

We are now in the process of writing the school development plan setting out our vision and aims for the school over the next three years. This plan brings together the results of consultation with parents, staff governors and, of course, most importantly our pupils. This is a very exciting period for the school as we move forwards and continue to build on the substantial progress we have made already. Wingrave School has a really bright future.

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Correct Answer: **The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. Didn't you just put him in there?** This tests your memory. Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities. *see page 19*

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council
Parish Meeting
Wednesday 16th September 2009

Present: - Cllrs. C Higgs, D Dicken, Mrs K Curry, Mrs J Hardcastle, P Shorrocks, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk).
County Councillor Ms N Glover and District Councillor P Cooper were in attendance.

The Clerk handed over documents to Councillors Higgs and Clarke for the Local Area Forum that was being held on the 1st October in Wing Village Hall. Councillor Hardcastle would notify the organisers of the passing of her vote to Councillor Higgs.

Streetlights at Wingrave Crossroads - Councillor Shorrocks advised that on behalf of Council he had written to the Leader of Bucks CC and our local MP in relation to the switch off of the streetlights, and it was noted that Wingrave PC had also written. We had received a reply from Mr J Bercow, who was taking the matter up with Bucks CC and he was awaiting their response. The Clerk confirmed he had written to other PC's regarding the matter with little positive response. Councillor Curry then reported that she had met with our Contractor and members of Wingrave PC to proceed with ordering the installation of the lights. However we were unable to use the existing wiring as this belonged to Bucks CC and having located the EDF point where we could connect to, the cost would now be £2,400 for 2 lights by the bus stops. At the moment the Contractor was still trying to locate the EDF point for the Wingrave roadside. After discussion it was RESOLVED that we proceed with the installation, the Clerk will write to Bucks CC giving them 7 days notice of our intentions and update the local media on the situation.

Planning - Councillor Dicken reported on the recent AVDC Development Control Committee meeting at which the planning application for a mobile home at Norduck Farm was discussed. The application was approved with a condition that it was not to be installed until the 1st Chicken shed is constructed and operational.

09/01511/APP 71 The Green, Single storey front and rear extension.

RESOLVED to have no objections to the application

09/01573/APP 6 Nashs Farm, Single storey rear conservatory and alterations to main roof.

RESOLVED to have no objections to the application

Village Plan - Cllr Shorrocks reported that following our letter a meeting had been arranged by Mr Ellwood, unfortunately due to family matters this had to be cancelled and was yet to be re arranged. Councillor Dicken agreed to discuss the matter with Mr Ellwood in order to reach a position where the Plan can be progressed and concluded.

Overgrown trees obscuring streetlights – Councillor Higgs raised concerns over the tree opposite the Bull & Butcher development affecting the streetlight. Councillor Clarke agreed to speak with the Contractor who carried out the works last time and it was RESOLVED that providing the cost was similar to last occasion the works would be completed.

Flu Pandemic planning – The circular received from AVDC regarding Response Planning was discussed and would be forwarded to the Editor of the Chronicle for inclusion in the next publication.

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4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it? *see page 21*

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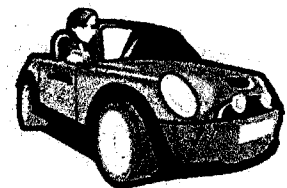
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Footpath to Wingrave Crossroads – The Clerk reported that the meeting to complete the necessary documentation for an application to potential Grant providers had stalled as we were awaiting further details in order to complete the relevant paperwork. The matter would be discussed at the next Local Area Forum meeting and the Clerk would write to confirm we wished the item to be on the Agenda. He would also confirm the Parish was prepared to contribute up to £3,000 to the project if we were successful in obtaining appropriate funding.

County & District matters - County Councillor Glover gave an overview of items that she felt were of interest to Parishioners, this included:

The Fire Brigade were offering a free house fire safety check scheme that included fitting of appropriate alarms as necessary, details in local libraries.

The other information would be passed to the editor of the Chronicle for inclusion of relevant articles in the next publication.

District Councillor Cooper reported that the incidence of sheep being attacked by dogs was a continuing problem to be aware of.

He also reported that following the speed limit review the 30mph limit extensions proposed for our area had been approved. These included the extension down Moat Lane, also to the corner of Cublington Road exiting the village and to the last house on Wingrave Road towards the crossroads. It was anticipated these would be implemented within 9 months.

Finally he asked that we remind all residents to respond to the recent Electoral role registration document as soon as possible.

Recreation Ground - The monthly inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report.

The annual inspection report was handed to Councillor Clarke and he would report back to the next meeting on any actions required.

Councillor Clarke reported he was continuing to have difficulty obtaining quotations for the fencing work, and subsequently the state of the fence had deteriorated. He would endeavour to conclude the matter in time for the next

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th October 2009 at 20.00 in the Church Rooms.

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our meeting on 9th September we discussed Sue Bale's selection 'Deaf Sentence' by David Lodge. Generally we liked the book that deals with deafness and the problems of aging parents amongst other subjects. Some found the first part of the book difficult to get into but found it eventually got into its stride to become a page turner.

The next book to read chosen by Jo Perkins, is 'The scent of dried roses' by Tim Lott. Meet at Jo's house 8pm 21st October. *Ed*

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

You will be very welcome.

There's room for a few more men Ed

Correct Answer: **You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting.** This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes. *How did you do? I failed miserably Ed*



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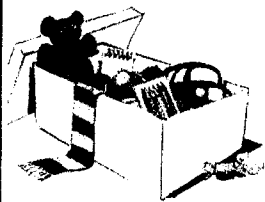
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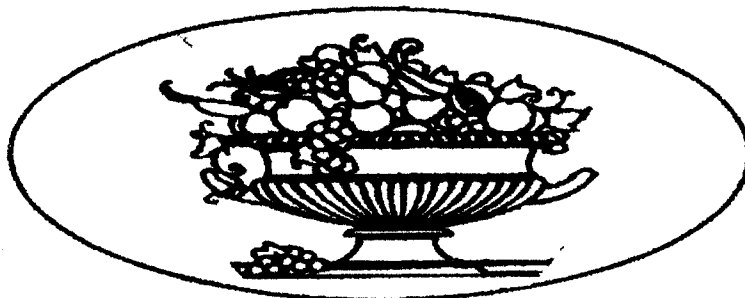
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(thank you all for all your efforts every month - Ed)



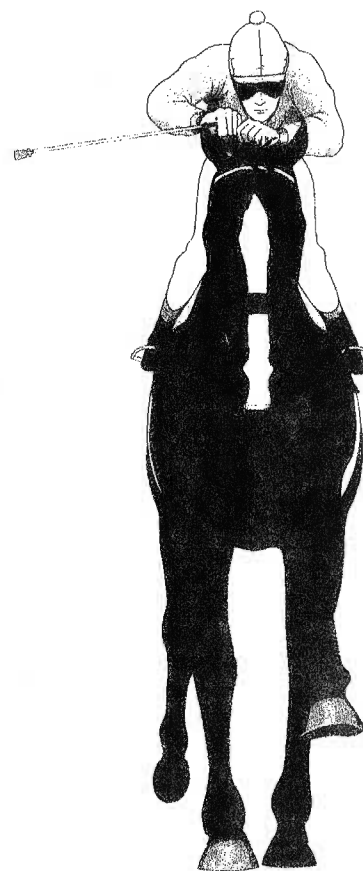
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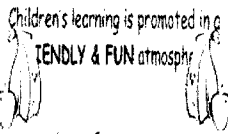
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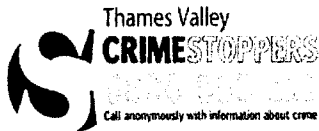


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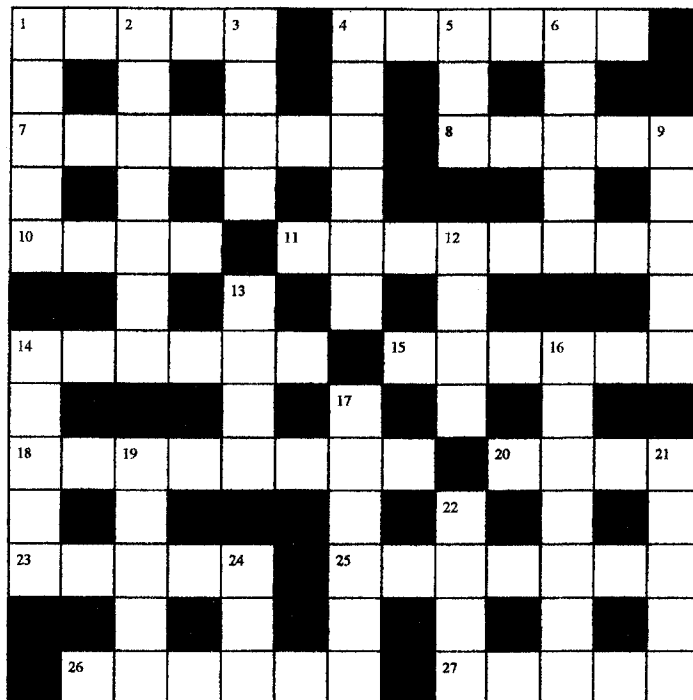
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The Chronicle Crossword

OCTOBER 2009



ACROSS

- 1 Short 4 Moving 7 Abandon
- 8 Nancy 10 Emit
- 11 Gargoyle 14 Nearby
- 15 Horrid 18 Despatch
- 20 Bike 23 Yucca 25 Rubbish
- 26 Doodle 27 Eiger

DOWN

- 1 Shave 2 Ocarina 3 Tidy
- 4 Monday 5 Van 6 Nanny
- 9 Yield 12 Grow 13 ABBA
- 14 Noddy 16 Railing
- 17 Scarce 19 Secco 21 Ether
- 22 Oboe 24 Add

ACROSS

- 1 Large amounts (5)
- 4 Washed (6)
- 7 Mobile home (7)
- 8 Commemorative flower (5)
- 10 Finished (4)
- 11 Running together (8)
- 14 Used to pay a bill (6)
- 15 Seats in a theatre (6)
- 18 Casino game (8)
- 20 Title of Russian emperor (4)
- 23 Not old (5)
- 25 large mass of ice (7)
- 26 Time pass by (6)
- 27 Try food (5)

DOWN

- 1 Easily understandable (5)
- 2 Put in order (7)
- 3 Collect (4)
- 4 Dwarf tree (6)
- 5 Push over (3)
- 6 Eliminate (5)
- 9 Shouts out (5)
- 12 Not in favour (4)
- 13 Heal (4)
- 14 Transport something (5)
- 16 Gets smaller (7)
- 17 Exert much effort (6)
- 19 Regular procedure (5)
- 21 Villain (5)
- 22 Something owed (4)
- 24 Narrow opening (3)

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3rd Sunday Said Communion 8am

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Please come along.

4th Evensong 6pm

11th Harvest Festival 5pm

18th Morning Prayer 10am

27th Holy Communion 10am Rev David Bronnett

	Sidesmen	Cleaners	Flowers	Mowers
6th	Andrew	Anita/April	Ann G	3rd Peter Curry
11th	Church Wardens	Ann/Gordon	Harvest	10th Nigel
18th	April	Shirley/Andrew		17th Tara
25th	Gordon	Colin/Caroline L	Donated	24th Geoff Ryan
1st Nov	Caroline L	Anita/April	TBA	31st Geoff Curnow

A **harvest festival** is an annual celebration which occurs around the time of the main harvest of a given region. Given the differences in climate and crops around the world, harvest festivals can be found at various times throughout the world. Harvests festivals typically feature feasting, both family and public, with foods that are drawn from crops that come to maturity around the time of the festival. Ample food and freedom from the necessity to work in the fields are two central features of harvest festivals: eating, merriment, contests, music and romance are common features of harvest festivals around the world. In Asia, the Chinese Moon Festival (中秋節) is one of the most widely-spread harvest festivals in the world. In India, Pongal in January, Holi in February-March and Onam in August-September are a few famous harvest festivals. In North America, Canada and the US each have their own Thanksgiving celebrations in October-November. Numerous religious holidays, such as Sukkot, have their roots in harvest festivals.

In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. The celebrations on this day usually include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food in the festival known as **Harvest Festival**, Harvest Home or Harvest Thanksgiving.

In British churches, chapels and schools and in Canadian churches, people bring in food from the garden, the allotment or farm. The food is often distributed among the poor and senior citizens of the local community, or used to raise funds for the church, or charity.

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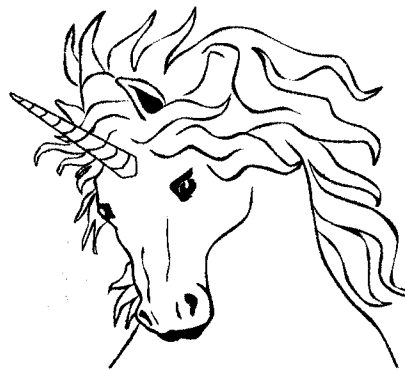
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Christmas menus now available.

Grand opening of new restaurant and kitchen -
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Events for October

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Events for November

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What's On In October

Thursday 1st	Coffee Shop Ladies Club	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm
Sunday 4th	Rambling Club Evensong	Mentmore 2pm St James Church 6pm
Wednesday 7th	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting Bus/Train queries to Colin Higgs	County Hall
Thursday 8th	Coffee Shop Bingo	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 11th	Harvest Festival followed by Supper and Auction of Produce	St James Church 5pm
Tuesday 13h	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Thursday 15th	Coffee Shop Ladies Club	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 2.15pm
Sunday 18th	Morning Prayer	St James Church 10am
Tuesday 20th	Rambling Club	13 Moorlands Wing 8pm
Thursday 22nd	Coffee Shop Whist Drive	Church Room 10-12noon Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 24th	Clocks Go Back 1 hour	
Sunday 25th	Holy Communion Rev David Bronnett	St James Church 10am
Tuesday 27th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.45am
Wednesday 28th	Parish Council	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 29th	Coffee Shop Ladies Club	Church Room 10-12noon
Saturday 31st	Poppy Bingo	Church Room 7.30
Sunday 1st Nov	Rambling Club Evensong	Lomond Dr. Linslade 2pm St James Church 6pm

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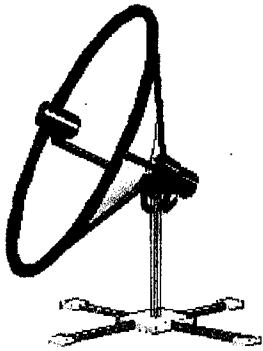
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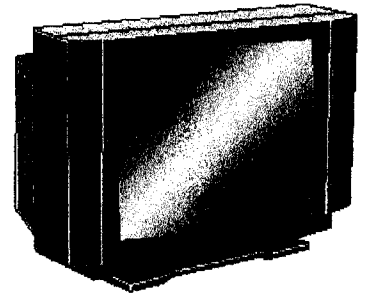
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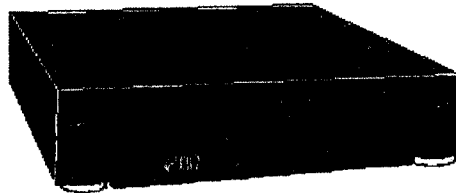


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