



ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE

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Hello to all the readers from Janice and Ian of 3 The Green. If you haven't met us before, we moved here about 18 months ago from London, so we feel a bit new to be taking on such a prestigious role in the village, however, we have been made to feel so welcome here since we arrived we certainly do feel part of this wonderful community.

A conversation we had at the brilliant St. Georges night dinner, led us to realise that maybe we should give you all a brief idea of who we are and what we have been up to for the last 50 years. Don't worry, we won't always be boring you with our life stories, its just to fill you in on who is at the helm of The Chronicle for the next few months, (and maybe longer if feedback is good).

Janice grew up in Hertfordshire and moved to London when she started her first job as a secretary, having trained in shorthand and typing (on a manual typewriter) as a legal secretary. Her typing may be fast but her computer knowledge is, well, lets say....she bumbles along. After working as a secretary on a magazine, Janice moved on to be a columnist and photographer, this was in the late 1970's when newspapers and magazines went to the 'typesetters'. Publishing then took Janice into PR and finally to Head of International Promotions and Marketing at various record companies, working all over the world with artists like Elton John. It was probably around this time that Janice met Ian, who was a drummer in a few different bands, they didn't meet again until 25 years later. That's another story.

Janice left the music business after 16 exhausting years, having not seen much of home during that time. She turned her then hobbies into a small business, which continued for over ten years, selling her hand-made craft primarily at Camdens prestigious craft market as well as Country Living and 'Best of British Crafts' shows.

Ian, he's the really tall one with long curly hair, was born in Kilnhurst in a mining community and grew up in that area playing percussion/drums in local operas and with the Halle Orchestra. Ian's band won a competition to bring them to London and sign a publishing deal, he ended up staying down here and forged a career as both a drummer and songwriter. As previously mentioned, Ian has performed with many noted rock groups and has been signed to many major record labels.

Most recently Ian had been composing music for TV and songwriting for various artists. His career took a sudden halt when he was hit by a car on a pelican crossing leaving him in doubt as to whether he would ever walk again but, after a year in a wheel chair, Ian managed to gain enough mobility to take up the drums again. During his period of confinement he became a master of computers, layout and artwork, so that will be his area of expertise.

We came to Aston Abbotts for a bit of 're-invention' and a new start. Janice has been very happy taking photographs for The Chronicle and turning the cover into colour, it has been a great way to catalogue our new life here and we hope to be using all the photos towards some village fund raising items such as cards and calendars. If anyone can suggest good cheap printers for such items, please let us know.

We have loved The Chronicle since the day we arrived and found it an invaluable aid to getting stuck into village life. But, like any good rag, The Chronicle needs its contributors so it is vital that all of you send us your articles and suggestions.

Our heartfelt thanks go to John Hardcastle who has done such a great job over his reign, happy 'retirement' John. You are a hard act to follow. Hope the golf swing is not too rusty.

This month's front cover features the balloon flight we won as first prize in the Fete raffle last year so we thought it would be ok to share that with you. Thanks go to Champagne Flights for a wonderful time, they have been bamboozled into sponsoring the cover. We have re-vamped a few of the ads this month and if you are an advertiser please feel free to tell us if you would like yours tweaking or updating. We dropped by Trendz and were very impressed with their new extended salon, check it out, its lovely.

So to conclude, apologies in advance for any major boo boo's, typos, grammatical errors and the like, E&OA, I do believe was the old get-out clause. But before we sign off, please please sponsor Ian's Abseil for Cats Protection, let's hope there's no more broken bones! You can sponsor him on line by visiting the website JUST GIVING and search for IAN ROBERTS , otherwise look out for him with a collecting tin.

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Alison's Gossip Column

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THE RECIPE GIRLS ... and boys with a topical South African theme, our recipe this month is from Anita Parker. Next month is Margaret Hines mouthwatering and healthy cake recipe. The ladies of the village think you chaps should give us some alternative ideas for meals like - 'quick and easy meals for one', 'cooking on a moving boat', 'perfect snacks to take round the golf course' you get the idea...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sally Clarke	5 th
James Perkins	9 th
Bernard Osborn	18 th
Dave Wheaton	21 st
Paul Drysdale	21 st
Sharon Wilkinson	26 th
Kim Picking	27 th
Kirsty Lewis	28 th
Rena Coleman *90th*	30 th

Rumour has it that Phil Harvey of 'Harveys Cafe' is a songwriter and guitarist, he will be supporting John Otway at this years **DOCFEST** on June 19th. Doherty House, **Mursley**, Milton Keynes, Milton Keynes, MK17 0RS
Special guest is Ian Roberts on drums.

WE'VE BEEN GOOGLED.....

The worldwide internet search engine Google has finally made it out to Aston Abbotts with its famous street-view camera. The camera is mounted on top of a moving vehicle and records a 360 degree panoramic view of the street the vehicle is driving down. Anyone, anywhere can view this footage on a computer, faces and number plates are blurred. Using this rather controversial technology now enables any would- be burglar to sit and roam around our village from the comfort of his own office. Joke ?

BIG BROTHER



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As far as I can tell this was filmed last year around Spring time, probably early one Thursday morning judging by the bins. I spotted one resident in his front garden - Geoff Curnow you are on candid camera ! (and I think Colin on the church path). Spookily, because London had this done a year or so before, my car is parked at two different addresses there as well. How to be in three places at once eh !

due to early deadlines Alisons column has been written by Janice with the invaluable aid of her fellow GNOMES, many thanks to all the contributors this issue particularly Sally Palmer and Jo Perkins.

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You Are Old, Father William by Lewis Carroll

"You are old, Father William," the young man said,
 "And your hair has become very white;
 And yet you incessantly stand on your head--
 Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

"In my youth," Father William replied to his son,
 "I feared it might injure the brain;
 But now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,
 Why, I do it again and again."

"You are old," said the youth, "as I mentioned before,
 And you have grown must uncommonly fat;
 Yet you turned back a somersault in at the door--
 Pray, what is the reason of that?"

"In my youth," said the sage, as he shook his gray locks,
 "I kept all my limbs very supple
 By the use of this ointment--one shilling a box--
 Allow me to sell you a couple."

"You are old," said the youth, "and your jaws are too weak
 For anything tougher than suet;
 Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the beak--
 Pray, how did you manage to do it?"

"In my youth," said his father, "I took to the law,
 And argued each case with my wife;
 And the muscular strength, which it gave to my jaw,
 Has lasted the rest of my life."

"You are old," said the youth, "one would hardly suppose
 That your eyes was as steady as ever;
 Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose--
 What made you so awfully clever?"

"I have answered three questions, and that is enough,"
 Said his father; "don't give yourself airs!
 Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?
 Be off, or I'll kick you downstairs!"

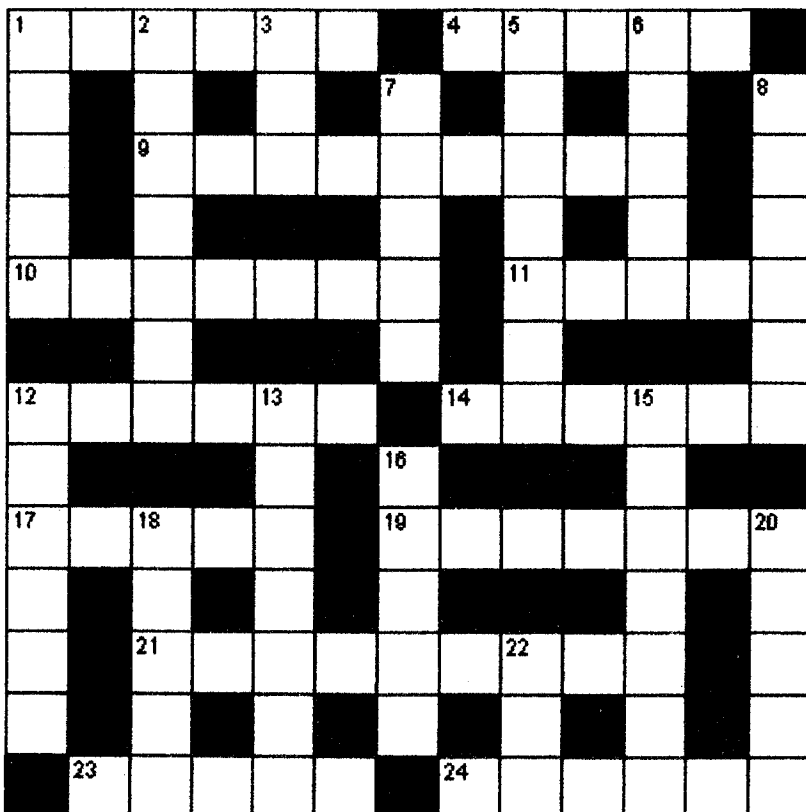
Across

1. Bank employee, who can say (6)
4. Balance found in muesli bran (5)
9. Crumbling old places fell down (9)
10. Not as old as that confused Reno guy (7)
11. Plenty of land in tarmac resort (5)
12. Opposed to poetry (6)
14. Purloins duck between beginning and end of shifts (6)
17. Last letter in some game (5)
19. Tolerates some token duress (7)
21. Alter code when moved (9)
23. One of the Earps, sounds interrogative at first (5)
24. Shuffle a paper then come into view (6)

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1. Sum up tall youth, essentially (5)
2. Let cure become a lesson (7)
3. Find a fish in a wee lake (3)
5. Begins tantrum in a moment (7)
6. Palindrome instrument (5)
7. Found in large scale drama crowd (5)
8. Hesitates to use spa turbulence (6)
12. Committee on a ship (6)
13. Evidence of injury, allow for redness (7)
15. Shorten a river crossing (7)
16. Serenity, sounds like part of something greater (5)
18. Nobleman with ponytail is before his time (5)
20. Grasp earnest weapon, essentially (5)
22. High point found in octopus (3)

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ST. GEORGES NIGHT DINNER

Clearly the reputation of the Harvest Suppers being superlative caused a rush for the ticket purchases of the Saint Georges Night Dinner, it sold out in no time and the evening saw us squeezed to capacity for what was an amazing spread.

It really is no exaggeration to say that the quality of the meal provided was by far and above reflective of the conditions under which it had to be prepared. The food really was of top quality and cooked to perfection, I can honestly say it knocked spots off any meals I've had at any local eateries for some time. When April told me how they had planned each and every component and cobbled together all manner of warming trays and barbeques to make sure the food was hot and perfect, it was truly a military operation. I think April, Fran, Rita, Caroline, Margaret, Anne and Judy should be running the country with their organisational skills, vote GNOMES (but them I'm biased).

The Church Room looked every bit the part with its red and white decorations, pretty little ribbon-trimmed menus, roses and napkins. We hardly recognized the place. Sadly the photos taken wouldn't do it justice in black and white.

The mouthwatering menu started with root vegetable soup, followed by (naturally) roast beef with all the trimmings and ended with a calorie busting Trifle. Cheeses were for those with an elastic waistband. All washed down with lashings of ginger beer.....Cheers!

During the evening our MC, Andy, kept us entertained with thoughts and quotes about England and Marcus rallied those present to dig deep with extra contributions towards the evenings repast. The grand total of £943 was raised towards the essential repairs to the Church.

It was lovely to see that everyone made an effort, anyone driving through the village around 7.30pm and catching a glimpse of the guests arriving must have thought what a dapper lot we are, the gents all in dj and dicky bows. Well done again everyone who worked so hard, it really doesn't go un-noticed.
Ed.

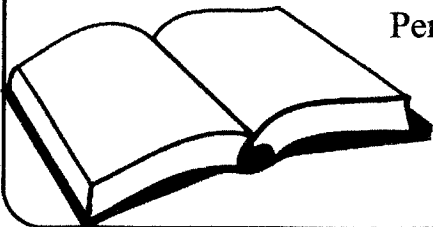


ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our meeting on 19th May we discussed John Hardcastle's selection 'Moon Tiger' by Penelope Lively. This is a slim but densely worded novel with a scattered staccato style being the reminiscences of a dying woman. It won the Booker Prize in 1987. It touches on her relationship with her brother and her time as a war reporter during the Desert Campaign during WW2. None of us expressed any liking for the book probably because the dying woman, Claudia, was so self centered and dysfunctional.

The next book to read, chosen by Alan Jones, is 'Moon Tiger' by Penelope Lively. Meet at Alan's house 8pm 7th July.

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



St George's Thanks

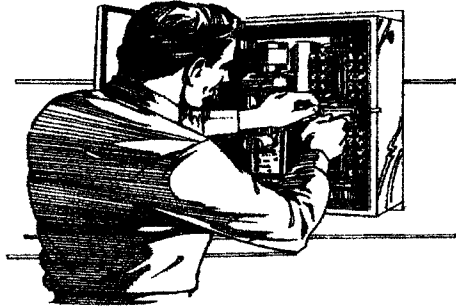
Dear Ed

Just a quick note to thank all the people who made the St George's Day dinner such a success. David Cameron has been promoting the idea of the Big Society in which volunteers provide the services they want. Well here in Aston Abbotts we already have a Big Society. It is the hard work and enthusiasm of a few individuals that keeps our village community alive so well done to you all.

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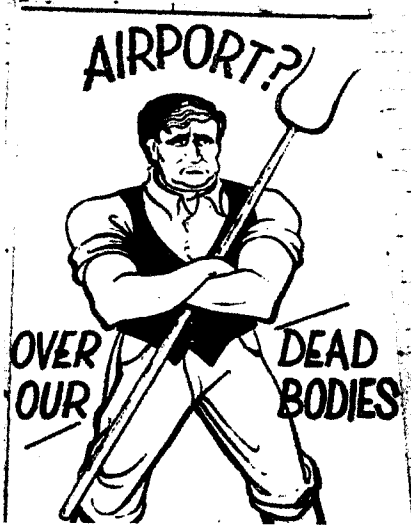
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Local film **OVER OUR DEAD BODIES** which tells the story of the Third London Airport Campaign 1969-1971 has taken the award for the best use of archive footage in the Home Video/DVD category 2010. The award was given at a ceremony in London by the film trade body FOCAL. This event was attended by such glitterati as Martin Scorsese and Melvyn Bragg and saw our local film win over eight other nominees, including two American productions.



“Over Our Dead Bodies” is a 55 minute long feature, and interestingly one of the amateur camera-men from 40 years ago was Bernard Osborn. It documents the fight against the third airport in which many of you were involved and remember. If you want to buy a copy of the dvd its for sale at Harveys of Stewkley, Buzzard Books, and Bucks Museum. Stewkley Films have a website and the dvd can also be ordered through that medium, go to <http://www.stewkleyfilms.org> . I met with its creator John Flewin and he has agreed to giving Aston Abbotts a talk and clips event. Let me know if you are interested.

The film has had several sold out showings at village halls including naturally, Stewkley. John Flewin is the editor of the parish magazine - The Grapevine which has just turned completely to colour this month.
Ed.

BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS

12th June - 27th June

2010 is the 25th Anniversary Year of the Bucks Open Studios event. Since its inception in 1985 it has been growing steadily and 2009 saw the largest year ever, with 160 venues all over the County opening their doors to visitors and more than 300 artists and makers taking part.

There is a huge variety of work to be seen, from weaving to willow sculpture to artist blacksmiths and furniture makers with a rare chance to see behind the scenes at their studios. There is a website for more information www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk and colour brochures will available from mid-May . This is the largest visual arts event in the country incorporating over 400 artists and makers.

The UK's first ever Vintage Computer Festival to be held over two days. Enthusiasts and collectors from across Europe are expected to enjoy the many exhibitions, demonstrations, flea market and auction and a number of special talks and presentations. The location is Blechley Park, The Mansion, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB on 19th to 20th June 10.30 - 5.00pm

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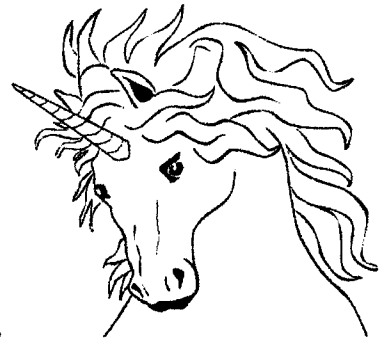
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Aston Abbotts Summer Ball

Saturday 24th July 2010

OMG! We are very close to selling out with only a smattering of tickets left (and those are on Franks table so we know why that is!). Yes we are moving on very nicely!

On that point about tickets I would be very grateful if you could pass the ticket money to either my financial director April Curnow (X) or Myself (81 The Green) by Friday 4th June. Thank you to those that have already paid.

So onto some more details about the evening.

I am very keen for the Summer Ball to be a celebration following the fete. The village fete is one of our greatest British traditions and I think the work which goes into ours is marvellous and should be celebrated. However we must not forget that the village fete is a big source of income for village activities including this great publication. So although the Ball's main aim is to provide a great night out we will be doing our bit to raise some money for our village.

So we have decided there will be a Promise Auction on the evening. I understand that this has been a great fundraiser in the past and I'm sure this will add to the enjoyment of the evening. April has kindly agreed to organise the auction and would welcome any commitment of a promise for the auction. A promise can be as small or large as you like for instance you could donate a days work (Frank?) or offer to taxi someone to the airport (Frank?) or offer to pay for a round of drinks at the Oak (Frank?). You get the idea!

Finally for those that have received your tickets they were kindly designed by Andy Plested and printed by Peter Lucas. Andy, after what I suspect was a session up the Oak, decided to put on the tickets "dresses below the knee". I can ensure you that I will not be at the entrance to the marquee with a measuring stick stopping women or men entering with dresses which are higher than the knee. I believe the men of the village will support me in that decision!!

That's it, I'm starting to feel like this evening is going to be special and I look forward to enjoying it with you. James

Letter to the Editor

May I add a personal note of thanks and congratulations to the outgoing editor John Hardcastle for the amazing job he has done over the last four and half years.

When increasing work commitments and decreasing time forced me to relinquish editorship I at first worried over the future of The Chronicle. I need not have been concerned! John came along and, despite at first grappling with a grumpy computer and unfamiliar software, he produced issue after entertaining issue.

I suspect that not everybody is aware of the time and commitment it takes to produce eleven Chronicle issues a year to those pesky 'not always convenient' deadlines! When a particular labour of love hits the streets without any comment or feedback you wonder if anybody reads it. Then you get someone's birthday wrong and you soon realise that it is being widely digested!!!

So many thanks John, for all of that hard work. I hope that you enjoyed doing it - we certainly enjoyed reading it. John - enjoy your hard earned rest - and Janice, good luck. John has left as a hard act to follow, but I'm sure you will also do a great job. Yours, Phil Spooner



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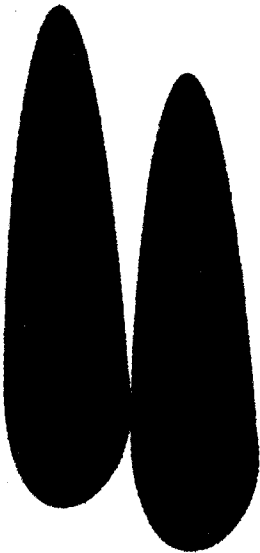
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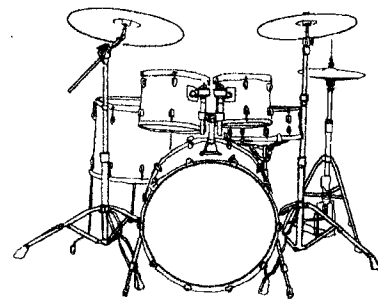
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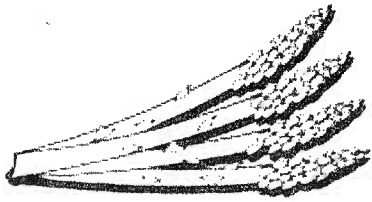
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

After the drought in April, the weather has so far in May been rather better from a gardener's point of view, with a fair amount of rain, although the temperatures have been below average. My vegetables are thriving, as are those of my neighbours (indeed, many doing somewhat better than me, having started their planting earlier). I have now finished off last year's crop of leeks, and the sprouting broccoli will soon be over. However, the first of this year's crops, the asparagus has started popping up; and very tasty it is!

The only sadness from my point of view is that I am about to run out of my stored potatoes: the cold spell in January froze a large number of them, which then turned to unpleasant-smelling mush. I think this will be the first year for a long time when I have had to start buying potatoes. However, the stored onions are still going strong.

I spent a long week-end at the beginning of May in Cornwall, and while I was there, visited the Lost Gardens of Heligan, which I would strongly recommend, especially in the spring, when the rhododendrons and camellias are in bloom. For those of you who do not know the story, and why they are called the "Lost Gardens"; they form part of the estate of a large manor house which has been owned by the Tremayne family for over 400 years. In the 18th Century, the grounds were laid out in different styles in different areas: some formal, some deliberately "natural". They were at their zenith immediately before the First World War, when 22 gardeners were employed to look after them. However all 22 men went off to the War, during which time the gardens began to decline, and only 6 returned, who were clearly not up to the task of maintaining the gardens properly. The gardens struggled on, but when the house was leased out in the 1920's, the grounds (apart from a small garden adjacent to the house) were excluded, and the gardens were forgotten. The gardens suffered decades of neglect, and were then further devastated by the 1990 hurricane. By this time, the gardens had totally reverted to their natural state, and were a mass of brambles, ivy and weeds.

Fortunately in 1991, Tim Smit (the guy who later went on to set up the Eden Project), was told the story, and explored the area where the gardens had been. Amongst other things he discovered a building in the old vegetable garden which had a poignant piece of graffiti in the wall, reading "Don't come here to sleep or slumber", the date in August 1914, and the signatures of the 22 gardeners who were then working there. Although his previous expertise had been in the field of record production, he was fired with enthusiasm to restore the gardens to their former glory. He therefore took a lease of part of the grounds, and set to work restoring the gardens, which he has now done brilliantly. Some 200 acres of the original gardens have so far been leased and restored: there are another 800 acres to go!

For me there were two parts of the garden which particularly fascinated me: the first is a valley which has a number of artificial ponds in it, fed by a ram pump, and which contains a number of exotic – and sometimes sub-tropical – trees and plants. (The valley clearly has its own micro-climate). The second was the vegetable garden. This is enormous, wedge-shaped, and enclosed by walls and hedges. What is staggering about it is the perfection of the planting. Each of the rows of vegetables is about 50 yards long; and each vegetable is perfectly in line with all the other plants, and each seems to be the same exact distance from the others – so much so, that one wonders if they used a ruler when planting out. Needless to say, there was not a weed to be seen. However, I spoke to one of the two gardeners working there the day I went (a bank holiday!), and she told me that there were 9 people who regularly worked in the vegetable garden – which explains a lot!

Another thing that impressed me was the fact that they were not only growing fan-trained peaches and similar fruit on the walls of the vegetable garden, they were also doing the same thing with fruit like gooseberries and raspberries. The piece de resistance, however, has to be Europe's only remaining pineapple pit, in which pineapples were (and I believe, still are) ripened by putting them in rotting manure, so that the heat from the manure can force the fruit to ripen even in a climate as unsuitable as ours!

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MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2010

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 12th May in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT: Peter Shorrock (Chairman of the Parish Council), Paul Bruton (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Netta Glover (County Councillor) and 34 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 Apologies – James Perkins.

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

MINUTE 3 Matters arising – none.

MINUTE 4 County Council, District Council and Police

County Councillor Netta Glover talked to the meeting about the following matters:

- **Landfill Charges:** the LGA estimates that the extra rise of £8 per tonne in Landfill tax will add £49 a year to council tax bills by 2014. This is an unexpected increase which means it is even more important that local residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible and that we procure a waste treatment facility for our residual waste. The county's preferred bidder, Covanta, has hit a snag which has meant that to avoid a legal challenge the contract discussions with both bidders have had to be re-opened.
- **Crime Prevention:** The Local Community partnerships are working hard to help people protect themselves against distraction burglaries. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to this type of crime. Here are a few tips
Use a door chain when answering the door
Check that the ID of the caller is genuine,
Ask the caller to come back with an arranged appointment.
Ask trading standards about setting up a No Doorstep Selling Zone in your road.
- **Self Directed Support:** Went live on 1st April. Individuals are allocated their own budget and advised of what is available to support their care needs. Those not already on the scheme will be gradually transferred to it at their annual review.
- **Meals on Wheels** – has changed its name to Community Meals Service has a new provider called Appetito following several tasting sessions.
- **Day Care Services:** for the elderly are going to be delivered in a different way. Many of the buildings in current use are not fit for purpose mostly because of the change in older people's needs – for one thing because people are living longer their needs are becoming more complex The idea is to develop things like :Day Services for the frail elderly who prefer to live at home but need help. This will be done at day centres.

Councillor Glover then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting.

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

- **Aylesbury Theatre** – The new Theatre building work was on schedule and was due to open on the 16th October. It is being operated by the Ambassador Theatre Group, one of the Country's leading operators in this field. It is hoped local communities will support the facility and the Programme of events will be published in the Bucks Herald.
- **HS2 High Speed Trains** - The meeting was updated on the current situation regarding the proposed High Speed rail link affecting Aylesbury Vale. County Council were considering 4 possible routes, 2 of which impact directly on Aylesbury Vale. After various considerations and representations it has been agreed that AVDC will oppose all routes through the Chilterns, at this stage it is unclear as to what stance County Council are going to take.
- **Land at Wingrave crossroads** - An overview of the current position regarding the sale of various plots of land was given, including the current legal status should there be any attempted breach of planning on the sites. It was noted that AVDC planning had applied for an Article 4 direction that would remove any permitted development rights associated with the Land and enable Planning to retain some control over possible breaches. Councillor Cooper believed there was still a considerable amount of plots un sold and that the Enforcement team were aware of residents concerns and were ready to act. Given that some of the plots had already been sold he felt the situation would be an on going concern.
- **Wind Turbines** – Details were given of the 4 wind turbine projects that were under review in Aylesbury Vale, some of which would be visible from the village. It was noted that wind testing equipment was being erected in early June within the Wingrave & Rowsham area and the results would be known by the end of the year as to whether the site was economically viable. Councillor Cooper was of the view that this type planning application was of an Industrial nature and Planning should have a proper policy and criteria against which applications are made. The matter is currently on going and he would keep the Parish informed of progress.

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

Police Community Support Officer Tina Hobson was actively involved in an operation and offered her apologies for not being able to verbally give her report. However PCSO Hobson handed over a written report that the Chair read out to the meeting the main points to note were.

- The crime statistics for the last year were 5 crimes of criminal damage, 3 thefts and 4 burglary other (non-dwellings).
- The Police continue to urge residents to inform of any suspicious activity and with any concerns they have using the 0845 8 505 505 number BUT if you feel that a crime is being committed or is about to be committed please use the 999 emergency number.

- As with many of the villages speeding is a concern in Aston Abbots. Speed checks are planned and they have asked for assistance from other departments within Thames Valley Police. It was suggested that purchasing a Speedwatch system is something the Parish might consider and following a general discussion around this problem it was agreed that the matter would be considered further at a future Parish Council meeting.

MINUTE 5 The Chairman presented to the meeting his Annual report that included an outline of planning applications considered during the year, the use of the S106 monies from the Bull & Butcher development, progress on the streetlights at Wingrave crossroads, the start of the construction of a footpath to the Wingrave crossroads, the new fencing on the recreation ground that had been supported by local donations, our new Parish Councillor James Perkins and the proposed upgrade to street lights in the village.

MINUTE 6 Village Plan.

Peter Elwood gave an overview of the current status of our Village Plan, including an outline of the original objectives and key drivers used in scoping the document.

It was reported that of 165 questionnaires sent to residents, 47 had been returned and the display on view in the Church rooms on the evening gave the findings of that survey. The results had been analysed and from that further questions arose and these too were on display, all present were asked to give their views using the stickers on hand and slips were available for further hand written comments. An overview of the findings suggested that there was a strong sense of community, the village was a safe place to live, and residents would prefer traditional development rather than cheap housing. There seemed to be split views on the usefulness of the Parish Council in that although it spoke for the village it wasn't always supported by BCC or AVDC.

The next stage was to take the results and produce the Village Plan this would then be submitted and would be used by BCC and AVDC when considering future policy.

There was some concern expressed by the floor over the usefulness of this document and whether it was just a consultation exercise. District Councillor Cooper gave assurances and examples of where communities had submitted a Plan had seen policy reflect their wishes and aims. It also is aimed at empowering local people and residents as a community.

Peter Elwood thanked everyone for their support, particularly Dickie Dicken, Sarah Allwood and the members of the Village Plan team.

MINUTE 7 Church Room

Councillor Dicken reported that exactly 10 years ago the village approached the Church with a view to taking a lease out on the Church Room and we are now hopefully going to finish that process in June or July of this year. There will be considerable expenditure required to bring the rooms up to the required standards and a Committee will need to be formed to run the Village rooms and anyone interested in being involved is asked to contact either Councillor Dicken or Councillor Shorrock.

MINUTE 8 The Chronicle

Judy Hardcastle on behalf of John thanked everyone for their contributions and support over the 4 years he had been Editor of the Chronicle. Janice Issitt had kindly taken on the role and he wished her every success in what promised to be an new era for the Chronicle. It was requested that the level of financial support be increased to £600 as costs were rising and this was approved.

MINUTE 9 Fete 2009

April Curnow reported the event had raised £3,500. The day had been a success and some new attractions had given a great deal of fun. The beneficiaries have been the Church (£1,478), Church Room Trust (£1,183), the Chronicle (£500) and the Recreation Ground Fund (£296). After 3 years April was handing over the reins and a vote of thanks was recorded to April and her band of helpers.

MINUTE 10 Fete 2010

The new joint organisers Vanessa and Tracey reported that the plans were in place for this year's event and with the addition of the Summer Ball afterwards promised to be an exciting day. Everyone had been very positive and they thanked all for their support to date. It was noted that the Fete would start at 1:00pm and finish at 4:00pm.

- After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:
 - a) Chronicle £600 (regardless of actual takings)
 - b) Church - 45% of the remainder
 - c) Church Room - fund for refurbishment 45% of the remainder
 - d) Recreation Ground 10% of the remainder

MINUTE 11 A.O.B.

- There was a strong sense of feeling amongst those present over the gritting of the roads over the winter. It is a problem every year and this year was particularly bad given the extreme weather conditions faced. In particular the fact that Moat Lane is not considered a Bus route seemed ridiculous as the School bus uses the road. The Parish council has been asking for this route to be included in the gritting route for over 5 years but without success. County Councillor Glover advised that she sympathised with residents, however funding and the severity of the weather had resulted in difficulty in keeping all roads operational. It was suggested that we might consider applying for Gritting bins, although these are not always the best option.
- Wingrave School was trying to extend it's hours however it was being stopped from doing so because County Council were saying the cost of changing the hours of the buses was prohibitive, this appeared illogical given that there would be no increase in usage of buses. County Councillor Glover would investigate and obtain further details, keeping the Parish Clerk updated on progress.
- It was suggested that Parish Council meetings should be held earlier and this would be looked into.

The Chairman thanked all those attending and the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Does your Dad speak with the voice of Reason or the voice of Doom? What fatherly sayings had the biggest influence on your life? Here are some fatherly sayings:

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Were you raised in a barn? Close the door.
You didn't beat me. I let you win.
I'll play catch after I read the paper.
A little dirt never hurt anyone-just wipe it off.
You call that a haircut?
This will hurt me a lot more than it hurts you.
You call that noise "music"?
We're not lost. I'm just not sure where we are.
When I was your age, I treated MY father with respect.
As long as you live under my roof, you'll live by my rules.
I'll tell you why. Because I said so. That's why..
You want something to do? I'll give you something to do.
You should visit more often. Your mother worries.
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What part of NO don't you understand?

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You may remember that the first prize at last years village fete was a 'champagne hot-air balloon flight'. We were absolutely flabbergasted to have won, I haven't won anything since I got 50p for an essay in English at the age of 11. My English has deteriorated considerably since. I digress.

The weather last year let us down, we tried several times to get on a flight but they were all postponed as conditions need to be perfect. The flying season started again this April, and ironically, the week when all airlines were grounded due to the volcanic ash, we made it up into the sky on a very frosty but bright Saturday morning.

The launch site was Hardwick, just the other side of the 413. We were extremely optimistic therefore, that we may fly over Aston Abbots but, yet again, the weather had a different plan and our route took us from Hardwick, over Parrott Brothers, Cublington, Wing and towards Stewkley, landing on the Golf Course. The main front cover shot is of Whitchurch and in the smaller photos you can see the ladies acting as ballast to upright the basket.

How different everything looks from the air, being new to the area, we hadn't realised that Wing once had an airfield, the landing strips are still clearly visible from the air but very sadly covered in chicken sheds these days.

All in all, it was a wonderful and memorable experience. Thank you to Champagne Flights. If you every fancy a trip or buying someone a voucher as a present, their phone number is 01296 641153 and the website is: www.champagne-flights.co.uk

Here's some interesting facts about hot-air ballooning for the trivia buffs among you

The first hot-air balloon was launched in 1783 by the Montgolfier brothers and the very first balloon passengers were animals – a sheep, a duck and a hen. The flight lasted 8 minutes reaching 500 metres, it was witnessed by Louis XVI in Versailles. Two months later saw the first manned flight over Paris.

On our flight we were served champagne whilst in the air but traditionally it is served on landing, story goes, that back in 1783 some farmers were very suspicious of the 'fiery dragon' descending from the sky into their vineyards. To placate them and celebrate the first flight, the pilots offered champagne and the tradition continues to this day.

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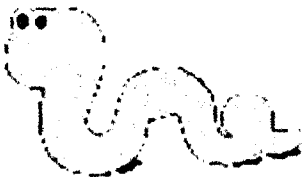


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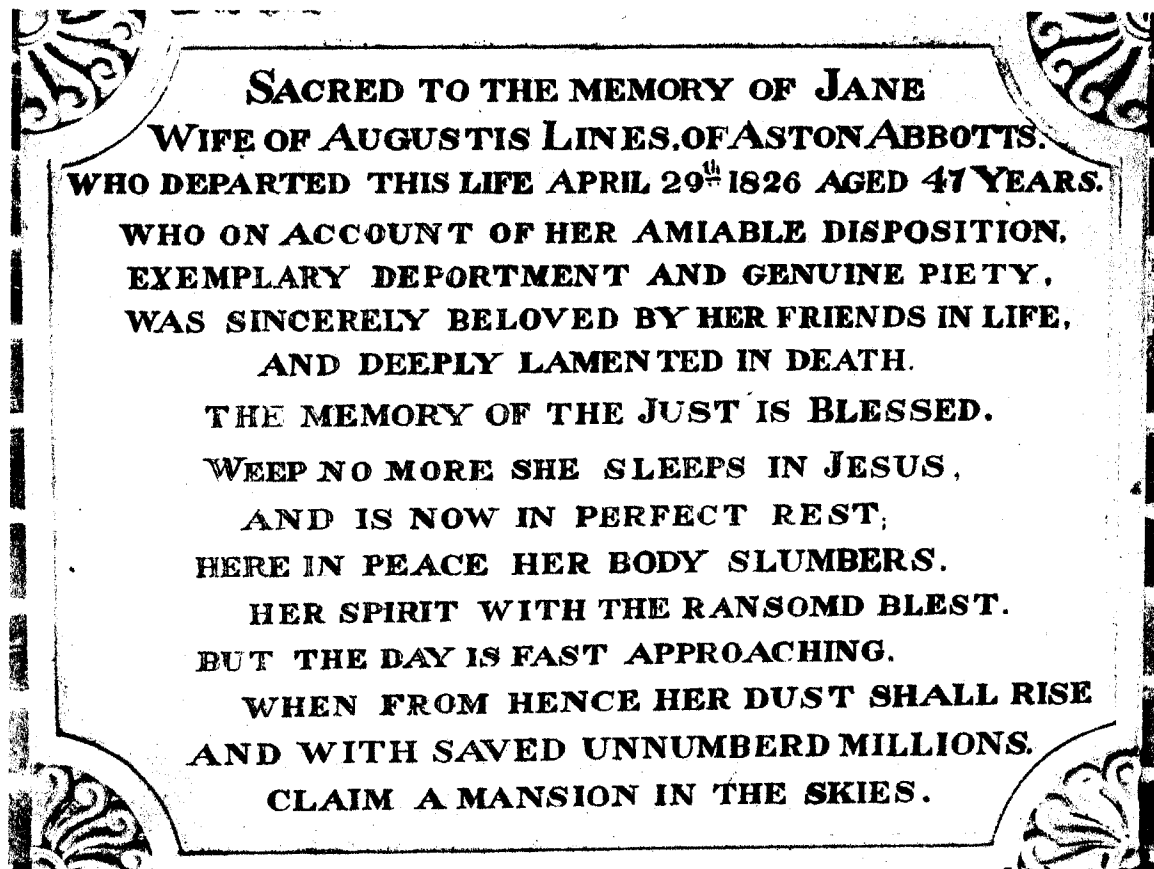
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Wot Ian learnt this week ... our own resident Michael Caine for "not a lot of people know that" type stuff

This week while mooching around Wingrave and generally being nose, Ian noticed builders converting the old United Reform Church. The workmen were transferring the memorial stones from inside the Church onto a wall in the corner of the graveyard. The largest of all the tablets is as follows;



We wondered if Augustis Lines is whom Lines Hill is named after but cannot find anything on the internet about him. We also thought the verse on the stone was beautiful. Another example of how times have changed, who now would dream of having their amiable disposition, exemplary deportment and genuine piety carved into stone for time and memorial.

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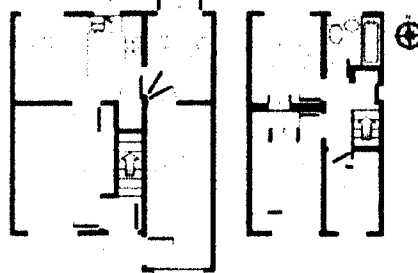
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This is great for larger items that maybe you want a few pounds for. The Speen Spring Clean was held on May Bank Holiday weekend in the front gardens of properties through the village, their co-ordinator had made a map of all those participating. Each household had the opportunity to sell all their previously loved items from the comfort of their own front garden, some doing teas and cakes, crafts, advertising their business, and donating a percentage to the charity of their choice. Saves lugging all that junk to a car boot fair! Ed.



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This month - Anita Parker's
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This month's recipe will hopefully go some way in helping to celebrate the start of the World Cup finals in South Africa which start on 11th June. (Ironical really as I now live in a football free zone since the boys left home!)

This is a near relative of Shepherds Pie and has been adopted by South Africa as its national dish

500gms minced beef	350mls milk
1 large onion, finely chopped	2 slices wholemeal bread
2 gloves garlic, crushed	3 large eggs
1 tbsp curry powder	
3 tbsp mango chutney	
50 gms sultanas or chopped dried apricots	

Fry the beef in a frying pan and add the finely chopped onions and cook until soft
Add garlic and curry powder and fry for 2 minutes

Remove from the heat and add the mango chutney and the sultanas or apricots
Pour about 200mls milk into a bowl. Tear up the bread into small pieces and add to the milk. Leave to soften for a few minutes then stir into the beef mixture

Tip the mixture into a shallow ovenproof dish and press down with the back of a spoon

Mix the remaining milk with the eggs, beat and season

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ALL CHANGE!!!

Having been involved with the Chronicle since it's inception, it was quite nostalgic to see copies of the 1st, 100th and 200th covers printed in last months (the 300th) issue.

John Whyte, Neil Cheshier and I were party to early discussions with Graham Parker who's idea it was to create and publish a village magazine for Aston Abbotts. I clearly remember him publishing his/the Chronicle's 'mission statement' in an early issue and it was good to be reminded of it by John in his editorial last month.. I've lost count of how many editors there have been over the years but Graham's aims have pretty well been adhered to ever since.

After Graham left Aston Abbotts, the Chronicle was edited by quite a few 'volunteers'; sometimes for just a month, sometimes by individuals and at other times by small teams. It had always been very much a 'cut and paste' affair, so when I retired, towards the end of 1996, I 'volunteered' to become Editor and to produce it in digital form. Since that time we've had four Editors who've undertaken the work for between three and five years. Each has brought to the Chronicle his own ideas and skills, ensuring constant change and improvement, and from the dozens of local magazines I see at the printers each month, The Chronicle stands out as being by far the best. For several months, Graham paid for all the printing out of his own pocket but as soon as 'we' realised this, the 'Friends of the Chronicle' was formed to organise events and raise money to cover printing costs etc. John Whyte became (and still is) Treasurer and now it's financial stability is assured by a combination of advertising revenue and a sizable proportion of the money raised by the fete. Quite a few copies are sent to villagers who have moved away and they usually make generous donations as well.

We are extremely fortunate that just as John Hardcastle was considering retiring as Editor, Ian and Janice offered to 'step into the breach'. They've already introduced covers in full colour and I've no doubt that their combined photographic, artistic and publishing experience will ensure our beloved village magazine continues to go from strength to strength.

I'm sure we all thank them and wish them well with next month's and future issues.



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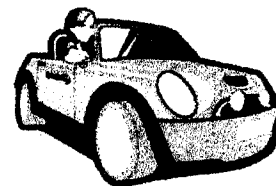
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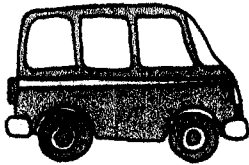
watch out for the i-van

A NEW £70,000 multi-media vehicle called the i-van will be taking to the roads in June. The i-van has been converted to contain an on-board recording studio and seven mac-books that are able to make music, film, animation and photography to cater for youths in Bucks.

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IT'S A DOG 'S LIFE (or "Paws" for thought !!!)

Thought you humans might like to know how it is to be a dog around here and apparently I hear this is the place to "hair" my views!!

You all know me, I'm the good looking one with silky ears and a waggy tail and live with James and Hannah opposite the bus shelter. I have other carers as well. BB and Alan and Jo who all look after me exceedingly well!! (What a lucky dog I am!)

My main worry at the moment is Sally that fine little bitch across the road. It looks to me as if they building a cage around her house and I'm concerned she won't be able to get out. Must have words with her next time we touch noses. I hear that if this is the case Murphy is happy to sit on the escape committee!

Glad summer is here and I can walk around this lovely village without getting wet paws! No fun I can tell you! Not too happy about there being cows in the field behind Chapmans Lea, big ugly beasts and their breath UGH! Not seen many deer recently which is just as well as the last time I got the smell of one my poor carer Alan couldn't keep up and rumour has it he was on medication for a week!! You see you need to be trim like me which brings me to another problem! I'm in trouble for eating too many biscuits!! Thursdays we go to the coffee morning and everyone is very kind but unfortunately there are biscuits and other goodies and I can't refuse them. That lovely old dear "Kate" always has one for me although I'm a bit concerned about her, she appears to have wheels as well as legs! Next time they leave that laptop lying around I'll doggle it!

And there's another problem. The laptop. I thought I was the only one sitting on laps but this strange contraption seems to be often in my place!! And they say its progress.

J and H had BBQ last week which was good. Lots of sausages and burgers but they know I don't like too many people or balloons and I spent most of the evening on the sofa! Its not that I'm a party pooper but I just don't like too much noise. Tried to escape to Bob the Tax's pad but was sussed and brought back - but thank you Sophie for wrapping me up in your coat it was a kind thought. You can come again! My friend Mia enjoyed it though she's more sociable than me - but I have my charm!!

One last problem, there is a lot of talk around here about a "summer ball" and do you think I can find it, no way, they must have hidden it well - I could do with a new toy so if any of you can help please get in touch.

Well that's enough for this month. Please say hello next time you see me.

Love and licks

Bart



solution to cryptic crossword

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St James Church

Times are as follows:-

1st Sunday of month Evensong 6pm

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion 10am

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.

6th Evensong 6pm Rev. Peter Binns

13th Holy Communion Rev. Peter Binns 10.15 am

20th Holy Communion Rev. David Hemsley 10.00 am

27th T.B.A. Possibly visiting priest 10.00 am

4th July Evensong Rev. Ian Ogilvie 6.00 pm

	SIDESPERSION	CLEANERS	FLOWERS	MOWERS
6th	Andrew	5th Colin/Caroline	Colin	5th Nigel
13th	Gordon	12th Ann/Gordon	Ann Dickens	12th Nigel
20th	Caroline	19th Shirley/Andrew	Anita	19th Andy S.
27th	Caroline L	26th April/Anita	Wedding	26th Geoff/ Ryan

POLITE NOTICE; May we remind persons attending graves that plastic flowers are not allowed.

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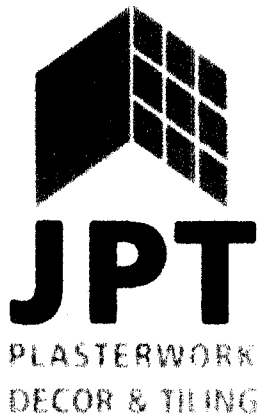


The long cold winter certainly highlighted some of the disadvantages of living in a village but at last the spring has arrived and we can enjoy the wonders of an English spring.

As an early morning dog walker in the Abbey fields I have been enjoying the wonderful sight of the barn owl hunting at about 7.30am. The fields are suddenly a patchwork of brilliant yellow and soon the fields in the Abbey will be a sea of yellow buttercups.

In the last Chronicle mention was made of the toads around the Abbey. When we first arrived here in 1994 we were amused to see that a large notice was put up in Moat Lane every spring warning drivers to avoid crossing toads. Unfortunately this was very difficult as they looked like bits of dirt on the road. As a result, I'm afraid, many were run over each year and failed to make it to the Abbey pond to breed. Each year numbers seemed to fall and eventually the sign was no longer put up. I am sure I heard that in the past the Abbey was full of toads in spring and sometimes had to be swept from the Abbey doorstep. No doubt there are other people in the village who can tell us more.

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The invitation is not restricted to just ladies!!

So!! - If you feel you might be interested in any of these, why not 'get out of the house for a while and come along and enjoy a n interesting and convivial hour or so.

A small charge of £2.00 is made to help with the cost of speakers but this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

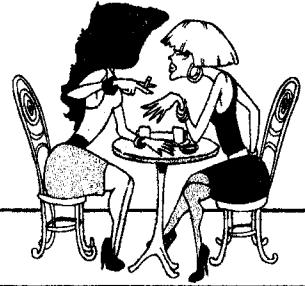
PROGRAMME FOR 2010

May 27th Peter Knight

'A talk on various subjects with humour'!!

June 10th Ann Severn 'More readings to make you smile'

June 24th Edwin Rye 'Colour and David Austin Roses'



Ladies Club – Thurs. 29th April

13 members and one visitor were present at today's meeting in the church room Aston Abbotts.

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

Plans for our summer outing on July the 8th to Capel Manor Gardens were finalized and it was agreed that the cost would be £20.00 a person.

Our Speaker today was Rosemary Wakeman who, thirty years ago had worked as a Nanny to an Orthodox Jewish family. She told us about the family, their habits and amusing times.

Our tea hostesses today were Avril Bradley Davis and Audrey Stephenson. The raffle winner was Avril Bradley Davis

Shirley Ford

SEWING IS SEW GOOD FOR YOU

A clinical study commissioned by the Home Sewing Association in America (where else) reveals that women who sew - both skilled as well as novice sewers - experience a significant drop in heart rate, blood pressure, and perspiration rate when compared to women who participate in other leisure-time activities. These are all key factors in the measurement of stress so it is under the supervision and advice of a local doctor that we have started the **ASTON ABBOTTS CRAFT AND SEWING GROUP**.

The sewing group is off to a flying start with its participants bringing their un-finished projects from many moons ago, (one crochet blanket was started in the sixties!). We seem to have patchwork quilting, cross-stitch and tapestry on the go at the moment with talk of crochet, knitting, embroidery and machine quilting all to be tackled in the future. The shared skills of the very talented ladies from this village means that we can learn something new from each other or brush up on forgotten techniques.

Plans are to have the group every other Thursday at either 3pm or 4pm at alternating houses. Its the opposite Thursday to Ladies Club. Phone Janice for venue and date : 680 464 or e-mail editor@aachronicle. The next two venues will be at Val Smith's and Jo Perkins.

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At coffee morning we had an impromptu visit from a gentleman called Roger Langdon who works for AVDC. His job is to advise Aylesbury Vale residents of their entitlements to having assisted help or in some circumstances, free, energy saving improvements to their homes. He was particularly pointing out the benefits of Cavity Wall Insulation and Loft Lagging.

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Heating bills are really high these days so its worth thinking about. Roger gave out some leaflets and it seems that you call a company called Cocoon on 0800 8048 777. This company are working with Bucks councils and will arrange for an installer to call you. They will advise you of your properties needs.

below is an example of the criteria for either free or assisted grants.

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or

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Then you could be entitled to a warm front grant.

If you are on the internet have a look at :
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Ed.

REPAIRS TO START SOON!!!

Readers of the Chronicle will be aware that an Architect's inspection last year identified significant faults needing to be rectified to ensure our church remains in use. These have arisen because little or no money had been available over the past 20 years or more years and considerable age related deterioration has taken place. It's estimated repairs will require £25,000 of essential work to ensure the structure of the church will remain weatherproof, safe and useable into the future.

Initially, this seemed an impossible amount of cash for us to raise, but thankfully, largely due to the efforts of our Secretary Caroline Abel Smith, grants were sought from the Bucks Historic Churches Trust and the Francis Coales Charitable Foundation resulting in £12,000 being made available. Added to our own fund raising such as the 100 club, Harvest Supper and Auction, various quizzes, St Georges Night supper and a very successful Race Night etc, we now have sufficient funds to seek tenders for some of the work.

A meeting with the Architect this month resulted in the following being identified as the most urgently required repairs;-

1.) Repair and point those areas of stonework on the 13th century tower most badly effected by weather/frost damage, secure and weatherproof the large north window and extend the lightening conductor to protect the bell frame.

2.) The old chimney (originally for the church heating stove) above the organ to be completely removed and the area affected 're-roofed' to prevent further moisture ingress and damage to internal plaster work.

3.) Masonry bees in the south wall to be removed and stonework re-pointed.

4.) Weather damaged stonework on the outside of the porch to be repaired/replaced and where necessary, re-pointing carried out.

Tenders are being sought for the above and it is hoped that a contractor can be identified and formal permission obtained from the Diocese in time for work to start well before winter. Whilst it is expected this work will take the bulk of our funds, it is hoped there will be sufficient left so that in the not too distant future the interior walls can be painted, which (as many of you have mentioned to members of the PCC) will considerably improve the ambience.

Even when the above has been completed, more work is required. This includes treatment to remove beetle from the roof timbers, re-plastering and of course considerable work to the boundary wall to ensure it is safe and weatherproofed.

Clearly our fund raising activities will need to continue for several years to come but I would like, on behalf of the PCC, to thank all of you who have contributed so generously to our fundraising efforts, thus ensuring our village church remains a useable and beautiful asset to Aston Abbots.



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With the summer approaching we hope to have the chance for some outdoor sketching. We continue to have a varied programme. The meetings last term included a workshop, themed meetings and a successful life drawing session which was a first for some members.

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, between 7.30- 9.30pm at the Methodist Church schoolroom. Beginners and regular painters are always welcome – it is a relaxed and friendly group.

Jane Muir Windmill Hill Farm, Wingrave
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Our Education department is currently looking to recruit a new Schools Officer to oversee our popular and successful schools programme along with up keep of our Museum. The post will be 1-3 days P/W, please email your initial enquiry to education@bucksrailcentre.org

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Lego will be taking over the world this weekend with a huge display of Lego trains and railways models. There will also be over 30 miniature traction engines running on both days.

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Thomas and his friends pull up for the summer event of the year; this is always a hugely popular family event, so be sure to put it in your calendar! Pay once and stay all day prices are Adult £13 and Child (over 2) £10.

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News from Wingrave CE Combined School

I have now completed a whole year as Head of Wingrave. Time has certainly flown by since I arrived last April and I am really enjoying working in the school and with the local community to ensure our children get the high quality education they deserve.

Our Year 6 pupils have recently sat the KS2 SATS. They took tests in English and Maths. This year for the first time they did not have to sit a Science test; instead only the Teacher Assessment will be reported in Science. They all worked very hard throughout the year and we are very proud of them.

KS2 are beginning to learn the songs for their end of term musical production. It is called "The Lemonade Kid" and is a story of the Wild West with a strong anti-gun message! Auditions will be taking place shortly. Many of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children are looking forward to their residential visit to a PGL Centre in Liddington near Swindon in June.

On 4th May we braved the cold and celebrated May Day in the village of Wingrave and at school. So many people have told me how much they enjoyed seeing us carry on this tradition. During the dancing it was lovely to meet Miss Whipps who was a teacher at the school and who introduced the May Day celebrations to Wingrave School in 1955.

Please have a look at the letter from myself and Lynne Roxbee Cox in this edition. It outlines important changes to the length of the school day at Wingrave from September 2010.

If you would like to visit the school to see the improvements we are continuing to make and to see our well behaved and well motivated children as they learn, then please contact the school office to make an appointment on 681436. We would love to show you around. Our weekly newsletter is published every week on our website www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk.

Patricia Gurton
Headteacher

Tesco Vouchers

So that we can use as many vouchers as possible in our 2010 order, if you have any Tesco vouchers at home please deliver them to school (or Wingrave Shop) by Thursday 10th June. Thank you to all those who have supported Wingrave School.



Changes to School Session Times

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders

The Governing Body of Wingrave CE Combined School has consulted all interested parties regarding changes to the timing of the school day. Following this consultation process, it is clear that all interested parties are very positive about the proposed changes. The Governing Body has therefore agreed that the changes will be implemented from September 2010.

From September 2010, the new times for the school day will be:

Start of the School Day:	8.45am
End of session 1 (lunchtime)	12.00pm
Start of session 2 (end of lunchtime)	1.00pm
End of School Day	3.15pm

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We look forward to implementing the new times and to the opportunities this will give us to enhance our children's learning.

Kind regards, Patricia Gurton Headteacher Lynne Roxbee Cox Chair of Governors

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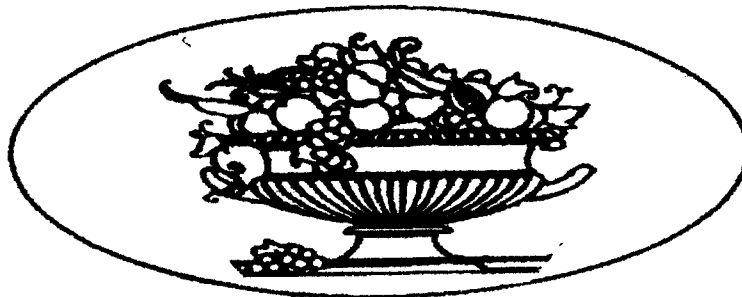
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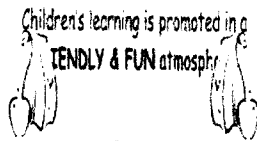
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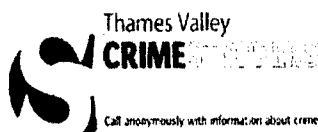
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Tuesday 1st	Mobile Library	The Green 10.30 am NEW TIME
Thursday 3rd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10 - 12 noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30
Sunday 6th	Rambling Club meet at Kensworth	2pm
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Wednesday 9th	Fete/Festival Meeting	Church Room 8.00 pm
Thursday 10th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15 pm
	Whist	Church Room 7.30 pm
Sunday 13th	Rambling Club visit Lord Carringtons	Bledlow Manor Gardens
Tuesday 15th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.30 am
Thursday 17th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Saturday 19th	Cublington Fete	The Old Rectory 1.00 pm
Monday 21st	Churchwardens Meet	Cublington 10.30 am
Wednesday 23rd	Parish Council	Church Room 8.00 pm
Thursday 24th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15 pm
	Whist	Church Room 7.30 pm
Tuesday 29th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.30 am
Thursday 1st July	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10 - 12 noon
Saturday 3rd July	British Legion outing to Eastbourne	coach leaves The Green 7.00 am

Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to
Janice Issitt
3 The Green
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WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE.

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An Open Gardens Weekend will be held in Buckinghamshire's "Best Kept Village 2009", Stewkley, on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th June 2010 from 2-6pm. A dozen delightful Gardens will be showcased through the length of the village, with something for everyone, including delicious Refreshments, an Exhibition and Sale of Paintings by local artists, Plants for sale, and visits to our unique Norman Church throughout the weekend.

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GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry) meet, usually in the Royal Oak, every Tuesday 8 pm 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

The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690
AVDC	Switchboard	585858
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Book Club	John Hardcastle	688070
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Dial-A-Ride		330088
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250
Doctor	(emergency out of hours)	331511
Fete Coordinators	Tracy Hinds	688479
	Vanessa Worrall	688429
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865
Member of Parliament	John Bercow MP	714240
Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838
Mobile Library	Buckingham	01280 813229
NHS Direct	24 hr Advice Line	0845 4647
Parish Clerk	Paul Bruton	682322
Parish Council Leader	Peter Shorrock	681260
Police	Emergencies	999 or 112
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Police	Wing Police Station	396163/4
Railways	Chiltern Railways	0870 5165165
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Rector	TBA	
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Royal British Legion	Alan Jones	682366
Royal Oak	Teri & Gary Mout	681262
RSPCA	Enquiries	08705 555999
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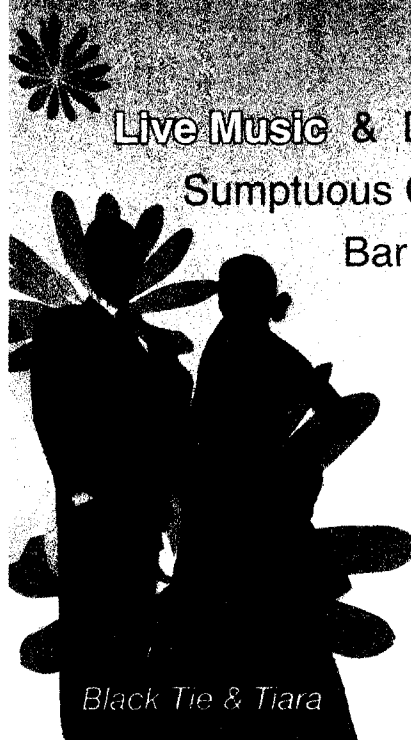
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With many thanks, Sheila Nuttall.

Astonbury

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