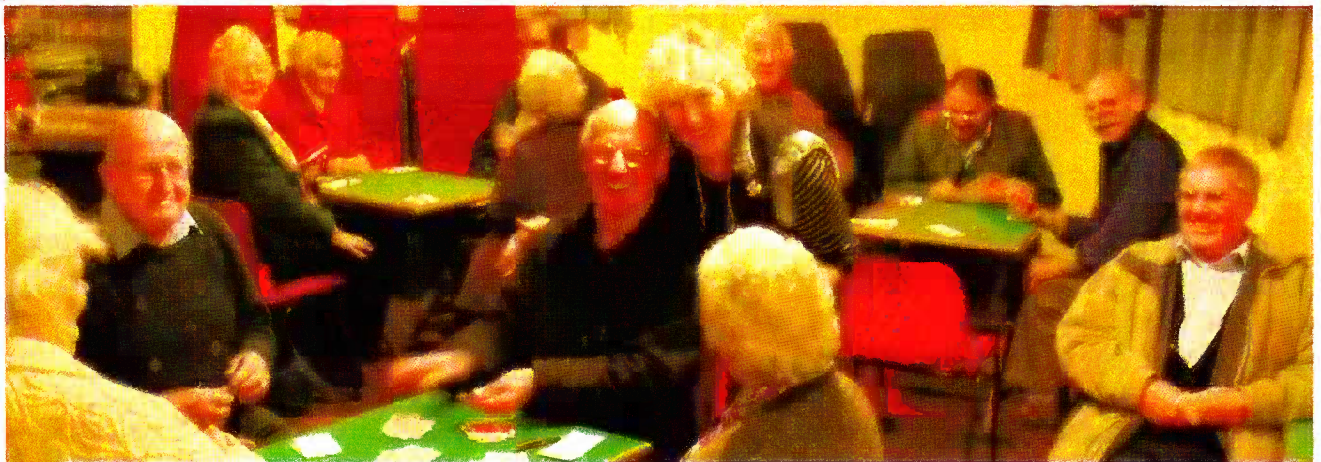


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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ASTON ABBOTTS
from us all at The Chronicle

FIRST WORDS



Happy New Year to all the readers of The Chronicle, may it bring you good health and happiness. The Chinese New Year will fall on February 3rd and this year it is the Year of the Rabbit. Although actually, some websites are more detailed in calling it the year of the Yin Metal Rabbit (Xin Mao) !

Our 'trial' period editing the Chronicle has come to an end, we said we would step in until Christmas so now its your turn. Please let us know if you would like to have a go. At the moment it is put together using Pages on an Apple Mac.

Many thanks to Colin and his Whist Drivers for sponsoring the colour front cover. New members are welcome, it's held at the Church Room on Thursday evenings, 7.30 pm prompt.

Also many many thanks to those of you who came to the Christmas Bazaar from the ladies of the Stitching group (AARSE). A huge array of hand made gifts and decorations were available at a fraction of the cost for similar in major department stores and gift shops, a lot of woman hours were put into making these. Also we had contributions of the edible kind from the great cooks and cake makers of the village. In total over £400 was raised which will be going towards something for the Church Room when it is has its improvements. Quite possibly new curtains which could be made by the AARSE ladies. We hope to keep collecting for this fund so don't be surprised if you find us singing carols at your door.

So from myself, Janice and the other half, Ian, thanks to those who have supported us with positivity and encouragement. Keep the glass half full, and take the global viewxxx

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE POPPY APPEAL 2010 - The collections in Aston Abbots amounted to £958.61 and the area total was £2,667.22. Many thanks to those who gave and to those who collected for this worthy cause. A. Rawlings P.A.O.

I felt I had to write to the chronicle to say how wonderful it is to now live in Aston Abbots....what a cracking village.

Emily and I moved into the chapel in October and have immediately felt part of a warm community. This is very important to me being Scottish. My neighbours are wonderful and I wouldn't hesitate to contact them if I needed anything. Also love the pub. The atmosphere and welcome which Teri and Gary give is second to none.

Thank you to all who have made Emily and I feel very welcome. Many Thanks

Carol Bates The Chapel 73 The Green

THANKS

On behalf of all at the Chronicle, Andy would like to thank all those who have distributed the Chronicle throughout the year, come rain or shine. Without your efforts, our much loved village magazine would not have been delivered monthly to every house in the Parish, (and in some cases outside and abroad).

We hope you have a very happy Christmas and New Year and many thanks once again.



Alison's Gossip Column

A Big Get
Well to Vic
Scott who's
recovering
from surgery.
Take it easy
Vic and leave
that garden
alone!



January Birthdays

Nicholas Oldfield	2 nd
Jane Plested	7 th
Sarah Plested	7 th
James Clarke	10 th
Judy Hardcastle	12 th
Tony Hinds	13 th
Zoe Hinds	25 th
David Lewis	28 th
Carol Spooner	28 th
Anita Parker	28 th
Richard Plested	29 th
Chloe Oldfield	30 th

100 club winners for December

Mrs S Ford
Mr O'Kelly
Mr Stockdale
Mr N Palmer

WELCOME to new villagers Carolyn Guse and Stuart Ritchie who have moved into Orchard House on Wingrave Road. Hope you enjoy village life, we all look forward to meeting you.

CALENDAR GIRLS

Thanks very much to April for organising a lovely evening out on the 23rd to see Calendar Girls. We all thoroughly enjoyed it, and it gave some of us an opportunity to visit the new Waterside theatre in Aylesbury for the first time.

Carol, on behalf of the Gnomes and the others!

MOVEMBER - One Big TASH

You look like....George Michael, Freddy Mercury, Lemmy (Motorhead), Tom Selleck! They were all names thrown at me over the month of Movember.

I even managed to con/push/bribe/force Frank Mcmanus and James Clough into joining me.

Next year we are thinking of creating a Mexican boyband (we had a few beers at that point).

Probably the worst point was when someone told me it suited me. No offence villagers with moustaches but it's not a bit of me!

Any how the deed is done and I'm pleased to report that at the point of writing we have nearly raised over £ 700 for Prostrate cancer.

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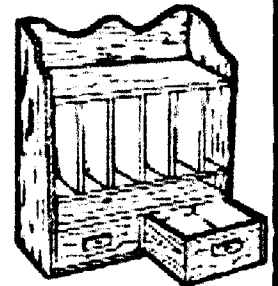
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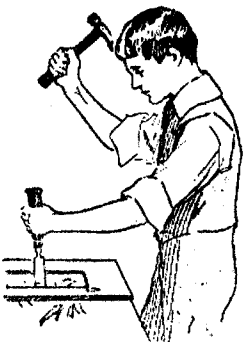


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GYLES BRANDRETH brings his ONE TO ONE show to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury for one night only on the 18th January. "Incredibly Funny, wildly indiscreet" says the Daily Mail

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HS2, the proposed High Speed Rail Link, is threatening parts of Buckinghamshire and the Chiltern Hills .

There are seven existing transport corridors North from London already, and the new scheme does not run along any of them.

Upgrading old lines for faster trains would be much more cost effective and mainly avoid some of the last few parts of the Southern countryside to be destroyed.

If this appeal gets 100,000 signatures on the following petition, then the government have agreed to have a referendum on the scheme.

Remember the power of the internet and email.

If just 20 people get another 20 people, and they 20 and they 20, that's just 160,000! Easy really!! So please open up your contacts list and send off as many as you can; you'll be surprised how many and who will sign up!

I realise for many of you, the effects of this proposition are distant and will not affect you; unfortunately for a great friends and so many others in the area, this is not the case, as the proposed route cuts farms in half and so will directly impact on their lives. Other people locally are much worse affected and for some the route goes directly through their houses.

For any of you apathetic towards the matter, I implore you to sign the petition anyway, it takes hardly a second and will be such a great help.

We all know that the government cannot afford the current estimate of £25,500,000,000, or in modern day parlance £25.5bn, outlay just now and that such sums could be spent far more effectively elsewhere. The sum is so mindboggling that when the cost overruns come in, as they inevitably will, another Billion here or 10 there will just wash over us

<http://www.gopetition.co.uk/petitions/stop-hs2/sign.html>

For more ongoing information also go to:- <http://www.stophs2.org/>

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/8623551.HS2_rally_attracts_thousands_but_not_the_PM/ is a report of yesterday's rally in our area against HS2

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NATURE WATCH

By the time you read this the days will have begun to lengthen and although the temperatures may not have started to rise much some of our early spring plants will be on the move. Our winter visitors still have a month or so before they leave our shores.

This year I first saw fieldfares in the middle of October and again quite large flocks feeding on the fields of winter grain on Oxlease farm on November 3rd. They don't eat the grain but look for insects, worms and almost any small invertebrates. They also love hawthorn and holly berries.

Fieldfares are members of the thrush family and are about the size of a blackbird but may look larger because of their much lighter colouring. They breed in Northern and Central Europe and many of them move south in winter in large flocks.

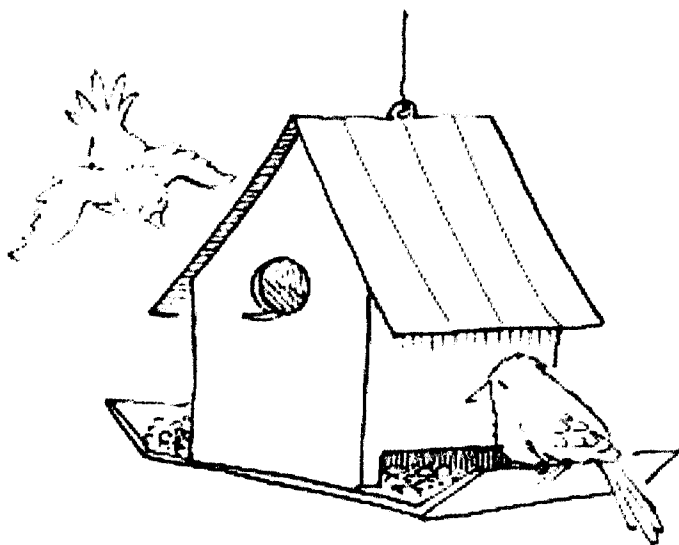
One of the strangest things about fieldfares is that they seem to be very wary of human contact and will tend to put at least one field's length between them and any nasty human. By contrast in the parks of Oslo in summertime fieldfares are everywhere and much more friendly not bothering to move until you nearly tread on them. Most animals and birds are wary of contact with humans unless there is some positive benefit and they have learnt that it is safe.

The most obvious benefit is the provision of food. Anybody with a well stocked bird table and a constant supply of water will always have numbers of avian visitors. Robins and blackbirds benefit from the soil being turned over by a fork exposing insects and worms and they will often almost get in the way when you are digging.

Before there were gardeners robins would keep company with that other great digging animal, the wild boar the original pig so whatever you think there must be a similarity between our two species, mankind and pigkind.

Perhaps there are other similarities; I couldn't possibly say.

Alan Jones



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(NOT THE) ALLOTMENT DIARY - from Peter Shorrocks

A couple of months ago, when I was having trouble with my knee, I speculated that if things did not improve, I would not be able to work on the allotment, and thus not be able to contribute an Allotment Diary. Well, my knee has now fully recovered, but at the date I am writing this – a third of the way through December – I have not been able to do any work on the allotment for over three weeks, because of the big freeze. Hence the new title!

I walked through the allotment with my dogs last weekend, and discovered that in the absence of any gardeners, moles appear to be making a takeover bid. I wonder why molehills have suddenly started appearing? Is it perhaps that the absence of the noise of people digging and walking about on the surface emboldens the moles to search for worms, etc in allotment land? If anyone knows the answer, and sees me around the village, I should be very interested to know.

The other item of interest was that in snow on the field beyond the allotment there were the prints of a tiny hoofed creature: from the size of it, probably a muntjac deer. I have occasionally seen them in the area when I have been out walking, although not this close to the village.

Since there is nothing to write about regarding the allotment, I thought I would write about storing vegetables, in the thought that it might be of use or interest to some of you. One of the problems with growing vegetables is that some of them tend to all ripen at the same time, so that you have a glut of that vegetable for two or three weeks, then no more till the next year. This is especially true, in my experience, with lettuces, peas and beans. Others, like courgettes, are wonderful in the way that they keep producing vegetables for a period of two or three months.

So, what can you do, to preserve the fruits of your labours when you have an abundance? Clearly one answer is to freeze them. Many vegetables freeze very well, but if you want to keep them for longer than two or three weeks or so, you will need to blanch them before freezing. What this means is to boil the vegetables for a fixed period of time (books on freezing will give you the times for each vegetable), and then to dunk them straight away in a bowl of cold water, preferably with lots of ice cubes in it. Then pop them in bags, and put them in the freezer.

The reason for blanching is that if you do not do this the enzymes in the food which cause deterioration will fairly quickly start to take effect, even though the vegetables are in the freezer. Blanching considerably slows this process down.

There are some vegetables, though, that can be stored without freezing. The ones I store in this way are potatoes, onions and carrots. Dealing with them in turn:-

POTATOES. You can buy hessian sacks to store them in, and they are very effective (Although you will have to check that mice have not found your potatoes, and started nibbling them). However, I found when I used them that the hessian disintegrated when the sacks got wet, and holes appeared. My sacks only really lasted two seasons at the most, and since they are quite expensive, I do not think they are a cost-efficient means of storage. What I now do, therefore, is to store my potatoes in the garage in dustbins, having drilled holes near the top for ventilation. Plastic or wooden boxes would also do. The one thing to be sure about, however, is that while you need to keep your potatoes cold, you must not let them freeze. If you do the effect of the freezing and thawing of the water content in the potatoes will then them to mush. It happened to some of mine last year, and may have been the reason for my losing the whole of one of my crops this year, when I left the picked potatoes on the lawn over-night in late October. In cold weather, therefore, you need to cover your dustbins with old carpet, or blankets, or insulating material. I find potatoes will last like this for as long as 7 or 8 months – and although by the end they will start producing shoots, they remain perfectly edible.

- **ONIONS.** What I do, is to dry them in the greenhouse for a week or so; and then plait together as many onion stalks as I can – I can normally only manage about four or five – and then tie the string of onions up with a small, piece of string, and hang them up from hooks in the garage. They normally last in this way until next spring. Another variant is to use some old stockings or tights, and fill these with onions, hanging them up in the same way.
- **CARROTS.** I put a row of carrots at the bottom of a plastic box (choosing the ones without any carrot fly damage), and then cover them with sand. I then put another row on top, and again cover with sand, and so on, until I reach the top of the box. Carrots stored like this will keep for many months.

I hope these tips will be of use to any of you who are thinking of growing vegetables: they have worked for me. May I finally thank those of you who have been reading this column, and wish all my readers a happy and prosperous New Year!

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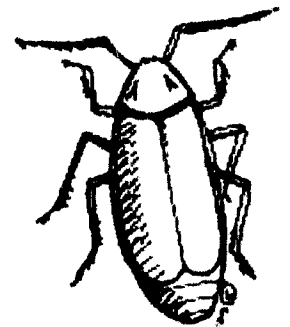
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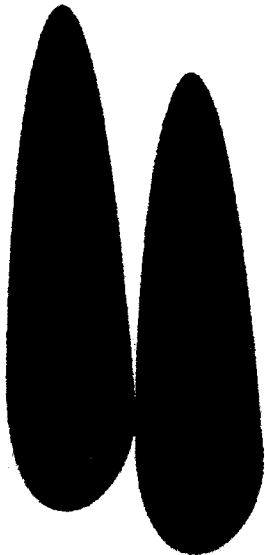
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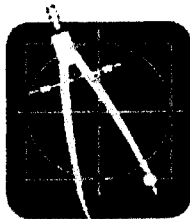
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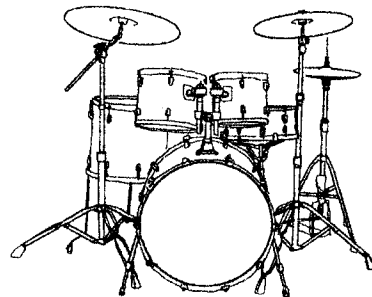
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News from Wingrave CE Combined School

Christmas at Wingrave is such a special time. Our Reception and Key Stage One children performed "The Very Grumpy Sheep" which told the story of the Nativity from the point of view of a sheep forced by her shepherds to visit the stable in Bethlehem. This grumpy sheep cannot understand the point of the journey until of course she gets there and sees the baby Jesus. The last week of term is of course very festive with parties, Christmas lunch and the PTFA disco. On the last day of term the whole school goes to Wingrave Church for our annual Christmas service led by Rev Derek Witchell where we have a chance to reflect together on the true message of Christmas.

Our school has continued to go from strength to strength this year. As in 2009 our Key Stage Two results in 2010 were outstanding with improvements in both English and Maths.

Just before the end of term I received our annual report from our School Improvement Partner (County Adviser). Over the last year she has visited the school to look at our performance data, our self evaluation and development plan and to scrutinise the quality of teaching and learning. She judges the school to be good in nearly every area but what pleased us most was her judgment of the overall categorisation of the school which reads:

"Good and progressing quickly towards outstanding"

This is the best Christmas gift for everyone involved with Wingrave School and an acknowledgment of all the hard work by the pupils and staff since the Ofsted inspection in July 2009.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Patricia Gurton Headteacher

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SAVI slams BCC decision on mass burn incineration

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Campaign group SAVI (STOP Aylesbury Vale Incineration) slammed today's Bucks County Council (BCC) procurement decision to back Spanish-owned WRG Ltd as its preferred bidder to build an expected 300,000 waste incinerator at Lower Greatmoor farm, Edgcott.

Helen Howard, SAVI spokesperson said, 'BCC should be ashamed of this decision which will cost ratepayers millions, poison our precious environment and adversely affect lives for generations to come.

'The Council has taken this decision behind closed doors and excluded people from any proper debate on the options available and the financial consequences. The cloak of secrecy surrounding the financial bids and implications is wholly wrong.

'The left hand of BCC also does not seem to know what the right hand is doing. On the one hand BCC allocates £1million to fight HS2 yet on the other hand it makes a procurement decision which will feed the very monster it says it wants to fight!

Councillor Tett in his letter immediately following the decision states: [WRG] "are also considering how the heat generated from the plant may be used."

WRG and HS2 have already admitted they have been in preliminary talks about WRG supplying power to feed the HS2 monster and the inevitable developments which would accompany it - including a 1km long and ½ km wide 'maintenance depot' at Calvert.

BCC has also failed to take account of the growing evidence of the dangers - health, environmental and economic - in these proposals and failed to listen not only to Vale residents but also the rising tide of opposition across the nation to incineration. Incineration takes the focus off recycling and instead into mass burn which generates millions of pounds of profits for the waste company but damages our precious heritage.

'Over 26,000 people have said No! to this mass burn incineration in the ancient Bernwood Forest - but BCC still blunder blindly onwards. As well as the paper petitions from adults and children, twenty two parish and town councils passed resolutions and policies opposing mass burn incineration in the Vale. SAVI's e-petition had more support than all other environmental petitions on the 10 Downing Street website apart from the campaign against the third runway at Heathrow. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons and Constituency MP for Buckingham and Winslow fully backs SAVI's campaign.

'This is just the beginning of what will be a grimly determined and hard fought battle. We will never give in until we see off this lunatic decision'.

SAVI will now focus on the expected planning application from WRG, to oppose which it has gathered environmental, and other expert reports.

Editors' Notes

WRG, a Spanish owned company, has a poor record of environmental breaches and has been prosecuted on many occasions by the Environmental Agency.

Bucks County Council Cabinet made a preferred bidder procurement selection behind closed doors on 29th November 2010 at County Hall, Aylesbury between WRG Ltd and Covanta for a separate site at Rookery Pit, Bedfordshire. BCC excluded the public from parts of the meeting for 'commercially sensitive' papers.

Contacts: SAVI spokesperson Helen Howard on 07525 371288 (mob) or 01296 771222 (work) or Maggi Campbell Keith on 01296 770512

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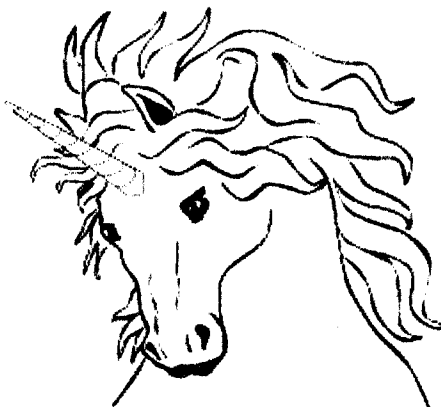
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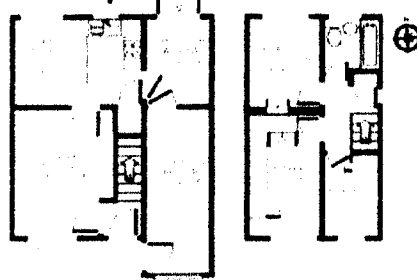
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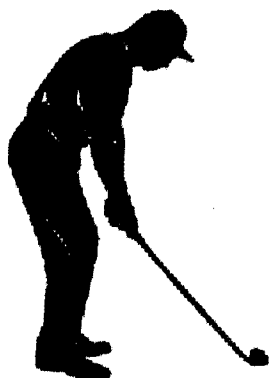
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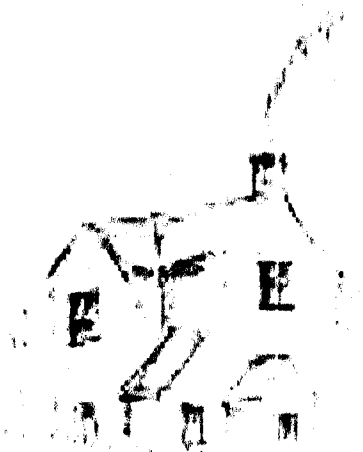
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Aston Abbotts Village Plan

Firstly I trust everyone had a great Christmas and a cracking New Year! Now on to some business. Some of you will be aware that a community group has been working to create a village plan. The plan has the objective of providing a "working document" which can be used to protect, improve and manage our village environment based on the information and views provided by it's residents.

The last part of that sentence is the most important part. As this isn't an exercise created by a few individuals for the benefit of themselves. The plan is yours, yours to influence, shape and decide upon.

With this in mind the process of creating the village plan has undertaken a number of consultation exercises. These have included a questionnaire and more recently a collection of views from the annual parish meeting.

The final opportunity is for you to review the actions (what we intend to do) resulting from those consultations.

Below is a list of those actions covering the areas of our village plan. We would be grateful if you could review these and let us know your thoughts. Specifically we are interested on whether you agree with the action and whether you have any additional ideas, thoughts or comments.

As you will see there are quite a few. So to make this easy and help as many people as possible to give their views we intend to take your feedback in a number of different ways.

Firstly we can take your feedback by email to aavillageplan@hotmail.co.uk Please indicate the action number, whether you agree or disagree and any further thoughts. You may wish to comment on only the actions that you have a view on, which is fine. All feedback is good feedback.

Secondly members of the community group will attend the varied social groups around the village to capture their views. These include the Thursday Coffee Morning, GNOMES, 630 Club (I will do that one ;), Book Club, Crafts etc.

Thirdly a door knocking exercise will be undertaken to capture anyone who has been missed. If you do not wish to comment we will not take offence we just want as many people as possible to have their say on the plan.

Some of you may think "what difference will it make?" Well with the introduction of our new coalition Government and David Cameron's Big Society idea we are being told that village plans are very important. They will be used in a "bottom up" process that feeds into the broader plans

created by our Councils and Local Area Forums. So please have your say and help us to create a village plan that you can be proud of.

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- 1) To obtain a lease on the Church room building. Once obtained to plan and implement a project of works that will enhance the facility and preserve it for future use.
- 2) Explore ways of utilising the Pub further as a village facility.

Housing and Development

- 3) Create a village design statement that guides any future Housing and Development.
- 4) Explore whether the use of the rural exception policy on affordable rural housing could be utilised in the village.

Communications

- 5) Undertake a review of the village website.

Transport

- 6) Ensure the completion of a footpath which reaches down to the A418 crossroads.
- 7) Investigate the possibility of a community transport system.
- 8) Investigate traffic/speed calming measures for the village.
- 9) Investigate parking condition options for the village.

Education and Facilities

- 10) Investigate ways of making shopping facilities within the village more accessible.
- 11) Encourage the use of the footpath and bridleway network and ensure that it is maintained and is accessible.

Security and Environment

- 12) Investigate the re-launch of a neighbourhood watch scheme.
- 13) Investigate options regarding the lighting of the proposed footpath to the A418 Crossroads.

Parish Council

- 14) The Parish Council to be responsible for monitoring the Village Plan. Specifically ensuring that actions are completed and the plan is kept up to date.
- 15) In light of the new "Big Society" strategy introduced by the coalition Government the Parish Council will investigate possible delegation of powers where it is of benefit to the village.

Church

- 16) Explore ways of utilising the Church further as a village facility.

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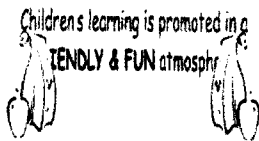
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BCC members agreed last week to reduce the size of the Council from the present 57 members to 49. The number of electors per division will rise from the present average of 6,500 to 8000 to reflect the average across the country. Another change is that there will no longer be any two member wards. It means that the boundaries of the divisions will need to be re-drawn to accommodate these changes. At the moment everything is still in the melting pot and we have no idea how things will work out.

Keep an eye on the weather conditions in our area. See where the gritting lorries are working. Log on to http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/news/prepared_for_winter.page

Buckinghamshire County Council has 12,000 tonnes of salt in stock - 25 per cent more than last year - and new gritters which spread a salt solution making salt stocks go further

Volunteer Car Schemes: Following funding agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF), the County Council and Community Impact Bucks are working together to help communities develop volunteer car schemes. A public meeting was held last week in an attempt to encourage residents to volunteer for a car scheme. If you would like to know more let me know.

Facebook: A new Facebook page has been created for the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe local area. This will provide updates on events, LAF meetings and consultations. If you are a facebook user, you can 'like' the page, allowing you to ask questions and receive information. This is an additional facility to provide LAF members with information in one location, but it does not replace email and other updates, so anyone not on facebook will not miss out. Log on to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Great-Brickhill-Wing-Ivinghoe-local-area/169522703057977>

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Running a Business from Home is published today by the Chartered Institute of Housing and can be found on their website www.cih.org.

Parking Charges: Aylesbury car parks will in future charge a flat fee of £1.00 to park after 6.30pm, but the Civic Centre car park will continue to be free as will Sunday and bank holidays. The day time fees have gone up slightly so be careful to check you have paid the right amount next time you visit.

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COUNTY AGREES BACK OFFICE EFFICIENCY MEASURES

A commitment to achieve back office savings, and protect frontline services, took a step forward today (Monday 29 November) as Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet agreed to significant changes in how ICT property, and HR and finance services are delivered, bringing savings of £4m over three years.

Today, the Cabinet agreed a phased approach to HR and finance streamlining which will involve the loss of 48 posts in these service areas over a three-year period.

A decision made in July to go out to tender for Property services, including the management of facilities, buildings surveying and security, is continuing and invitations to tender will be going out shortly, with a final contract award expected in July 2011.

In addition, the first phase of the Council's ICT transformation process is now underway. Staff are currently being consulted on a revised ICT structure.

David Shakespeare, Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, said: "Bringing together the Council's support services will make us a leaner, more efficient organisation, achieving cost efficiencies which will benefit the council taxpayers of Buckinghamshire. I have always said that we would protect frontline services wherever possible, and reducing spending on our back office areas will go some way towards this.

"Job losses are always regrettable, and we are consulting with staff and unions to make the transition as painless as we can.

"We are in the throes of the worst recession in a generation. The only way through these rocky times is to spend as little as possible while maintaining the best service possible, which is what Buckinghamshire is working hard to achieve. It's not easy and it's not going to get easier for the foreseeable future, and it involves some difficult choices. But, the considered and managed approach we have taken, we feel, will allow us the flexibility to adapt services as the organisation undergoes radical changes."

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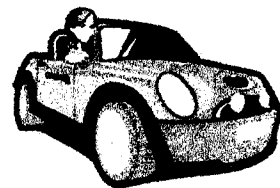
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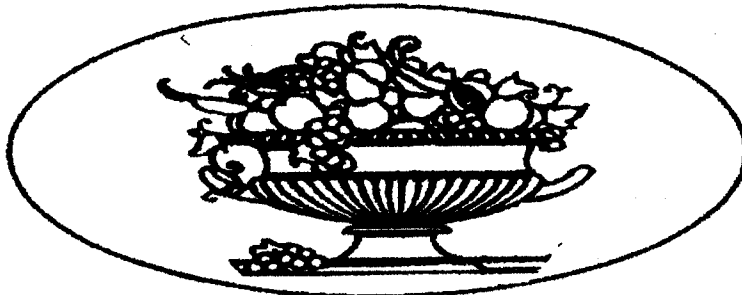
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