

THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine - May 2011



Editorial

I was shocked to learn that Ray Wilkinson was suddenly taken ill and died. He was a stalwart of so many village activities. At a Harvest Festival auction I recall he skillfully managed to sell boxes of apples to Dave Lewis who was desperately trying not to make any movement that might be interpreted as a bid. At his funeral his family and friends filled the church to overflowing. He will be sorely missed.

One swallow does not a summer make - the first one I spotted was on 7th April; although the weather of late has been very summery. Eleven mallard ducklings appeared on my ponds on 11th April - small balls of fluff charging around. Tony and Margaret Hinds spotted a migrating osprey when they visited my ponds - it's really annoying that I don't get to spot these rare sightings for myself.

See page 13 for the siting of another rarely seen bird.

The prospect of a 'village orchard', first muted by Peter Knight, may now be a possibility. Further details will be published in the Chronicle at a later date.

A host of fire engines attended a fire at the home of Pam Hewitt. The matter is being investigated by the police as it is thought to have been an attack by an arsonist.

Judy and I went to the Point to Point meet at Kimble on Easter Saturday. There was a very big crowd but sadly not many horses. The most horses in a race was four and the last race was a walkover as there was only one entrant. The organisers had made great efforts to water the course and keep it fit for racing but owners had other ideas - it was a very hot day. Met up with a few old friends so it turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon.

April Curnow celebrated her 70th birthday in style with a party at Cheddington Village Hall. Each table had a centre piece of a beautifully crafted model of April at various times of her life at work and play. The model on my table was of April pole dancing! There was a table magician who amazed us all with his card tricks - 'how did he do that?' was the usual comment.

William and Kate will have tied the knot by the time you read this - may they have a long and happy marriage. *John*

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

May

Mervyn King	2 nd
Charlie Bystra	3 rd
Harry Bystra	9 th
Hannah Brandon	12 th
Jeff Bannister	17 th
Callum Hilton	21 st
Tom Manning	22 nd
Benjamin King	22 nd
Milani Drysdale	23 rd
Mark White	23 rd
Neil Chesher	26 th

REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

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Thur 12 May	Fri 13 May
Thur 2 June	Fri 3 June

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The sudden death of Ray Wilkinson at the end of March was a great shock to everyone. His funeral on April 6th saw the church overflowing with family, friends and villagers. He was such a popular man. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Sharon, Hayley and all their immediate family.

This note is from Sharon:

" Just to say a big, big thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers and for all the help you gave me on the day of the service for Ray, and after. Ray would have been amazed at all the people who came to his funeral. He was much loved and will be sorely missed by us all.

Thank you so, so much at this sad, tough time. Sharon"

I'm sure everyone has heard of the dreadful arson attack on Church Farm House in the early hours of April 7th. Fortunately the Fire Brigade arrived very promptly with 5 fire engines and various other appliances and easily quenched the flames. Unbelievably most of the village remained asleep. The Police have arrested a man in connection with the crime.

Congratulations to Tim Loder who celebrates his 90th birthday.

The first baby alpaca of the season has been born, a girl called Lauren.

Pam and David would like to thank everyone in the village for their kind support and offers of help following the fire at Church Farm House in the early hours of Thursday morning, April 7th. Special thanks go to Dave Lewis, Alison (and their daughter) and Peter Smith - a major disaster was narrowly avoided as a result of their quick thinking and actions.

Congratulations to Alex Perkins who completed the 2011 Paris Marathon in just over 4hrs knocking 50 minutes off his London marathon time in 2009! Well Done Alex! Keep on running....

Congratulations to Alan Jones on becoming a Great Grandfather when granddaughter Jessica gave birth to a baby boy weighing in at 6lbs.13ozs Well Done to Jess and Tim and of course baby Luke!



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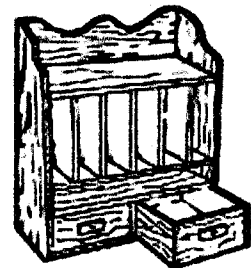
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630 Cub welcome (Sat 16th April)

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Carol Spooner found a brass yale door key in Wingrave Rd, call her on 681544 if you think it might be yours.

BUS SERVICES - as from 15th May Service 100/150 Aylesbury-L/Buzzard-Milton Keynes will not serve High St/Cambridge St stops and will travel via Park St on outward journeys. Service 165 will however still serve these stops. **So keep using your Bus Service 165** (153 via Weedon) **Wednesdays & Fridays.** *Colin Higgs*

I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine May day.

One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?"

"No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday..."

And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th April in the Church Room chaired by the Revd Ian Ogilvie, Interim Priest-in-charge. Shirley Ford and Colin Higgs retired as Churchwardens and were sincerely thanked for their many years of dedicated service to St James' Church. PCC members past and present, as well as a few other Church friends, contributed to presentation gifts for each of them. Shirley was given a cut glass fruit bowl and Colin a pair of cut glass brandy balloons and both also received garden tokens. Shirley and Colin presented the church with two new Easter candles which were dedicated at the service on Easter Sunday.

Caroline Abel Smith and April Curnow were elected Churchwardens for the coming year and will take on their duties after they have been officially 'admitted to office' by the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Karen Gorham, at a special service which will be held on 17th May at Stewkley for all churchwardens in the Deanery.

The following were elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council:

Andy Bystra, Shirley Ford, Ann Goodman, Colin Higgs, Gordon Kemp, Anita Parker, Caroline Lane (Secretary) and John Abel Smith (Treasurer).

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We will be attending the public participation section of the following parish council meetings in ASTON ABBOTTS Parish Hall 7.30pm :

11th May

3rd August

7th December

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Quiz organised by Colin Higgs in aid of Church Funds. Approximately £225 was raised. The winning team were the Bell-Ringers who scored 57 out of a possible maximum of 70. The team I joined were called the Odds and Sods - we tried hard but could only manage 50 points. Special thanks to the team who produced the 'half time' ploughmans. A thoroughly enjoyable evening. *Ed*

Can you read this?
Only 55 people out of 100 can. I don't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenon of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Azanmig huh? Yeah and I always tghuhot spelling was important!

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So we have a lovely location secured, the marquee, band and the caterers booked. I am pleased to confirm that Grant Huntley and his team are returning to cater for the Ball. Grant is a true professional who caters for many large- scale events including last years British Golf Open. Many of you commented on how good the food was last year so I'm really pleased he will be here with us again this year.

Tickets this year are priced at £40 per person. I really am conscious of the price of a ticket and have always made it clear to anyone who has asked me that the events main aim is not raising money but for people to get together after the village fete to celebrate and enjoy them selves. Therefore the budget is worked to subsidise, as much as possible, the ticket price however my hand has been forced in raising it this year due to that dreaded word inflation but I still feel it offers good value for money, which I hope you will agree.

The table reserving system worked really well last year and with half the tables booked up for the ball already I am excited about getting us all together again. So get a group together of friends, family or both and give me a shout and we will have a great night!

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Twelve months ago, when I wrote my diary for May 2010, I complained bitterly about the absence of April showers. Well, it's happening again, with knobs on! I am writing this piece on 25th April, and I can't remember any rain falling in the village at all this month – and, if the weather forecast in my paper is correct, there is little chance of any rain until right at the end of the month. My guess is that for the south of England, this will prove to be the driest April since records began. Last year we gardeners did have the benefit of a wet March, but this year March was a very dry month as well, so that our problems have been even more acute: the ground is parched. I went for walk in the Thame valley near Cuddington last Saturday, and the fields in which crops were growing had great fissures in the soil, of the type one expects to see after a long hot summer.

My son, Adam, took the gamble of planting some of our sweetcorn out in early April, rather than waiting until May, which all the books advise (because of the risk of frost), and at the moment he has been proved right to do so: with the aid of some judicious watering, the plants are thriving.

When I was weeding my patch over the last few days, I thought, not for the first time, how amazingly efficient weeds are. Adam rotavated the allotment at the beginning of April. Since he did so, to the best of my knowledge, we have had no rain. And yet, in the parts of the allotment where I have not planted anything, there was already a thin carpet of weeds, nettles being prominent. How the hell do they get the nourishment to grow, without any moisture, apart from what is provided by some early-morning dew? Despite the fact that I have religiously watered them, my carrots are still sulking, and skulking underground, and refusing to germinate. To adapt My Fair Lady, 'why can't a carrot be more like a weed?'

However, there have been years in which April showers have been replaced not by a heatwave, but by a return to winter. As recently as 30 years ago, the Times reported on April 24th 1981:

"Britain's weather achieved new levels of perversity yesterday. At Harrowgate, a spring flower show marquee collapsed under the weight of snow. At Cambridge an umpire took cricketers off the field to rescue them from the extreme cold"

On the night of 23rd April, 1981, the temperature sank to minus 11C in the Scottish highlands, and there were snowdrifts of 10ft high. Even as far south as Gloucestershire, snow 26in deep was reported. Gales brought down power-lines; cars were abandoned with snow ploughs battling to get through to them; and sheep farmers were in dire straits, as lambs were buried in snow.

And, back in 1908, a blizzard swept across southern England in late April, with snow piled up to 2ft high in Berkshire; and Oxford recorded 18in of snow – the heaviest snowfall in the city's history during the 20th Century!

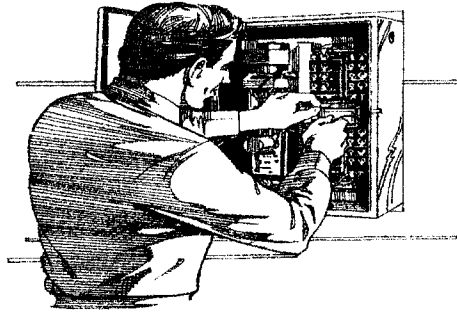
I was talking recently about the improvements that are being made to our allotments: however, I understand from John Whyte that we are lagging behind the allotments at Cheddington, where he has noticed there is a wind generator beside one of the garden sheds, clearly producing power for it!

So far as our allotments are concerned, I am also happy to welcome a new member to the allotment fraternity: I have just seen Linda Wheaton working on a plot at the far end from my plot, adding a touch of female pulchritude to the allotment scene. Richard Clarke would also like the world to know that he picked and took home to eat his first asparagus on 6th April; he was so proud of this feat that he sent me a voice-mail message!

Peter Shorrock



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Council makes decision on the future of Day Centres in Buckinghamshire

At their Cabinet meeting on 21 March Buckinghamshire County Council agreed recommendations on how day services would be provided in future. Feedback from the consultation is reflected in Cabinet's decision which has increased the number of sites to be developed as Day Opportunities Centres from four to six.

Greater emphasis will be placed on giving individuals personal choice about their own support arrangements, as well as taking a more community orientated approach. Day services will continue to be provided with building-based services in six new Day Opportunities Centres located in Aylesbury, Amersham/Chesham, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Burnham and Wycombe.

The County Council is looking into the potential use of current sites for new centres at Hartwell Day Centre in Aylesbury, Orchard House in High Wycombe, Seeleys House in Beaconsfield, Burnham Recourse Centre and Amersham Library. In addition, options for sites are being explored in Buckingham. While it is anticipated that some of the existing Day Centre sites will be used to develop the new centres, the final decision for all sites is yet to be made.

The new Day Opportunities Centres will support people with very complex needs, and will offer a resource to the wider community such as, One Stop Shops and Centres for Independent Living.

The new plans also include a network of Community Bases, which will be the main provision for people who do not need a high level of support. Community Bases will be situated in community venues such as local community centres, village halls, leisure facilities, etc. These will be places where people can meet and/or use as starting points for other activities within the local community.

The Council has already agreed as part of its capital programme to fund up to £6.5million to support these plans, as well as the use of the proceeds from the sale of those buildings released.

Additionally, the Council is working with community groups in Princes Risborough, Bourne End and Chesham, who have shown an interest in managing some elements of day services in their locality.

Patricia Birchley, Cabinet Member for Adults and Family Wellbeing, while mindful of the impact of radical change is pleased that the Council has shown such a high level of commitment to the plans: "The County Council is dedicated to safeguarding its most vulnerable residents. We will ensure that everyone who needs social care receives the best quality services we can provide. We have listened very closely to the concerns raised during the consultation and the development of the business plan has taken the many points made into consideration. Transport and continuity of care were major issues and these have been addressed so that all those who have very complex needs will be able to have a high quality building-based service within a reasonable travel time. In many cases people will find that they won't have to travel as far as they do now."

People who have Day Services provided by the council, and carers will have be informed of the decision by a personal letter sent out at the end of March/beginning of April.

The development of the new Day Opportunities Centres will take three to four years to complete. The work programme will be fully developed over the next few weeks and implementation will commence in the summer.

These changes will need to deliver over £4 million revenue savings by 2013/14.

New Bus Pass Applications –

BCC in tandem with Chiltern DC is now responsible for bus passes. There has been a delay in sending out some of them because Chiltern were forbidden to send out the passes until 30th March.

Travel Tokens – AVDC is entering into a legal agreement with BCC in order to continue the Travel Tokens Scheme for 2011/12. Eligible people may apply for £90 of travel tokens at a charge of £5, and a rail card (if required) at a cost of £2 instead of a bus pass. If applying later in the year, it is £45 of tokens for £2.50 after 1 October. The tokens are issued to help people of pensionable age or people with disabilities make essential journeys. Full eligibility details are available at:-

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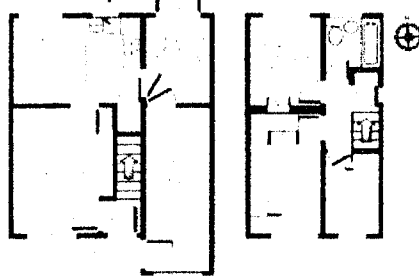
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Well owl be blowed!



Last night (7th April) as we were starting to prepare our evening meal there was an urgent rapping on the back door, and there stood Val Smith, gabbling about how we really **MUST** come out and look at our woodshed – **NOW!** Mystified, we followed her across the road – and what a sight greeted us! The most magnificent long-eared owl was sitting on the roof of the woodshed, completely unperturbed by the gathering group of neighbours and passers by who stood gazing at him in awe. He even waited while we ran indoors to fetch a camera, and it was about a quarter of an hour before he finally flew off. What a privileged to see such a magnificent creature just outside our own house – we felt incredibly humble.

Well done Les Smith who spotted the owl from his car as he was driving along Moat Lane on his way home from work.

Kate and Peter Curry

NATURE WATCH

At the time of writing we have had the warmest April day since 1949 and we seem to be having an early Spring. I usually reckon that the swallows and martins arrive here within a day or two of the 19th April. This year one person reported swallows in the village on the 5th April and I saw house martins on the South coast on the 28th March! The blossom so far has been fantastic and already in places the horse chestnuts are in full bloom. The woodland carpets of bluebells usually to be seen in May are already well advanced and look to be on the wane before May has even started. If you want to see them go now!

At Lines Hill end of the village we have reports of a Long Eared Owl in residence which is most unusual as these birds are even rarer than Barn Owls. All Owls are amazing birds with the most fantastic vision and hearing. Their eyeballs are so big that they can't move them very much, if at all, in their sockets. To compensate they can turn their heads through 180 degrees. I sometimes wish I could do that when I'm driving! Some of you, if not most, will have seen Red Kites and Buzzards over the village. The former have cranked wings and a forked tail and fly with a lazy flappy sort of wing beat. The Buzzards use thermal air currents and like glider pilots they are very good at finding them. They just circle on the up draught until they are nearly out of sight. This enables them to look for food, mostly carrion, over a very large area. A couple of weeks ago I was lying on my back in the very warm weather watching a pair circling overhead when out of the blue a shape zoomed in at high speed and buzzed one of the Buzzards which turned on its back and presented its formidable talons. The attacker was a Peregrine Falcon. The dog fight lasted only a minute or two before the Peregrine disappeared at high speed towards the South and the Buzzard resumed its lazy circling. What a spectacle! I can only assume that the Peregrine has a nest that it considers vulnerable to attack by the Buzzards. Peregrines like man made cliffs and the pair that have nested on a tower of Winchester Cathedral for the last ten or so years have raised about 30 offspring. Perhaps we have a pair of these exciting birds fairly near us?

One last thing, the Oak trees were bursting into leaf at the beginning of April and by the middle of the month many were in full leaf. However the Ash trees have only just begun to show green. So according to the old Proverb we are "in for a splash and not a soak!"

Alan Jones

2011 Goodnight Walk to be the biggest 70's party in the Chilterns

On the night of **Saturday 18 June 2011** disco fever will come to Amersham as Iain Rennie Hospice at Home (IRHH) holds its fifth annual Goodnight Walk and the final one in Amersham. This year the event will be staged as the biggest '70's party in the Chilterns. Hundreds of walkers will don their flares, hot pants, wigs and whacky shirts to walk through the night to raise money for the IRHH nursing service.

The overnight Walk will take place in Amersham and will be hosted by BBC Breakfast presenter, Bill Turnbull. To encourage the walkers not just in their challenge but in their dressing-up, prizes will be awarded on the night for the best costumes and organisers expect a fantastic atmosphere.

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BACKSTAGE TOUR OF WATERSIDE THEATRE

I recently took some Brownies on a backstage tour of the new theatre in Aylesbury. The visit made me realise what a huge amount of thought, planning and expense goes into such a building. First the design that was clearly shaped by severe space constraints. You may have wondered, when driving passed, what inspired the unusual design. Apparently, the site was at some time in the past a wood yard, so, taking wood as his theme, the architect sought inspiration from the surrounding countryside. He sketched the overall shape of the building from the shapes he saw formed by the trees on the rolling Chiltern Hills. A picture of his original drawing, superimposed on his photo of the landscape, now hangs on a first floor wall. A large number of interior lights, hung at different levels, represent raindrops. If you have already been inside, you will know that the auditorium is decorated with different coloured wood arranged in an apparently random way giving it the appearance of a giant game of Jenga. In fact there are 6 different coloured woods used which are arranged in a pattern, though it is quite difficult to see. Apparently you have to study a large section to make out the pattern! Our guide said that it was very difficult and time consuming for the builders to assemble all this interior wood panelling. He also told us about the amount of glass in the building, I forget how big an area, but it recently took a company using lifting hoppers several days to clean all the glass. He mentioned the largest panes were 6 metres square and very thick to cut out the noise from the nearby road. The building also contains, on the first floor a "second space" with seats that can be stored in the walls. This is for smaller events such as the comedy club and can be hired for conferences.

Our tour began with a visit to the stage to view the closing set of the musical Footloose. We learnt that the theatre has 56 separate rails above the stage that can be used to hang lights and sets from. These are moved up and down by "Risers" (stage hands) pulling on counterbalanced ropes. The Risers are instructed what to lift and when by the Stage Director. This may sound easy but in fact they cannot afford to make a mistake because they could bring a piece of set down on someone. Also they need to be aware of what exactly you are lowering as the loads can vary in weight from say a few lights to a heavy piece of set. The steel safety curtain has to be lowered at least once at every performance. This follows a devastating fire at a Theatre in Drury Lane that could have been controlled had the safety curtain not have rusted in the stored position due to not being used. In the centre of the stalls sit the sound desks, 2 of them, each costing over £20,000 these are to balance and ensure the correct quality of sound for the audience to hear well. The wooden interior and irregularity of the walls makes the acoustics rather different to most other theatres. The orchestra pit can be cleared and the floor lifted to the level of the stage to create a front extension. All the front stall seats can be lowered to create a standing space for some concerts. In fact these seats are hover seats that are raised and lowered by air. At the back of the stage sits a huge bank of high capacity electrical power point for plugging in all manner of electrical equipment. Our guide told us that contractors and companies from 7 different countries were involved in supplying materials for the theatre.

We discovered the sheer hard work involved in putting on a production at a regional theatre such as Aylesbury. If I remember correctly, the set will be delivered on Sunday and set up by Monday evening for the first show. This will involve setting up and testing all the elements and set changes. The musicians (if live music is part of the show) will need to practise and sound levels etc checked. The actors will then have some kind of rehearsal to familiarise themselves with the stage. Typically there will be shows Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings with 2 shows on Saturday. The technical crew will stay late on Saturday, to take down the set ready for onward transportation on Sunday. However every show is different and I suppose that is what makes it interesting.

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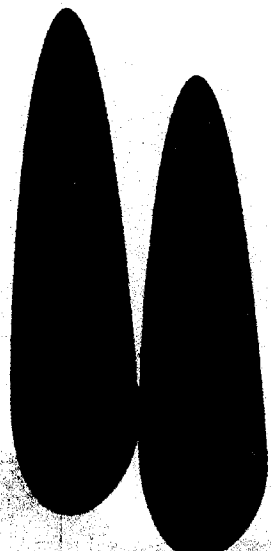
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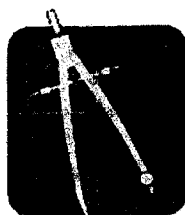
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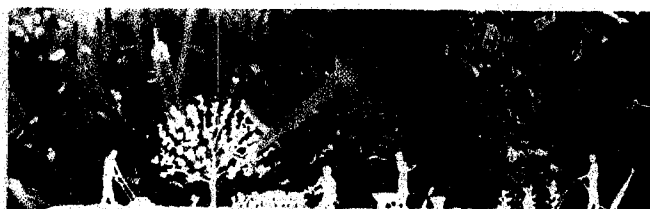
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GOOD SAMARITANS BINGO

A GOOD CAUSE FOR A GOOD EVENING

Our Bingo Evening in April was in aid of **Florence Nightingale Hospice**. It was dedicated to the memory of our Bingo friends who are sadly no longer with us, with special thoughts of **Sue Reynolds**, who regularly supported and enjoyed our monthly Bingo evenings until she sadly lost her battle with Cancer in 2010.

What a great response we received.

Extra tables were required on the night to accommodate everyone who attended, and there were many more folks from both Wingrave and Aston Abbotts who couldn't attend but showed their support by sending prizes or cash.

Sue Reynold's family and friends were wonderfully generous and ensured we had a bumper raffle with a great variety of prizes.

The folks running Wingrave Bingo also showed their support in memory of Sue, by sending £25 worth of prizes - which included enough Easter Eggs to satisfy any Chocoholic. All this, along with our regular players showing their support, ensured a successful evening.

With so many prizes donated, we were able increase the money put into the donation and instead of our usual struggle to raise £50, we're pleased to report **FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE WILL BENEFIT FROM £221.**

I know our absent friends would be very happy with this result. Thank you.....

Pam Dixon & Sheila Humphreys, on behalf of Good Samaritans Bingo.

Countryside Matters

My black cocker bitch 'Ellie' had her second litter last week. She was covered by a lovely strong black cocker gun dog who I have admired for a long time. All went well when my wife Jennie, sitting up for the second night running, delivered seven beautiful pups with very little trouble. Four bitches and three dogs, but sadly at the end of the second day everything began to go badly wrong. At about 4.30 in the afternoon we noticed one of the smaller bitches had moved away from the lamp and losing condition very rapidly. She started to go into a ridged fit, losing warmth and unable to suckle. We gave her gentle mouth to mouth, cleaning her nose and getting her breathing right, force feeding her with a small syringe full of milk and sugar helped as did a small amount of glucose imbibed on the lips. She came back to almost full fitness and was placed on the warm Aga. We rang the vet to be told it sounded like Herpes, a viral infection affecting the vital organs. During the night Jennie lost 3 pups and the 4th died on the way to the vets at 8am in the morning.

One in three dogs has herpes and it can lead to disastrous consequences. Only recently has more research been done into the disease. So as I write this the three male dogs are doing OK but the loss of two black and two brown bitches has been devastating, why only the bitches?

On a brighter note, how refreshing it was to see Kate Humble getting her hands and knees dirty on 'lambing live'. She really does get stuck in together with the excellent Adam Henson. Well done the BBC another winner together with Country file.

James Henderson

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Mad Summer Ball for 'Care for Casualties'

2nd July Upper Wingbury Farm, Wingrave

The Rifles regiment and their charity

by Jane Murrell

OUR small group is now well advanced with the organization of the Mad Summer Ball, with all the entertainment confirmed, contracts signed and many bills paid. Caterers all booked. We have some great donations for the raffle, silent auction, tombola and the main auction. Many different things such as four VIP tickets to see 'Take That' at Wembley on 9th July, and Grand Prix tickets for 10th July. (Yes, that's the weekend after the ball.) For which we are very grateful as without these generous donations the event would not be able to go ahead. We thank all of the companies and individual who have donated.

I would like to give you a little more information about our chosen charities, and will start this month with The Rifles, whose charity is 'Care for Casualties'. The ball will raise funds for them, and also for 'Help for Heroes'. The Rifles are the largest infantry regiment in the British Army. Infantry are a body of soldiers who march and fight on foot. They march at 140 paces per minute, faster than any other infantry (who march at 120 paces per minute). The Rifles consist of five regular and two territorial battalions. Their current roles and locations are:

- 1st battalion - commando infantry, Chepstow
- 2nd battalion - Northern Ireland
- 3rd battalion - Edinburgh
- 4th battalion - mechanized infantry, Bulford
- 5th battalion - armoured infantry, Paderborn, Germany
- 6th battalion - Territorial Army, Exeter: South West England
- 7th battalion - Territorial Army, Reading: Home Counties and London.

Territorial elements of the regiment are spread throughout the South West and Home Counties. They support operations worldwide, and most recently Salonika Company from the 7th Rifles was deployed to Afghanistan. The Rifles cap badge is worn by all army cadets in Buckinghamshire.

The Rifles charity is 'Care for Casualties'. Their mission statement: "Endure the responsibility to safeguard the welfare of the regiment's serving soldiers, its 35,000 veterans and their families through financial and practical support." Since February 2007, Rifles battalions have been deploying almost continuously on operations, the intensity and ferocity of which has cost the lives of 50 Riflemen killed in action and more than 290 seriously injured. Many of these injuries are life changing for them and their families. In addition to this, it is anticipated that many veterans will suffer from psychological problems at some stage in the future. This will give The Rifles charity a significant increase in the amount of financial benevolence needed to meet those needs.

The support they can give varies from counselling for depression of a close relative after the death of a Rifleman, driving lessons for a triple amputee, funding re-training courses for soldiers invalided out of the army, to providing a stair lift for an elderly veteran. Last year there were 691 individual cases funded by the regiment. The units based at Milton Keynes have had their own share of fatalities. On the 15th November 2009, Rifleman Andy Fentiman (from E Company, 7 Rifles, Milton Keynes) was shot and killed during firefight whilst serving in Sangin, Afghanistan. He was a personal friend to many of the guys based at MK.

At the moment The Rifles charity gives grants of almost £400,000 per year to help those vulnerable members of the regimental family who require assistance. In the coming years it is assessed that the regiment will not be able to sustain its current level of benevolence let alone address any increase without significant extra funds. Our Riflemen are recruited from throughout the country and represent every walk of life. For each casualty the regiment sustains, a family's life is changed forever. We all owe them our enduring support. So please come and meet some for them at the **Mad Summer Ball: 2nd July, Upper Wingbury Farm, Wingrave**. Enjoy an evening of entertainment while helping these men and women who need our help now and in the future.

I understand that some people have had problems downloading the ticket application form. We are working on this, but please if you have any problems with the website telephone Jane or Nick Murrell on 01296 668190 and we will post a form to you. www.madsummerball.co.uk

Dear Villagers

News from Wingrave CE Combined School

On the last day of the Spring Term the whole school went to worship at Wingrave Church where they were joined by parents and friends. As a Church of England school our links with our local churches are very important to us. Our Easter Service gave us all the opportunity to worship together and to learn and reflect upon the meaning of Easter for Christians. Many thanks to Rev Derek Witchell for leading our service.

Earlier this half term I was lucky enough to accompany Mars Class (Y5/6) and Mrs Britnell to the Albert Hall for the Echoes 4 Concert. Over 1800 primary age pupils took part from all over Buckinghamshire. It was a wonderful and very memorable day.

On Tuesday 5th April the whole school took part, in a range of activities to raise their knowledge and understanding of environmental issues. The theme of the day was a "Healthy Planet." Children looked at a range of habitats, waste and recycling, linking with the schools new Eco Council through a range of cross-curricular activities. The aim of the day was to help increase awareness of the issues affecting the environment and to inspire positive actions.

In the last week of term in Venus Class (Y2) took part in the "Smoothie Challenge" Enterprise Competition, held at Bearbrook School. The children had to design and make a fruit smoothie, create a label and poster, cost it and present their work to two judges. The children were delighted to receive a certificate for "The Best Flavour". Well done to William, Zoe, Caitlin, Charlie, Sam and Holly and many thanks Miss Carter and Mrs Waring for making this happen,

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.

Patricia Gurton Headteacher

GRANDPARENTS and TODDLER GROUP

The first group for grandparents looking after children under 4 has started in Aylesbury on Tuesday mornings. We are looking for new people to join our presently small group of 7. The group is held at the Sure Start Children's centre next to Elmhurst School, Dunsham Lane, between 10 and 11.45 am and is free. The centre is modern, airy, clean and well equipped. If anyone knows of anybody that might be interested in bringing their grandchildren along to play while they have a chat please let them know.

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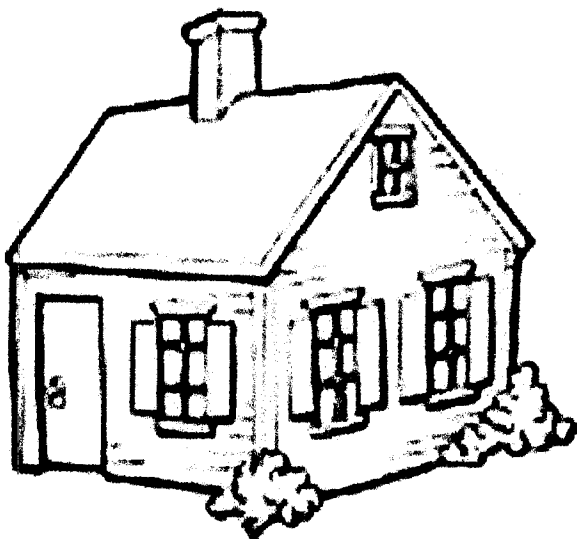
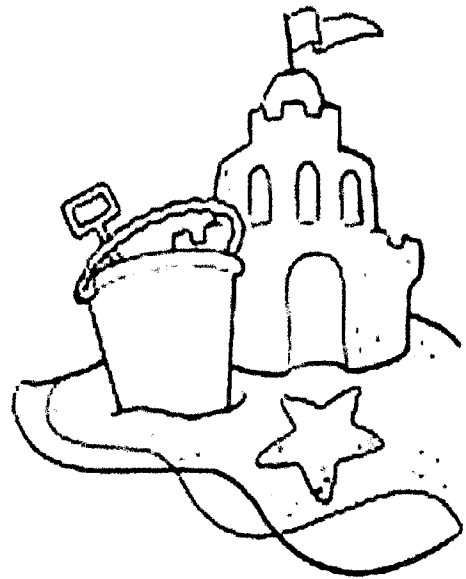
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2011

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY
11TH MAY AT 8PM IN THE CHURCH ROOM

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 12th May 2010
3. Matters arising
4. County Council, District Council and Police reports
5. The Big Society – Neighbourhood Plan
6. Annual report from the Parish Council Chairman
7. Village Plan and Village Sign Discussion
8. Church Room
9. The Chronicle
10. Fete 2010 and 2011
11. A.O.B.

everyone welcome - please attend

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for you to decide amongst other things the funding from the proceeds of the fete. Please attend and let the Parish Council have your views and concerns. This could apply especially to our Neighbourhood Plan.

Please put 8pm 11th May in your diary!

Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 2011

Present: - Cllr's. P Shorrocks (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs J Hardcastle, Mrs K Curry and P Bruton (Clerk). County Councillor N Glover, District Councillor P Cooper and 2 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr's. R Clarke and J Perkins.

Correspondence to note: The Clerk reported that we had received a note from Weedon Village advising that their Village Plan had been completed. There was a consultation draft received from AVDC on the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy and Procedures that can be accessed via the Council's website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk. Finally a reminder that an updated version of the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan was available on line at the AVDC website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/planning-building/planning-policy/avdc-local-plan/.

PAYE implementation – The Clerk advised he would be registering the Parish Council for PAYE from the new tax year and it was AGREED that the clerk's salary would be annualised and paid on a monthly basis so as to ease administration.

County Councillor N Glover outlined a summary of current topics that included an outline of the concept of the Big Society initiative – small government, big society, current initiatives relating to Highways and transport, day centre services and travel tokens.

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District Councillor P Cooper advised that part of the implementation of the Big Society concept would enable Parish Councils to influence the future development of the village. Our village plan when completed was an important document in this process, however the Big Society introduces the Neighbourhood Plan that will become a more influential document particularly in relation to planning. It was AGREED that this subject would be included as part of the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for the 11th May and we would contact Andy Kirkham at AVDC to consider organising a presentation to the meeting.

Village Plan - Cllr Shorrock reported that the document was 90% complete and it was hoped that a final questionnaire would be attached to next month's Chronicle for completion by residents.

Village Fete – It was RESOLVED that the organisers of the Village Fete could use the Recreation Ground as a Car Park for the day. It should be noted that the Parish Council could not accept any liability for damage or theft from vehicles.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting was scheduled for the 11th May and residents should be encouraged to attend. An Agenda would be circulated by the Clerk and an advertising flyer should be produced. Items to be included on the Agenda were – allocation of Fete receipts, Village Plan, Neighbourhood Plan and a Village Sign discussion.

Village Sign – The idea of a Village Sign funded by proceeds from Astonbury was aired and it was AGREED that the matter would be included for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting. In the interim the Clerk would clarify who owned the Green, a possible location for the sign.

Bonfire Night – It was RESOLVED to fund up to a £250 contribution for the provision of fireworks at the Village Bonfire Night and that the Recreation Ground could be used for the event with the organisers responsible for ensuring all H&S requirements and permissions are granted.

Local Area Forum – It was AGREED to complete an application for Delegated Budget Funding for Phase 3 of the footpath to Wingrave crossroads.

Street Light Upgrades – The Clerk confirmed he would be contacting A Muskett to carry out the upgrade of the 4 remaining lights. It was also requested he obtain the contact details of the Company responsible for the lamp posts as the one at the corner on Wingrave Road was leaning over.

Gate at Lines Hill – It was RESOLVED that Cllr K Curry organise the replacement and installation of the Gate.

Planning -11/00554/APP (77 The Green)

First floor side and rear extension

The application was discussed and particular reference was made to the Appeal Decision by the Planning Inspectorate in relation to previous applications in respect of this property. It was RESOLVED to oppose this application as it conflicts with LP Policy GP.53 and fails to reflect the requirements of Section 72 (1) of the Planning (listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 that special attention be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas. The proposed application would substantially unbalance the original symmetry of the existing built form. This imbalance would be accentuated at the rear, visible from other properties outside the CA.

Egg Production Plant – The Clerk reported he had been notified that a retrospective planning application had now been received by AVDC and we should expect to receive this for comment shortly.

Old School, Cublington Road – It was noted that the commencement of the erection of outbuildings had been reported to planning enforcement at AVDC and their representative was visiting the site for a further inspection and would advise in due course their conclusions.

Safety Check: It was noted that the entrance gate catch was broken and repair was required.

Annual Safety Check report review– The report would be discussed at next month's meeting.

Date of next meeting - It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May 2011 at 7:30pm in the Church Room

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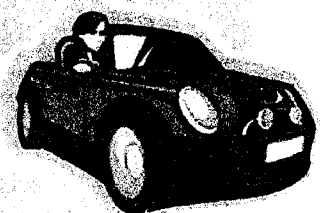
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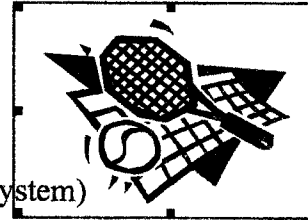
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The Aston Abbots Longest Runner Bean Competition 2011

Ignoring a considerable amount of 'barracking' from the floor, Simon Guy manfully addressed a well attended 630 Club meeting concerning the forthcoming 'Bean Competition'.

It was concluded that judging for this year's competition will take place in the Royal Oak at 7.00 pm on either the first or second Saturday in September depending on weather conditions during the growing period. The finally agreed date will be set during August and contestant notified.

There are to be three categories this year.:-

- Longest Runner Bean** Bon fide entries for the will be judged purely on length.
 - 4 Best Runner Beans** Each bean pod must be the same, in length width and freshness, beans should be straight and there should be absolutely no signs of the beans inside the pod at all, the judge will snap one of the pods to test for freshness and quality there should be a clean snap with no stringiness at all, each bean should be presented with a length of stem or haulm at the top ideally around three quarters of an inch each must be identical also the point of the flower at the tip end should be present on each pod and ideally you should only touch the stem to avoid marking the pod.
 - The best cheat** Scoring will be based on ingenuity and artistry
- Judging** Major Tim Peacocke & Mr Andy ('Carefree') Shillingford have once again 'volunteered' to judge all three categories of the competition. Their decisions will be final!!
 - The Trophy** This will be awarded for the longest bean and it was felt that it should become known as the 'Ray Wilkinson Memorial' Trophy.. Andy Bystra has been asked to design and make a suitable trophy which will be retained by the winner for 12 months.



ROMANCE

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Warily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.. A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck.." Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked..

"To get my teeth!"

Astonbury X

Saturday July 16th

7pm at Aston Abbotts Recreation Ground

Come and join us for Aston Abbotts' fun family music festival. Now for the tenth and last time. Once again we will be featuring the best local bands and performers - some you may not have seen before and some familiar faces. Bring a picnic and something to sit upon. Bring the kids (under 16s free).
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The Tenth Astonbury promises to be a very special occasion as the departing organising team say they will go out with a bang. This follows on from the superb night of entertainment from last year with money donated to our chosen charity Help for Heroes.

Already there is a queue of bands and singers, including some new bands asking for slots in the evening. If you are a would be singer or band then contact Neil at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to be part of the organising team then contact Dave Lewis at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to be the team who run next year's event then contact Simon Longman at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

If you want to run the web site the contact Phil Spooner at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to sponsor the event Phil Corrigan will take your money at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

If you want tickets, or to book spaces for gazebos, or to help on the door, then the man is John Whyte at Astonbury-X@hotmail.co.uk

You probably know that last year's show featured on Youtube, see web site for the link.

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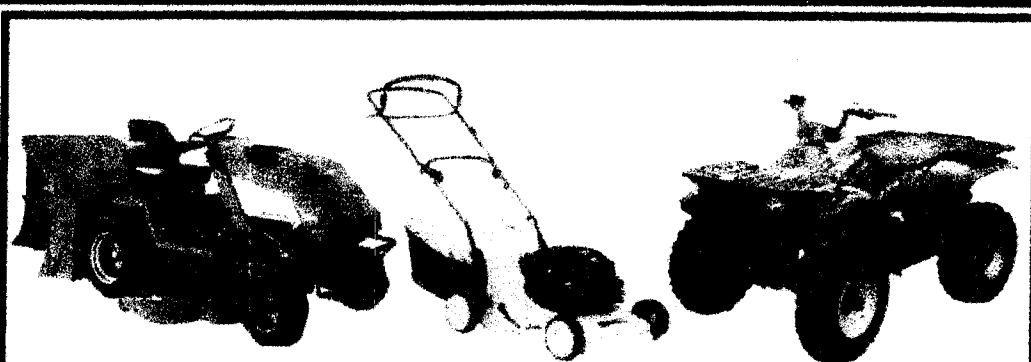
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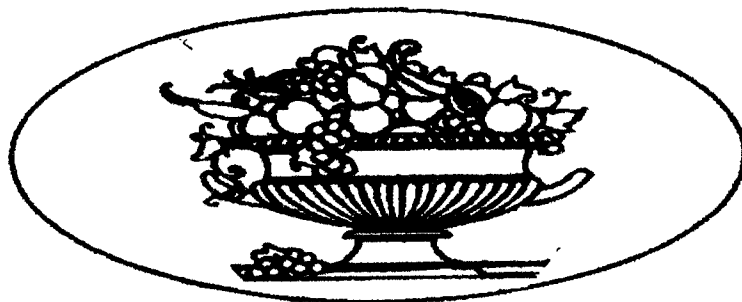
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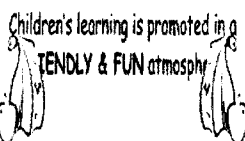
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ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

In the absence of our regular reviewer I was asked to provide a note of the April meeting.

As it happened we were discussing my choice, "ONE DAY" by David Nicholls. I chose it solely on the basis of a good review which said it was funny and sad and appealed equally to men and women. It seems surprisingly hard to select a book for others to read and I am always apprehensive about how my choice will be received.

The novel is a study of the relationship between Dexter and Emma who first meet at the end of their time at a Scottish University. Each chapter deals with the same day each year as it charts the ups and downs of their 2 lives. John, who was absent, sent us an email saying he enjoyed the book. Following our usual format, I briefly outlined why I had chosen the book to start off the discussion. Feelings were a little mixed amongst the ladies gathered in Sam's lounge. Generally it was considered an easy and enjoyable read, several had actually read it on holiday. Two members thought it very good and two were not so complimentary. Some books create more discussion than others, this book proved not to be one of them. I had recently noticed that the Daily Telegraph book club marks books out of 10 so I requested scores for this book these came out as one 5/10 two 6/10 two 7/10 two 8/10 and one 9/10.

Our next book is "The Winter Ghosts" by Kate Mosse, we will be discussing this at Val Smith's house on Wednesday 8th June at the slightly later time of 8.30pm. Val's choice is an intriguing story that hopefully will provoke a good discussion. New participants always welcome

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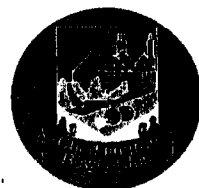
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Sun 8th	Holy Communion 10.15 am.	St. James Church	Rev Peter Binns
Sun 15 th	Holy Communion 10.15 am.	St. James Church	Rev. David Hemsley
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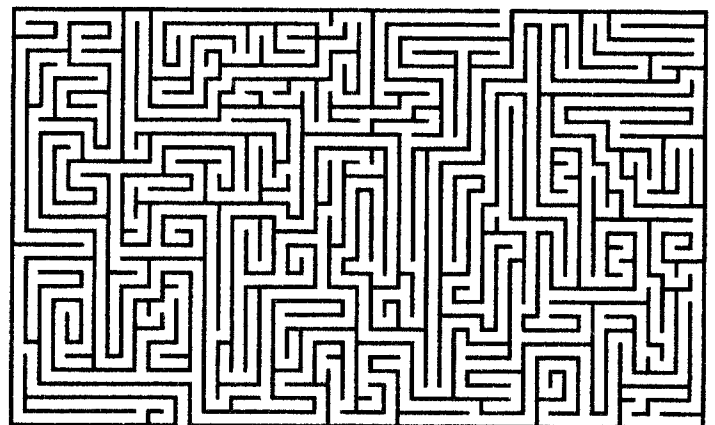
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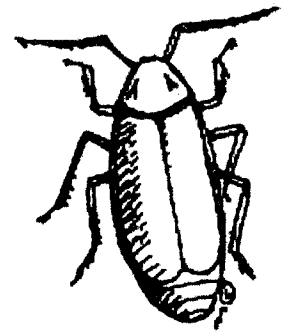
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Tuesday 10th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 11th	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 12th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	<u>No Whist Drive</u>	
Tuesday 17th	Village Freighter 12noon-3.30pm	The Green
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Tuesday 24th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 25th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
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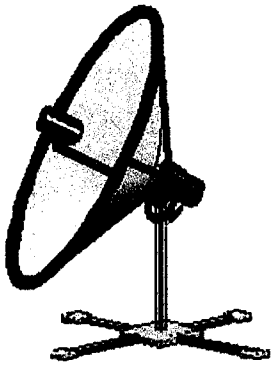
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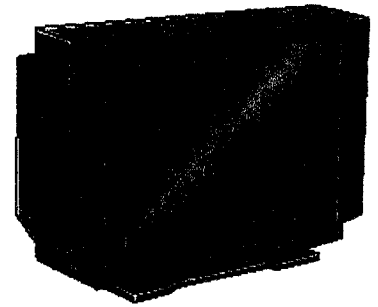
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