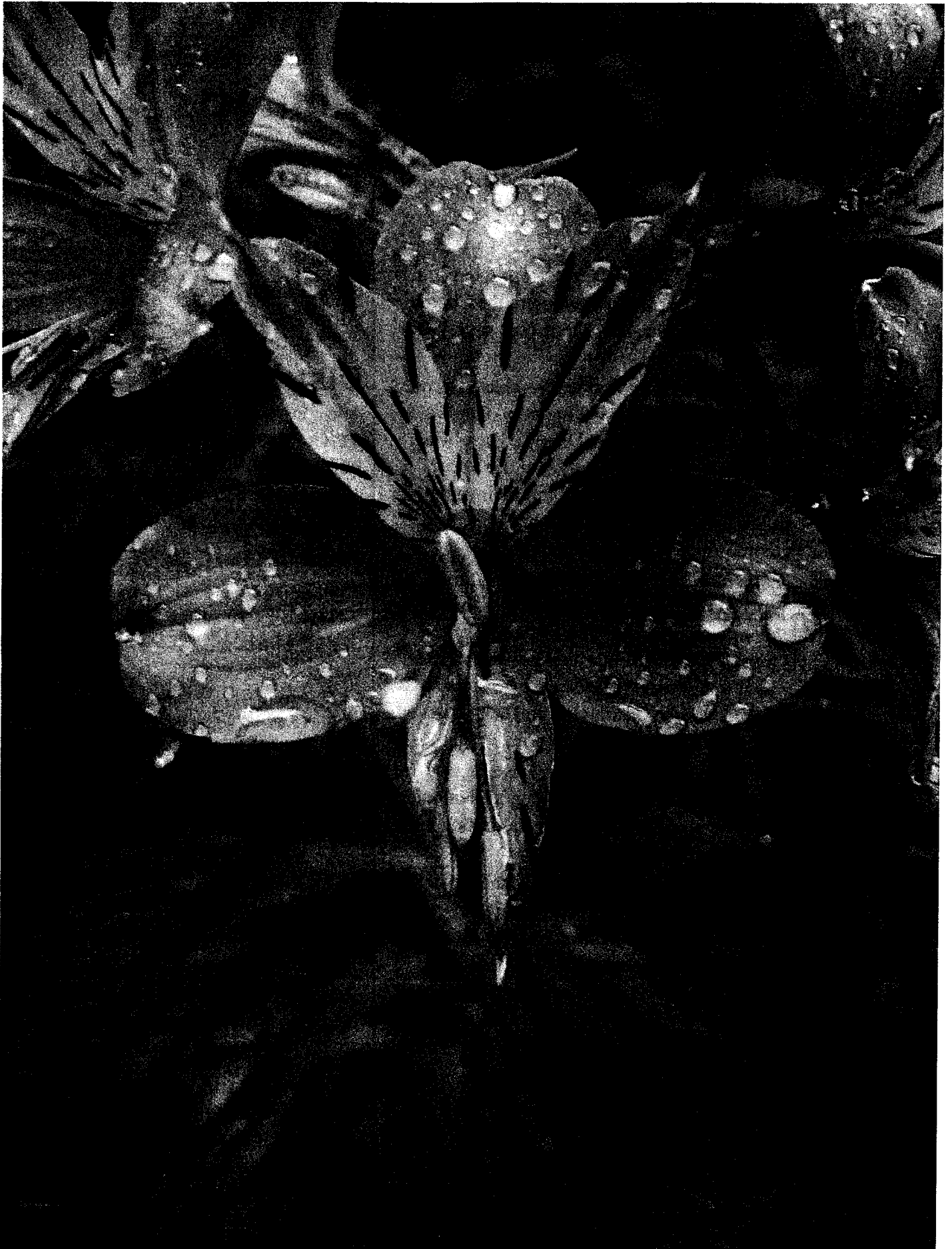


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# Editorial

I'm very sad to advise that Geoff Curnow died in hospital on 20th May after a short illness. Last year I went with Geoff to the Emirates Stadium when we watched his team Arsenal demolish my team Fulham. Geoff was always good company, he did many good works for the village and the Church. He will be sorely missed.

Christine Scott has kindly given The Chronicle access to two diaries that Vic kept between 1944 and 1960. The diaries mostly record Vic's observation of the birds, animals and plants he saw in and around Aston Abbots. I hope to publish extracts that relate to each month of the year.

(see page 11 for first extracts)

There's the opportunity for you to express your interest in the proposed 'Village Orchard' at a meeting in the Church Room on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm. (see page 11 for details).

Congratulations to Peter Cooper who was re-elected as our District Councillor with an impressive majority. Our Ward had one of the highest turnouts in the District. There was some confusion regarding the composition of our Parish Council as some councillors failed to submit their papers for re-election. I gather that matters have now been resolved and that the Parish Council is much as before.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the Chronicle was granted a portion of the proceeds of this year's Fete monies, namely £600, for which I am very grateful. The revenue the Chronicle gets from its advertising was slightly down last year - it is proposed to increase our charges by a modest amount to try and recover the Chronicle's financial position. Each edition costs approximately £100 to print.

Another matter raised at the Annual Parish Meeting was the idea that the village could celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. See page 15 to read Sally Palmer's suggestion and ideas for a village celebration.

Still no rain to speak of. I'm watering my vegetable patch but the rest of the garden has to survive as best it can. Rumour has it that we heading for a heat wave in June and July - but then long range weather forecasting has proved to be wildly wrong in the past. I'm sure the farmers hope so.

*John*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

### June

Sally Clarke	5 <sup>th</sup>
James Perkins	9 <sup>th</sup>
Emily DeLooze	17 <sup>th</sup>
Bernard Osborn	18 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Wheaton	21 <sup>st</sup>
Paul Drysdale	21 <sup>st</sup>
Rob Howell	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Pat Stevens	24 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Wilkinson	26 <sup>th</sup>
Kim Picking	27 <sup>th</sup>
David Hewit	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kirsty Lewis	28 <sup>th</sup>
Adam Oldfield	30 <sup>th</sup>

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Another blow to our little village with the unexpected death of Geoff Curnow on 20th May. He was such a lovely man and a true Gentleman. Our condolences to April and her family. The funeral will be held at the church 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm.

Congratulations to Zoe Judd and Adam Springett on the birth of baby Leah 10<sup>th</sup> May, weighing in at 6lbs 12oz. A sister for Libbie and 2<sup>nd</sup> granddaughter for Tracey and Lol.

Congratulations also to Juan and Brigitte Gutierrez who are celebrating the marriage of their daughter Juliette to Alfred Bailey. The wedding took place on the Costa Brava, Spain.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?



John Whyte is leading the campaign to have a Village Sign for Aston Abbotts.

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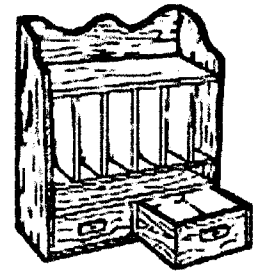
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## **A Personal Memory of Ray Wilkinson from Lol Hinds**

Even now I still feel numb after the death of my brother-in-law and I've found it hard to put pen to paper as I'm still very emotional after what has happened.

I first met Ray about thirty years ago in The Royal Oak, where else, and we soon hit it off. Him being a Liverpool supporter and myself West Ham. He gave me so much stick over the years, it was all friendly rivalry but he did have a soft spot for my team as we went to watch them play on numerous occasions together. I remember once Ray got us tickets for Leicester V West Ham. I was so looking forward to cheering along with our fans, but he had brought tickets amongst the Leicester fans and when we scored I shouted yes very loudly, then realised where I was. We were lucky to get out alive.

On another occasion we went to Mallory Park race track on a corporate day with his company; one of his clients had dropped out and he knew I would enjoy driving the quads, karts and buggies etc. There was only one snag; I wasn't supposed to be there, so I had to keep a low profile. Unfortunately my competitiveness came out and I ended up winning the karting. When it came to the trophy presentation at the end of the day everyone kept asking Ray who I was and which company I worked for. To this day I still don't know how he explained that one away, but all I know is he would have done it in his usual diplomatic way. That is what I loved about Ray; he would put family and friends first regardless of the consequences. He was also a bit of a joker. On a weekend trip to Ostend in Belgium myself, my brother Tony and his stepson Steve were sharing a room together but Ray had told the receptionist, who was a man, that we were gay. I don't know why, but he kept giving us funny looks after that. Perhaps he thought he was in for a chance; cheers for that Ray. In the evening he stitched us up by pretending a strip club was an ordinary bar, but he had already pre-warned the staff our names and descriptions, so when we walked in I was shocked when one of the girls mentioned my name after I made a comment to Tony. A bottle of champagne was ordered by Ray and I should have been suspicious when the barman said certainly Mr Wilkinson. We sat down and in no time at all three girls came and sat with us, but, because Sharon was with us, Ray got away with it. I've never been so nervous in my life. A real eye-opener as the girls were offering all sorts of favours at a price. I was in a relationship at the time so couldn't get out of there fast enough. Ray just kept laughing his head off as he denied he had set us up. What a weekend.

Ray to me was more than a Brother-in-law, he was not just a very good friend but he was also like a father to me. Whenever I needed to talk problems over he was always there for me, giving me advice and making sure I was OK. That was Ray, I miss him so much and I know they say that time's a healer but at the moment I still can't take in what's happened. All I know is its going to take a long time to get used to Ray not being around.  
Love to Sharon x x

**next fete meeting**

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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 :

3rd August      7th December

### The Peacock's gonna get it!

Bleary eyed residents of Aston Abbots, with yet another night of lost sleep have banded together to put out a contract on the Peacock. You know the one?

This bird roosts overnight on neighbours' garages or in their gardens, and seems to have developed a piercing shriek that is timed to go off just as the eyelids droop and gentle snores emanate.

Then shriek and another night is destroyed.

Some valiant souls from the pub end of the village have even suggested putting beds in the church room and renting out space, hot bedding style, just to give people the chance of a bird free night.

The gun club were first approached to deal with this menace but one of the members had a vested interest and, because he is big, none of the others would take on the contract.

Next an approach was made to the chaps who dealt with Osama whatshisname. However by this time they had been given their medals and were back in the USA.

So the only thing left is foreign mercenaries who will have to be paid to do the job.

Apparently such is the interest that a minor whip round from the non sleepers could raise enough money to get the job sorted and more to the point to get the Peacock sorted.

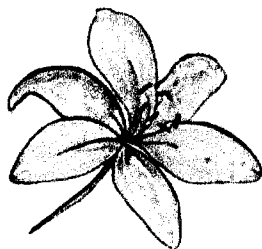
So if you see people in the village in camouflage gear, sporting sniper rifles, grenades, bazookas and body armour, don't worry, don't fret it's just the Peacock getting a full night's sleep.

*Neil Chesher*

*Carol Spooner adds this rider* We would love to reunite the peacock with it's owner. It can wake us up at 5am onwards, it's plaintive cry goes through closed double glazed windows!

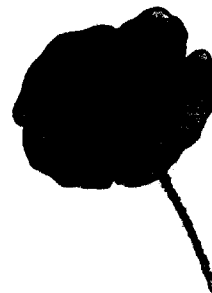
I believe some folk in Cublington own peacocks. If anyone knows of some one who would like to take the peacock or knows the Cublington folk then hopefully matters can be happily resolved.

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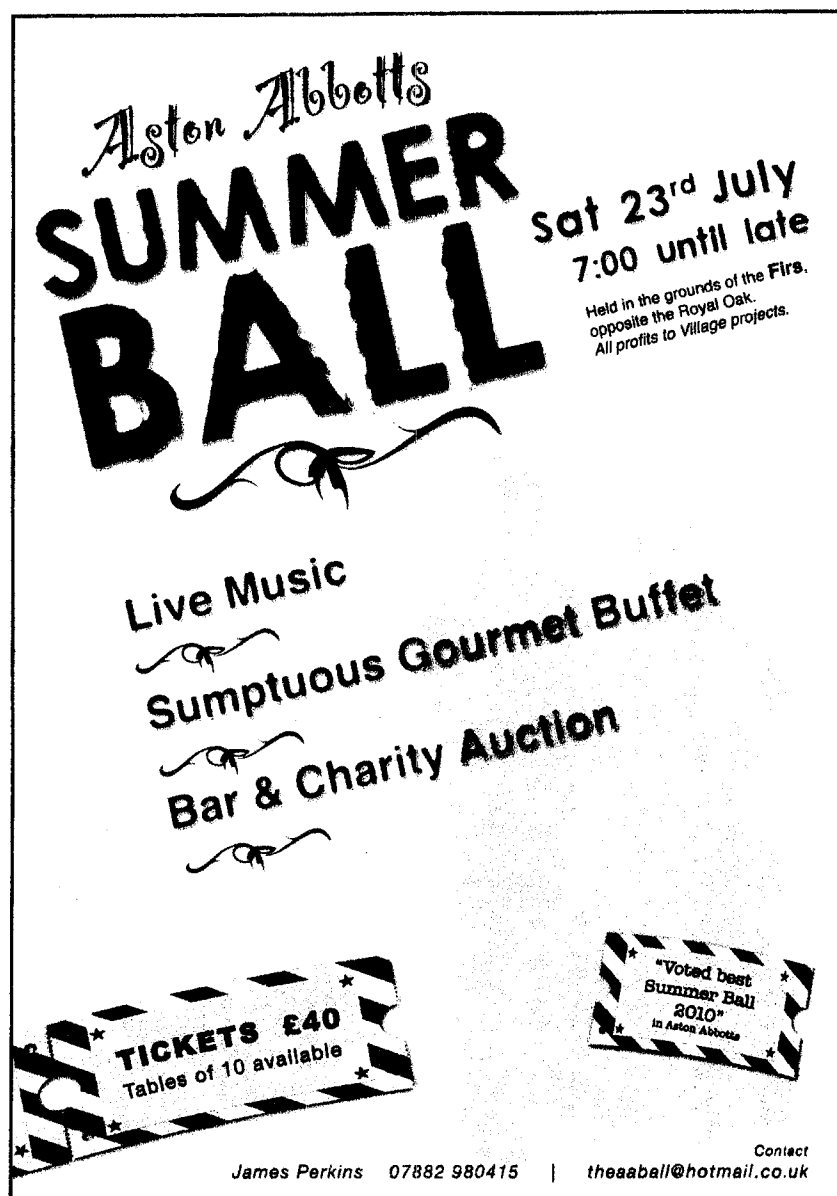
# ASTON ABBOTTS SUMMER BALL 2011

I'm sending this report from Ball H.Q whilst my assistant Frank serves me Pimms. The life of a social organiser is very hard. Anyway onto something far more exciting!

I am pleased to confirm that this years music entertainment will be provided by the band Squid! Someone of you may not of heard of this unusual named outfit but many will be familiar with their lead singer, Rachel Sutton. Rachel is a local girl who has performed many times at Astonbury. Her band play a wide ranging set from the 60's to modern day classic's which I am sure will get you on the dance floor. This will be an exclusive appearance of Squid in Aston Abbotts at the Summer Ball so please be sure not to miss out.

Next I have a request? As per last year we will be having a Charity Auction, many of you were kind enough to donate prizes last year some of which were quite amazing! For example I believe Andy Plested is still working out what to do with his horse box full of manure. This year we are looking for more of the same. So anyone who thinks they or maybe a company could offer an auction prize I would be grateful if you could get in contact.

This brings me on nicely to where the money goes from the Ball. I have decided this



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year that the profits will go to the extension of the path down to the A418 Wingrave crossroads. Some of you will know that the Village was successful in securing funding for the second phase this year. Following the completion of this we will then need to look for funding for the third and final stage. I like many of you think that a pathway to the cross roads is very important, many people use the route to access more frequent public transport links and walk to the nearest post office in Wingrave. The completion of a path will allow those trips to be continued safely. I hope you agree that this is a really good use of the money you kindly raise.

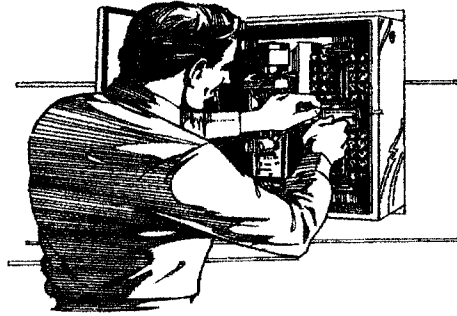
That's it, there are only a few tables left however if you would just like one or two tickets then that's fine just let me know. I wouldn't want you to miss out!

Cheers

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## VIC SCOTT'S DIARIES

*A proportion of the diaries are taken up with Vic's record of the bird nests he spotted. Below is a sample of his observations. Ed.*

### JUNE 1949 nests

- Robin's nest with 5 eggs. In ivy wall (15th)
- Two Spotted Flycatchers' nests (eggs). In creepers on wall.
- Blackbird's nest (eggs). In clematis growing by wall.
- Great Tit's nest (young). In hole in tree.
- Blue Tit's nest (young). In iron pipe used as chimney.
- Linnet's nest (4 eggs). In thorn hedge.
- 2 Greenfinch's nests. In hedges.
- Partridge's nest (14 eggs). In grass by roadside.
- Whitethroats, nest (young). In small bushes.
- Two Partridges' nests (eggs) Among herbage in hedgerows.
- Two spotted Flycatchers' nests. In creepers on wall.
- Green Woodpecker's nest (young). In hole in tree.
- Water Wagtail's nest with three young. In creepers on wall.

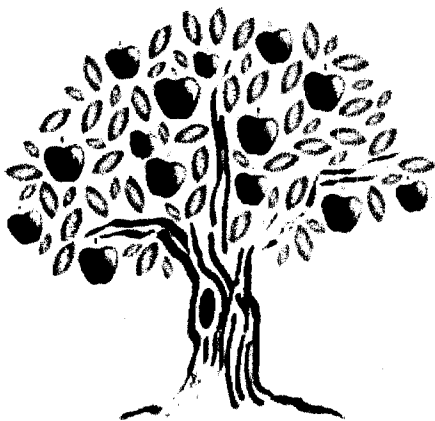
### JUNE 1954

The Weather: Mainly rather cold for the season, with much rain at times and very few really sunny days. No really settled weather throughout the month.

Bird Life: Nests found during the month include the following;

- Spotted flycatcher (creepers on wall)
- Wren (in low bush)
- Nuthatch (in hole in trunk of large elm tree)
- Little Owl's nest (4 eggs) in hole in ash tree. (1 egg failed to hatch)
- Song Thrush (hedge, bush etc) 5
- Blackbird (hedge and bush) 2
- Pair of Blackbirds reared three broods successfully in same nest.

*The diaries don't explain where these nests were located. I would like to think they were in Vic's garden and the immediate surrounds. Ed.*



## VILLAGE ORCHARD

Thanks to the co-operation of the PCC and Richard & Sally Clarke the idea of a village orchard can now progress.

In the field behind the allotments we hope to create a long term orchard for the village community. Go and have a look at the site and see what you think of it.

All we need now is your ideas and your co-operation to help us develop the orchard.

**Please come to a meeting at the Church Room on 14th June 7.30 pm, to have your say and listen to our ideas.**

If you cannot attend but support the idea please let us know by ringing either Peter Knight 681478 or John Hardcastle 688070 or email [jhardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:jhardcastle@hotmail.com)

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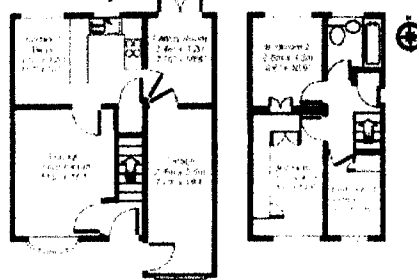
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# ALLOTMENT DIARY

In my last diary entry, I mentioned how Adam had ignored my advice, and that of all the books on the subject, and transplanted our sweetcorn from the greenhouse to the allotment in the middle of April – about 5 weeks earlier than recommended. The reason for this advice is that sweetcorn is very susceptible to frost, and frosts in late April and early May are not uncommon. I am happy to say that his gamble has proved successful. There was one night at the end of April when we had an overnight frost, but most of the crop survived. Three plants popped their clogs, and another half dozen or so looked a bit sorry for themselves, with brown leaves and general droopiness: but all of these seem to be surviving. The risk of frost having now (I hope) disappeared, we have now planted the rest of the crop from the greenhouse; and a few more have been planted direct into the ground. The same frost turned the new leaves on the top of our box hedges yellow, but new growth now seems to be coming through.

Talking about frost reminds me that, I suspect in common with most of you, I lost a number of mature plants this winter – no doubt due to the spell of extremely cold weather we had in December. I have gradually become aware of it as the spring has progressed, and I have realised that there is no new growth on the afflicted plants. There were two about which I was particularly sad: one was a fuschia which Clare & I brought back from our holiday in Ireland in 1997. Those of you who have been to Ireland will know that on the west side of the island, where it is more temperate, the majority of the wayside hedges are fuschia. We brought back a cutting, and planted it in our garden, where it had grown very happily until last December. The other was a bay tree that I gave Clare as a present at the beginning of this century – which was in fact three trees intertwined. We kept it in a large pot, and clearly the earth in the pot must have frozen in December. No doubt if we had planted it in the garden, it would have survived. (Our other bay tree did, and I have now noticed other people with bay trees in pots have suffered the same way).

Still virtually no luck with my carrots: of the 4 rows I planted, (I would guess well over 1,000 seeds), only 6 germinated! I have just started replanting, and am praying for some wet weather. Another curious effect of the dry spell is that I planted 3 batches of mange-tout, about one week apart. The first lot grew well, but the second batch came up after the third batch! Presumably the little bit of rain we had at the beginning of May came at the right time to trigger their growth, while the seeds planted earlier had gone a bit dormant, waiting for the rain to arrive.

While I was down at the allotments today, I saw smoke coming from what I thought was a bonfire on Andy's part of the allotment: but on looking closer, I discovered that it was his compost heap, which had spontaneously combusted! Fortunately (while I was thinking I might have to call upon Dave's services) it died down, and I was able to stop worrying.

This year's pumpkin growing competition may be a small one: none of my pumpkin seeds has germinated, and I am told that at the time of writing this piece, three of the allotmentees to whom I have spoken are in the same boat ; and that the fourth has succeeded in starting only one pumpkin plant.

Finally, I have to welcome yet another new allotmentee: Paul Bruton is now helping Andy Digby with his allotment, so giving Alan more time to spend on his recently acquired boat.

*Peter Shorrocks*

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Did you enjoy the Royal Wedding? Perhaps you took the opportunity to visit friends for the day or perhaps you felt a bit sad that Aston Abbots did not have any community celebrations.

Next year we will all be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee over an extended bank holiday weekend from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Whatever your views on the monarchy, this incredible milestone gives us all time to reflect on the huge changes our country has seen during the Queen's reign. Many of these changes have been good but others less so. Arguably as a country we have lost a sense of belonging to a community as our towns have grown bigger and our lives busier.

With the above in mind I had the idea of organising a community party in the Rec and was hoping to gauge the level of support for this. Most people I have asked seemed to think it a good idea. I am looking for ideas as to what people might like and offers of help. My basic idea is to put up some larger marquees to serve as shelters and tea and beer tents with villagers bringing along their own picnics and gazebos. The afternoon activities would be inspired by the various decades of the Queen's reign and might include silly races, fancy dress, best picnic hamper/table, throwing sponges at unpopular royals etc. The aim would be to keep costs as low as possible, ideally free, to join in the fun. It would be nice if some of our more senior residents could remember the sorts of things that happened at The Coronation or Silver Jubilee so that these might be included.

At this stage I would like to find out if it would be possible to use marquees owned by villagers as these would be a major expense.

I have been reminded that there are several trees in the village planted for the Silver Jubilee and it seems a good idea to plant some new oak trees around the village to replace those that have been lost or damaged by storms over the years. Hopefully profits from the sale of beer and tea could cover the costs of some trees. There may also be small grants available to fund such things.

Please let me know your thoughts either in person or via the Chronicle. *Sally Palmer*

**A "nationwide celebration" will be held to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the government has announced.**

Events to mark The Queen's 60 years on the throne will take place in the first weekend of June 2012, with an extra bank holiday being created.

Lord Mandelson said it would be a "truly historic occasion" which would allow the British people to show their "pride and affection" for The Queen.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 was marked by celebrations across the UK, including a royal tour and a pop concert featuring guitarist Brian May playing a God Save the Queen solo from the roof of Buckingham Palace.

First Secretary of State Lord Mandelson told peers that a series of "fitting events" would be held in the summer to 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and that planning was at an early stage.

**'Remarkable achievement'**

He said the government had agreed to grant an additional bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June to provide a focal point for the celebrations.

In addition, the traditional Bank Holiday at the end of May will, in 2012, be moved to 4 June to make it a four day

You cannot stick your tongue out and look up at the ceiling at the same time, a physical impossibility due to the tendons within your neck. *see bottom of page 19*



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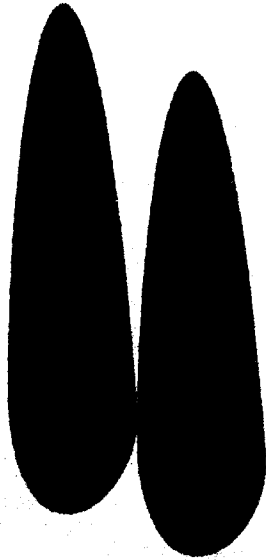
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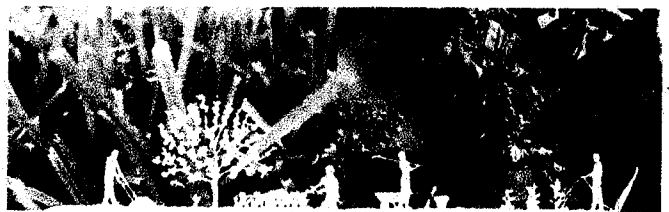
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# MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2011

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT: Peter Shorrocks (Chairman of the Parish Council), Paul Bruton (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Mr D Broadley (AVDC), Ms P Boston (PCSO) and 14 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 Apologies – Mrs Kate Curry and Mr 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

Police Community Support Officer Paul Boston reported to the meeting that it had been decided this year to incorporate the Neighbourhood Action Group reporting into local Parish meetings on a quarterly basis, giving residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern.

The crime statistics since the beginning of the year were 6 reported crimes – 2 damage to vehicles in Brickstock, 2 burglaries from other buildings (Garden shed or Garage), theft of a vehicle from The Green and a burglary from an other building in Brickstock.

The major incident was the attempted Arson that was under investigation.

There had been 6 calls in respect of other incidents, 4 in relation to suspicious males, 1 in relation to a stolen vehicle left in the village and 1 noise complaint. Paula Boston would encourage people to continue reporting such incidents and if a crime was or believed to be being committed then to call 999.

In response to questions from the meeting it was agreed that a supply of fridge magnets that give the number to call be supplied for residents to collect from either the Church room or The Royal Oak Public House. In regard to a question relating to parking in the village, in particular on verges and pathways PCSO Paula Boston advised that as a rule of thumb if you could get a Mobility scooter or double buggy past then the vehicle was not causing an obstruction.

Residents can report the matter and the Police will try to contact the registered owner, the final resort would be the issuing of a ticket. For dangerous parking then they do have the option of removing the vehicle, but again would contact the owner to try to resolve the matter in the first instance.

MINUTE 5 The Big Society – Neighbourhood Plan

Mr David Broadley on behalf of the AVDC Forward Plans Group gave a talk to the meeting on the Government's Big Society and in particular the introduction of the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to planning policy.

It is intended to replace top down targets for House building incorporated into the Core Strategy (this had been withdrawn in October 2010) and develop a New system taking a bottom up approach with all communities being able to suggest how much new housing is required in their communities to the year 2031.

Housing policies can be delivered within a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) that is developed by Parish Councils after due consultation with residents. NP's are part of formal planning policy.

A meeting with the Parish Council was scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the likely approach we might take that will include a full Public Consultation and then reported upon by the end of 2012.

The Vale of Aylesbury Plan together with NP's will form the new development policies and strategies, it is intended that local input is sought at all times and nothing will be imposed.

Newsletters produced by AVDC were available at the meeting and can be reviewed on the AVDC website.

There was discussion around the difference between our proposed Village Plan and the NP, the major difference being that the latter will include formal planning policies specific to Aston Abbots and developed by the Parish Council in consultation with residents. The cost of preparing a NP is borne by the Parish. We can use the resources of AVDC in preparing and planning our Plan if we decide it is something we wish to develop, additionally Grants may be available. If we decide not to develop our own, applications will be considered based upon AVDC policy.

Mr Broadley then took questions from those present, these varied from the concern over the burden being placed on the Village, what happened if we did not prepare a plan or didn't want any development, is the Village plan now redundant, are AVDC working with Local Forums and is there a relationship between the NP and the publicised Community Right to Build.

In summary it was confirmed that AVDC would assist at all times in preparing the plan, there was to be no imposed housing targets, the NP was specific to planning policies whereas the Village plan incorporated wider issues, they only worked with Forums when there was no Parish Council.

Finally Mr Broadley advised he would pass to the Parish Clerk any details on the mechanism of the Community Right to Build as it may be relevant to areas such as purchasing assets for the use by the Village. The Chairman thanked Mr Broadley on behalf of the meeting for his presentation.

MINUTE 6 Annual Report from the Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman presented to the meeting his Annual report on matters dealt with by Council during the year that included lodging a complaint on the introduction of the Egg Production plant that Planning enforcement are reviewing at present, finishing the upgrade of the streetlights in the Village, replacing the fencing and gates on the recreation ground, finished repayment of the Loan to fund the playground improvements resulting in a reduction in our Precept.

Additionally with the support of our Local Councillor, County Councillor and neighbouring parishes we had been successful in obtaining funding from the Local Area Forum for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the footpath to Wingrave Crossroads. Finally he wished to thank Peter Knight who kindly installed a new gate at Lines Hill that had recently been damaged beyond repair.

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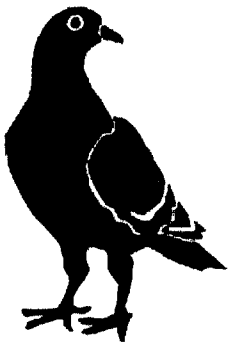
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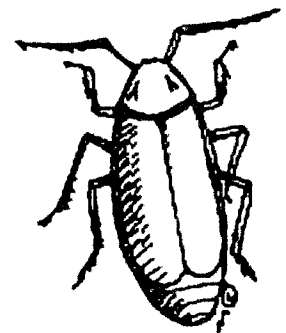
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MINUTE 7 Village Plan.

The Chairman read out a report from James Perkins on the current status of the Village Plan.

“Firstly the bad news, it isn’t finished. Secondly and more upbeat is the plan has moved into a state where it is very close to completion. The village has a draft village plan and a draft action plan.

The following needs to be undertaken to complete.

The draft action plan needs to be finalised by completing a final piece of consultation with the village as recommended by Community Action Bucks. A questionnaire has been drafted and this needs to be delivered and feedback recorded. Once this is complete the varying different draft sections need combining with the draft action plan. The combination of both will enable the plan to be brought forward for signing.

I have recommended to Councillors Shorrock and Curry that we have a meeting to look at the detail of these broad actions which will take place next week. I will then be able to report back to the Parish Council in the following week at their monthly meeting.

Finally I understand that people might be feeling a little worn regarding the time taken to complete this plan. I agree it is taking a long time however I must reiterate that we are not far off. A final push will see the plan put into publication and I am committed to getting it there.”

**Village Sign** – Mr John Whyte advised that he and his Astonbury colleagues had the idea of using the surplus funds from Astonbury and the Christmas shows to purchase on behalf of the village a Village Sign. He reported that having floated the idea with friends and the Parish Council the feedback had been pretty supportive and he wished to present the idea to a wider audience.

He was therefore asking for ideas for emblems depicting the village that could be incorporated into the design of the sign. It was thought that three such emblems would be representative and details would be included in the Chronicle. It was noted that planning permission would be required

There followed a discussion around the possible location, probably The Green, and the size and materials to be used. All present agreed it was a good idea.

MINUTE 8 Church Room

The Chairman read out a short letter he had written to the lawyers regarding completion of the Lease. It seemed that he was unable to get any response or move the matter forward.

It was felt that a meeting of the Committee should discuss this issue and decide what steps to take in order to progress the Lease.

The Chairman believed there were sufficient funds to complete the repairs required to the building that included subsidence in one corner of the building, new kitchen, toilets and electrics. However further funds would be required to build an extension, disabled toilet and access ramps, but that grants may be available from WREN and other similar organisations that supported such projects.

The meeting was in full support of continuing with the objective of securing a Lease.

MINUTE 9 The Chronicle

John Hardcastle reported that Janet Issitt was the Editor until December last year, after which there was a gap and he had volunteered to resume as Editor of the village magazine. It was noted that revenues were down, due to less advertising, and that the level of financial support be maintained at last year’s level.

MINUTE 10 Fete 2010 and 2011

There was nobody present to report on the Fete, however April Curnow reported that as far as she was aware the plans were in place for this year’s event and with the continuation of the Summer Ball afterwards, once again it promised to be an exciting day.

- After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:
  - a) Chronicle £600 (regardless of actual takings)
  - b) Church - 50% of the remainder
  - c) Church Room - fund for refurbishment 35% of the remainder
  - d) Recreation Ground 15% of the remainder

MINUTE 11 A.O.B.

Sally Palmer commented that she had noted that the village had not organised anything to celebrate the recent Royal Wedding. It had already been announced that next year in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee there would be a public holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was suggested that the village might like to join in the celebrations and she was suggesting perhaps an event is organised on the Recreation Ground that could include activities for children, 50’s style picnic and if any residents were around at the time of the Coronation any ideas for the day would be welcome. Any funds raised from the day could perhaps be put towards replacing some of the Oak trees the village has lost over the last few years.

It was agreed this was a good idea and an article asking for ideas, suggestions and volunteers would be included in the Chronicle.

The Chairman thanked all those attending and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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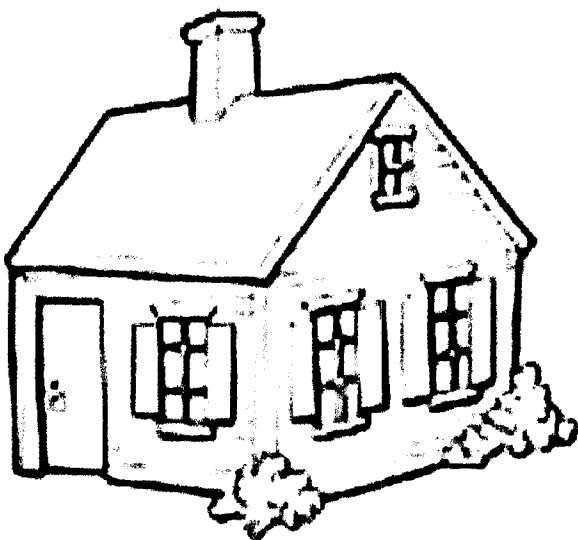
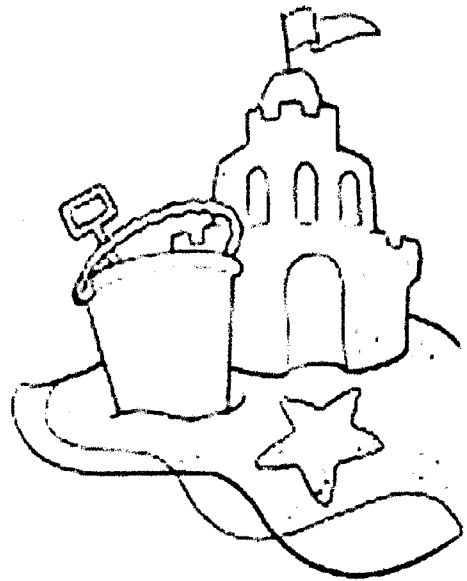
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## **COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS**

Last year Bovine Tuberculosis caused the slaughter of 38,000 cattle in this country. The cost to the Taxpayer ran into millions. The cost to the Livestock and Dairy Farmers was heartache, anguish and despair. Both with milk and beef production being affected, one would think that after a decade of indecision and political back-pedaling, a final answer would be made to control this disease.

Well, to be fair, DEFRA have now started to act. A controlled cull of badgers in T.B hotspots, such as parts of Wales and the West Country is imminent. Trapping and vaccination is a vital part of this multi-pronged attack on this dreadful scourge. However, as the badger roams over such a large area looking for its food source; roots, grass, grubs, eggs or even hedgehogs, the operation will take years. Not all badgers will be found and the end gain will be to control the disease, not eradicate the badger. The badger passes on the disease to cows by saliva and urine secreted on to the grass, which is then consumed by them.

I therefore find it incredible that, after an unbiased investigation into badger culling by Adam Henson on B.B.C. TV, the Animal Rights extremists threatened to "Burn his children". These people want a change of medication and a long holiday at "Her Majesty's Pleasure". Adam has lost cattle on his own farm to T.B. including one of his prize oxen "Sundance", part of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

One of the great pleasures of having a garden stuck out in the sticks, is watching partridge nest in the flowerbeds. They normally choose the smelliest of flowers and shrubs in which to lay their eggs in order to put off the cocker spaniels, with their keen sense of smell. Alas, all are not so clever. Whilst in the greenhouse, my wife felt a nudge at her knee. She looked down and there was my brown cocker "Fudge" with a live hen pheasant in her mouth. The hen bird was most indignant and extremely un-amused blinking her eyelids furiously. She was freed to carry out her motherly duties.

*James Henderson*

## **ASTON ABBOTTS ALLOTMENTS**

Due to demand for plots we will be providing 6 additional plots - these will have to be rotivated and prepared ready for use in the autumn. If you are interested in having a plot please let Colin Higgs know (6813430) and if you would like the plot prepared then speak with Richard Clarke (681286) to agree a price for the work.

## **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.

*Sally Palmer* Tel 01296 681152

Went around to a friend's house today. His wife was sat there with their newborn baby. She asked if I'd like to wind it.... I thought that was a bit harsh so I gave it a dead leg instead.

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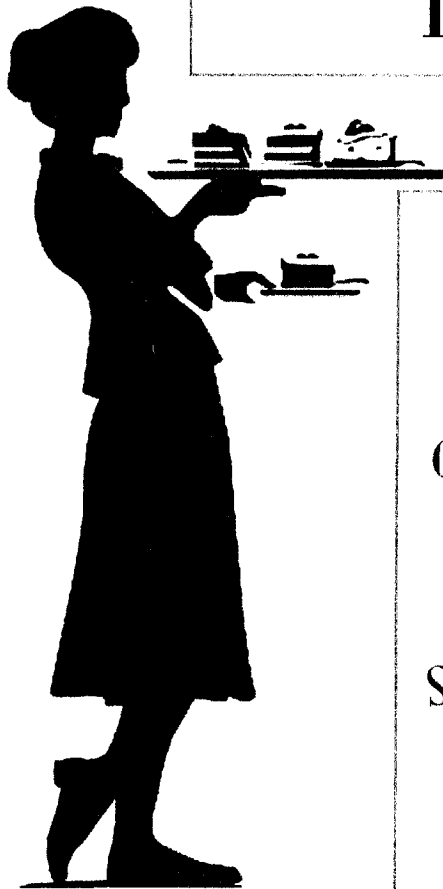
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## The Aston Abbotts Longest Runner Bean Competition 2011

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.:-

- a. **Longest Runner Bean** Bon fide entries for the will be judged purely on length.
  - b. **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.
  - c. **The best cheat** Scoring will be based on ingenuity and artistry
3. **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!!
4. **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.



## 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.

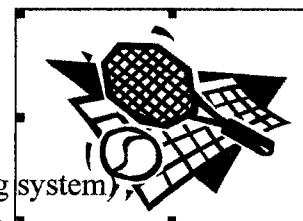
If you would like to be part of the biggest 70's party in the Chilterns, enter this year's Goodnight Walk.

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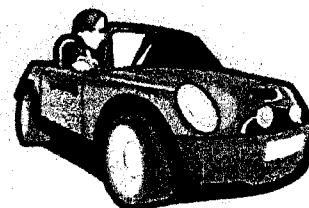
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## Cooking in Morocco

We recently spent a week in the Imperial cities of Morocco, probably the most interesting of which was Fez. This is the most ancient of the Imperial capitals and the most complete medieval city of the Arab world. Fez Medina is a maze of some 10,000 narrow streets which turn randomly at right angles and are identified only by occasional names in Arabic script. This blanket of buildings covers the rolling contours of the land and even today is inhabited by some 200,000 people. The only freight transport within this area is by donkey and small two wheeled trailers drawn by local porters. A traffic jam is easily caused by two donkeys meeting going in opposite directions.

Our accommodation, the Riad Laaroussa is located somewhere in the middle of this maze so not surprisingly we were met at the gate and guided through the streets. The Riad is a very recently restored 17<sup>th</sup> century palace owned and lived in by Fred, Cathy, their children and pets. For visitors there are 4 suites and 4 other massive en suite bedrooms and a Hamman, a steam bath where you can get a scrub and a massage. The Riad's staff are all treated as part of the family which is very refreshing and this all helps to create the feeling that you are living at home, rather than in a hotel.

Cuisine at the Riad is under the direction of head chef, Samira who is ably assisted by Fatima. One of the features that attracted us to this particular Riad rather than one of the many others, was that it offered guests a free cooking day for no more than the price of the evening meal. This started in the morning with Samira taking us on a tour of the local markets, watching as she selected the meat (good cuts of lamb on the bone), vegetables, fruit and other ingredients required for dinner that evening. Nothing escaped Samira's eye - even the broad beans were sampled raw to make sure that they were sweet enough. There was then some negotiation with the prices. I am sure Samira always got a good deal but then she is there buying from the same vendors six days a week. We wondered how all the purchases would get back to the Riad, but a porter appeared with his trailer, visiting stalls in our wake, collecting Samira's purchases. Somehow he seemed to know where we had been. The morning finished with a stop for mint tea at a local street cafe.

After lunch, we appeared at the kitchen for the next stage of our day. The main dish for that evening was Tagine of lamb with raisins and almonds. Traditionally this is cooked slowly in an oven in the crockery pyramid shaped Tagine so that the meat is tender. The process effectively steams the lamb. But in Samira's kitchen this wasn't really practical, so the meat was first cooked in huge pressure cookers to hasten the process. Then it was put into large saucepans and simmered until it was tender and the wonderful rich sauce was ready.

We were set to work sorting currants individually. We had to pick out and discard the hard ones which would never soften up however much they were cooked. The acceptable ones went in with the simmering lamb.

I was set to work making a moist sponge cake for the following morning's breakfast. The various ingredients were added to the bowl as I continually whisked until the consistency met with Samira's approval. The mixture was then poured into two large circular doughnut shaped moulds and baked in the oven for at least an hour. We watched Fatima making apple tarts for dessert. First the sweet pastry was mixed and rolled out and Fatima then lined the tart dishes. Each apple was peeled, cored and sliced and then carefully arranged by hand in the tart. Finally a custard type mix was poured over the top and more strips of pastry arranged on top. The recipe is available on Samira's internet blog spot, but in French.

Finally that evening we sat down to dinner in the open air of the Riad's courtyard. Knowing that we had played a small part in its preparation made that an evening not to forget.

*Nigel Palmer*

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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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> battalion - commando infantry, Chesham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion - Northern Ireland
- 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion - Edinburgh
- 4<sup>th</sup> battalion - mechanized infantry, Bulford
- 5<sup>th</sup> battalion - armoured infantry, Paderborn, Germany
- 6<sup>th</sup> battalion - Territorial Army, Exeter: South West England
- 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.madsummerball.co.uk)*

# 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). Bring your friends.

Then why not come to party on with us afterwards in The Royal Oak.

**Tickets £10 —** Under 16s free if accompanied by an adult. Limited tickets available.

**To book phone 681685**



### Astonbury

Already keen people are booking their tickets - and their gazebo places. So don't be shy or get left behind. For tickets contact John Whyte.

We now have a pretty complete programme with new bands plus the return of artistes who have played and sung at Astonbury in the past. So musically it looks like being a really great night.

If the plans come to fruition we will have a spectacular light show and the best quality sound you can get.

It also looks as though the team to take over the reins for next year are getting into place. If you want to be part of a fun and well worth while experience let us know.

Astonbury X or 10 is on July 16th , show starts at 7pm until late. Tickets £10 . Under sixteens - with adult supervision - are free. No unaccompanied minors.

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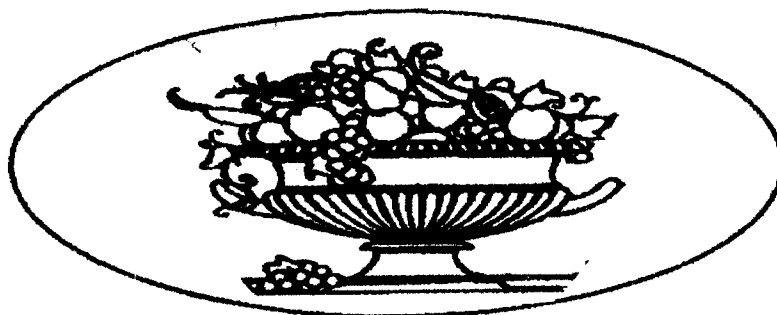
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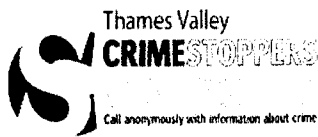
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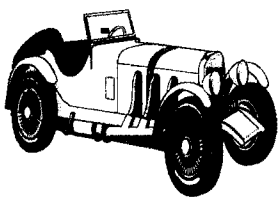
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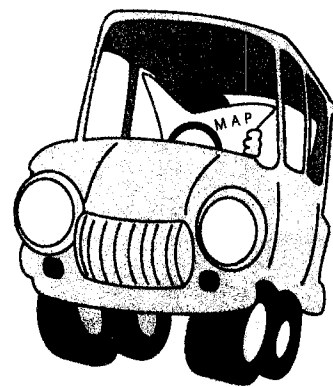
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# ASTON ABBOTTS CAR TREASURE HUNT



*The route and clues have now been finalised for the Treasure Hunt referred to in previous issues of the Chronicle. It will take into account continuing high fuel prices and therefore be less than 30 miles (providing you don't get too lost!!!).*

*It's to be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June***

*commencing at **The Green at 7.00 pm.***

*when clues will be passed to all entrants.*

*If you would like to take part in this 'fun event' please contact  
**Colin Higgs (681343) or Andy Bystra (681690) .***

*Cash prize will be presented to the winners in The Royal Oak at the end of the rally*

**Entry is £5.00 per person**

*(payable on the day)*

*All proceeds will be used for ongoing church repairs.*



**WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP** The Friends of St Nicholas Church here in Cublington have to raise over £40,000 for the replacement of the church tower and essential repairs.  
**WHAT WE ARE DOING** Cublington is organising a fabulous fund raising evening, to be held in the garden of The Old Rectory on the evening of Monday 13th June.  
We have 160 tickets to sell.

## OPEN GARDENS

**19th June**                      Bledlow Manor  
   (Lord Carrington's)

**26th June**                      Aylesbury Gardens

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something waterproof and shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her bathroom scales. I will be discharged tomorrow.



## HOLIDAYS:

At this time of year, when many people are looking forward to their holidays, please consider some of these simple, but effective steps that can be taken to secure your home and valuables:-

If you have a domestic alarm always ensure this is set and that you give details of the key holder to your monitoring station.

Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home. Ask them to collect your mail or push it through the letter box. Ask them to open and close curtains, put your bin out and bring it back in after collection and switch lights on to make the house look occupied. Also, why not ask them to park their car on your drive if you have taken your car.

Most burglars are opportunists, so make sure that all windows and doors are closed and locked securely before you leave. Remember to cancel milk and papers before you go.

Using a timer switch for lights and maybe a radio, can give the impression that the house is occupied.

Always make sure that ladders and garden tools, which could help burglars to break in, are not within view or easy to reach.

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I got some new aftershave today that smells like breadcrumbs. The birds love it!



Buckingham Constituency Conservative Association  
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## **JAZZ EVENING** with 'Sparkies Jazz'

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A new middle east crisis erupted last night as Dubai Television was refused permission to broadcast 'The Flintstones'. A spokesman for the channel said....'A claim was made that people in Dubai would not understand the humour, but we know for a fact that people in Abu Dhabi Do.'

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However, the legal process of creating a new Team Ministry to incorporate the Parishes of Aston Abbots, Cheddington, Cublington, Mentmore, Soulbury, Stewkley, Wing and Wingrave will follow and the Revd Derbyshire will then become the Rector of the new Team. In this role he will be supported by the Revd Derek Witchell from Wing, the Revd Robert Wright from Cheddington and the Revd Siv Tunnicliffe from Wingrave with additional help from the Revd Peter Binns and the Revd Roger Hale.

The Revd Derbyshire is aged 60 and has over thirty years experience in the Church. For a number of years he served as a Prison Chaplain and more recently has been the Vicar of Thornborough and adjacent villages. He and his wife Joy, who works as a School Behaviour Manager, will be moving into Stewkley Vicarage.

His first service at Aston Abbots will be Songs of Praise at 5pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July and we very much hope that as many villagers as possible will join us to welcome him here. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Church.

*Caroline Abel Smith*  
Church Warden

*April Curnow*  
Church Warden

### Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The Club met in the church room Aston Abbots where 7 members were present. In the absence of June Brine, Shirley Ford chaired the meeting.

The minutes were read & signed, our speaker for today, Jo Messenger from Aylesbury was introduced. Her talk was entitled 'The culture and beauty of Nepal'. It proved to be very interesting and was comprehensively illustrated by a wide selection of slides illustrating aspects of life in the region, it's people, scenery and of course the impressive mountains. She was afterwards thanked by Shirley Ford

Tea Hostesses were June Loader and Irene Lowden, and the raffle was won by Christine Scott.

*Shirley Ford*

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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.

Dates in June	CHURCH SERVICES		
Sun. 5th	Evensong 6 pm.	St. James Church	Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sun 12th	Holy Communion 10.15 am.	St. James Church	Rev Peter Binns
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion 10.15 am.	St. James Church	Rev. David Hemsley
Sun 26th	Holy Communion 10 am.	St. James Church	Rev. Roger Hale

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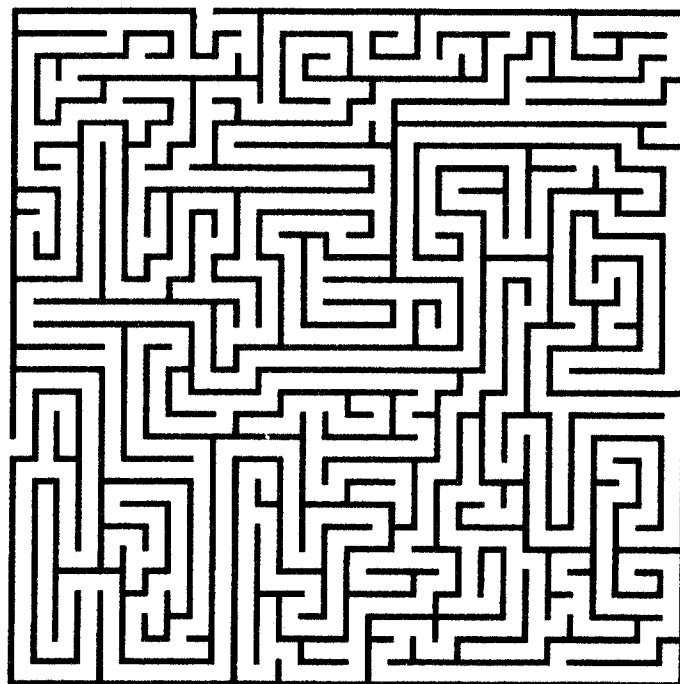
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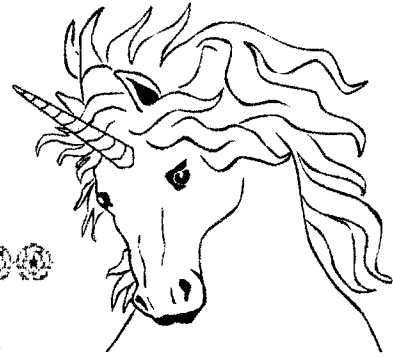
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## What's on in June

**4th Saturday BBQ** - 5pm

**6th Monday Night Quiz** - 8pm

**11th Saturday BBQ** - 5pm

**11th Soulful and Funky Tunes** from Leslie and the Speakers - 8pm

**13th Monday Night Quiz** - 8pm

**14th Traditional Folk Music**

from Halfway House - 8pm

**16th TUGS 2nd meeting at**

Aylesbury Vale Golf Club - 7.30pm

**18th Saturday BBQ** - from 5pm

**18th The Spokes** -

Cublington's finest Covers Band - 8.30pm

**19th Fathers Day** -

Treat Dad to a Sunday Roast - 12pm

**20th Wimbledon Starts** - Enjoy watching on our

big Screen with Strawberry's & Cream

**20th Monday Night Quiz** - 8pm

**24th Dinner and Jazz**

from 'Anything Goes' - 8pm

**25th Saturday BBQ** - From 5pm

**29th An Evening with Mike Gatting**

(Fund Raiser for charity Big Shot Cricket)

Tickets on Sale behind the bar £20 a ticket

**PLUS** enjoy these Unicorn Regulars:

**Shop now open** for milk, butter and other essentials. Pre-orders required for freshly prepared produce.

**Coffee & Cake** Every morning from 10.30am

**Monday Night is Quiz night**

The Unicorn Quiz 8pm - 10pm

Why not bring a team?

**Afternoon Teas**

served Monday - Friday 3 - 5pm

**Full English Breakfast** -

served Saturday 9am - 11am

**BBQ's** - Saturdays 5pm-9pm

**Sundays**

Best of British Roasts

12pm - 3pm Booking advised

**Bar Snacks**

available throughout the day!

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*Booking always advisable!*

The Unicorn, High Street, Cublington, Bucks, LU7 0LQ  
Please see web site for full details [www.theunicornpub.co.uk](http://www.theunicornpub.co.uk)



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Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 5th	Ramblers Club meet at Steeple Claydon 2pm	
Tuesday 7th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 8th	Fete Meeting 7pm	Church Room
Thursday 9th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 16th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Saturday 18th	Cublington Fete 1pm	The Rectory Gardens
Sunday 19th	Rambling Club at Lord Carrington's Gardens	
Tuesday 21st	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
	Local Forum Meeting 7pm	Wing Hall
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 31st	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sat July 2nd	British Legion outing to Bournemouth	
	details from John 681626	

## Address

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*Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list*

## Classified

**CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE in The Chronicle**

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 or email

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### Mr Stink at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

David Walliams, that funny tall bloke from Little Britain, has written the smelliest book of all time. This world premiere tour of the scratch 'n' sniff musical production brings Mr Stink Pongingly to life. David Walliams, who's not in the show really wants you to come and see it! Chloe doesn't like school very much. She isn't as cool as the other kids. No iPhone, no DS and no friends. Then she meets Mr Stink – the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit but he's the only person who's ever been nice to her and that includes her mother – an awful snob who wants to be the local MP and is trying to rid the streets of its homeless.

Please check the website for performance times and prices.

Running time: 2hrs 10mins inclu. interval.

**Tuesday 28 June to Saturday 2 July**

### Rose Cottage - Open Garden for NGS

½-acre cottage garden filled with small rooms with maximum use of space.

A balance of evergreens and deciduous resulting in a garden for all seasons.

Rose Cottage, Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RQ

**Saturday 25 June**

## MOBILE LIBRARY

NEEDS YOU!!!!

'USE IT' don't 'LOOSE IT'

7th & 21st June 10.30am The Green

**FETE MEETING**  
 Wednesday  
 15th June  
 7pm  
**CHURCH ROOM**

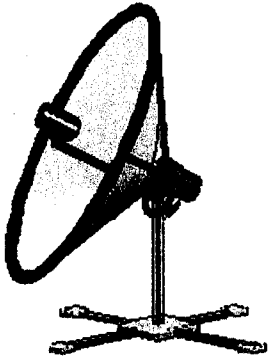
**630 Club** - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.

**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.

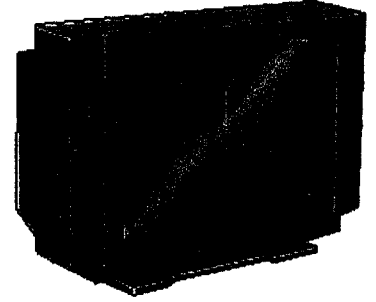
**FISH & CHIP VAN every Wednesday on The Green 9pm approx**

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This could be the last time  
Maybe the last time  
I don't know. Oh no. Oh no.*

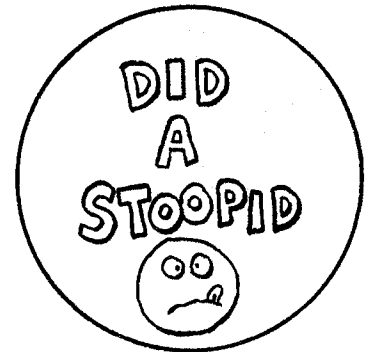
**ASTONBURY X**

**JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Would you **FLY** with a man who put the **WRONG FUEL** in his aircraft?  
No way!

Would you **SAIL** with a man who nearly **FELL OFF** his own boat? Not likely!

Would you **CYCLE** with a man who has had 27 lessons in gear changing and **STILL DOESN'T GET IT**? Not a chance!



But would you come to a village fun-filled family music festival organised by these men? **OF COURSE YOU WOULD!!!**

This is it! Due to rapidly advancing years the Astonbury organising team are doing it for just one last time and the show on July 16<sup>th</sup> will be their last. Well, the last for this team as there have been rumours that a younger (but not necessarily prettier) team might just take it on in the future... but for now this is definitely the **LAST TIME**. So come and join us at the Aston Abbots recreation ground on July 16<sup>th</sup> and party **PARTY PARTY!!!** Look for the advert inside this Chronicle for detail of how **YOU** can get tickets. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**Disclaimer**

In the instance of event cancellation due to terminal senility overtaking the organising team before July 16<sup>th</sup> we regret that there will be no refunds. This is not because you don't deserve a refund - it's because nobody will be able to remember where the money is.

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