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Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine - October 2011



Editorial

AVDC Biodiversity Team have over the last six years supervised the installation and supervision of a couple of owl boxes installed near my ponds. This year I'm pleased to report that, for the first time, one of the boxes is/has been used to rear three young owls - they were weighed and ringed and hopefully will be fully fledged by the time you read this issue. They are a late brood and one wonders if the young will successfully make it through the winter months. It was a great privilege to hold one of the owlets - close up they are fantastic.

I've spent a few evenings trying to get a good photograph. It has proved very difficult as the owlets really only emerge at dusk. With my camera set on it's widest aperture and hoping the owllet doesn't move I have occasionally got a passable image.



I understand that the next stage of the footpath to the Wingrave Crossroad has been approved but no date has been set for the construction. It will extend the footpath to the furniture warehouse.

It's likely that the November issue of the Chronicle will be delivered on or around the 4th November. This coincides with the Bonfire and Fireworks on the Rec, organised by Kevin Copping and his team. Details are on page 19.

My runner beans this year were not up to much - not sure what went wrong - something seemed to be eating the young plants. I read an article where someone complained that a plague of earwigs had eaten the flowers hence no beans. Maybe that explains my crop failure. See page 27 for better news. *John*

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Please pass items to the Editor John Hardcastle or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

October

Denise Robinson	2 nd
Juliette Gutierrez	3 rd
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Devon King	8 th
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Christine Scott	24 th
Jackie Farrands	24 th
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Val Espley	27 th
Tori Smith	27 th
Mandy Thornhill	29 th
Hayley Wilkinson	31 st

**MOBILE LIBRARY 11th & 25th
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**AGM of British Legion Branch of
Wingrave & District will be held
at 8pm Wednesday 19th October
in the Rose & Crown, Wingrave.**

Many thanks

Ivan and Liz Barlow have for many years delivered the Chronicle around the 'inner part' of the Green and Brickstock. Regrettably, due to work commitments, they are unable to continue. We thank them for being part of the 'Chronicle team' for so long.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE CHRONICLE

**If you would like to be part of the
'Chronicle team' we urgently need
someone to deliver 28 copies of the
Chronicle each month
around the 'inner Green' and Brickstock
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Congratulations to Zandy and Alex Ayres on the birth of their second son, Sam who weighed in at 8.5lbs.

Please note that Richard and Sally Clarke's home phone number is now 01296 681007

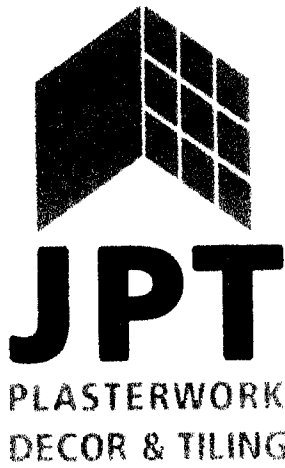
I recently was reading about the Aston Abbots Chronicle and I came across a William Halsey. My ancestors all lived in Aston Abbots from around 1734. John Halsey, his son James, his son Thomas, b1826 and former master butcher and publican of the Royal Oak public house (his wife died there). I was wondering if William is a distant relative, all Halseys at that time were involved/owned farm land, and I believe some of my ancestors are buried in St James grave yard. If you could put me in touch or pass on this message that would be great. I thank you for your time, take care. Mr Ian Halsey.

15, Brathey Place, Stoneclough, M26 1RP.
or email firemansam06@live.co.uk

Sea to Sea for ACE Africa

It's more than 20 years since I rode more than 20 miles on my bike in one day – but with the encouragement and company of my son Dan we rode the 140 miles of the C2C from Whitehaven (Irish Sea/north Lake District) to Tynemouth over four days in September. It's a classic ride along country roads and old railway tracks. The Lake District is nearly always wet, and didn't disappoint: raining stair rods on our first morning, thank goodness for YHA Derwent Water with its huge drying room. On through the northern fells to the Pennines and up the first major climb, Hartside, winding up through farm and moorland to the summit café beloved of bikers, motorised and leg-powered. At this point we'd done quite a bit of walking, but now had what the C2C handbook describes as a "delirious descent" – which indeed it is. New brake pads were fitted by the proprietor of North Pennine Cycles in Nenthead, not a moment too soon! Uh-oh, up again. From the stiff climbs and descents of the old leadmining uplands we came down through Consett – steelworks closed now, and several huge steel sculptures along the way. The route then runs alongside the river Tyne through Newcastle where the Great North Run was held the day before we arrived. We arrived in Tynemouth at 5pm on day 4. Front wheels into the North Sea, then a welcome ride back in a minibus. Thanks to all our very generous sponsors we are nudging £750 for ACE Africa.

Caroline Lane & Daniel Smith



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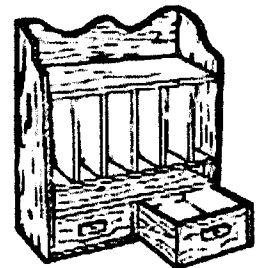
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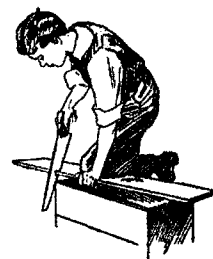
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NATURE WATCH

"It all depends on the weather". How often do we hear that said? Very often I suspect because in one way or another it, whatever it is, probably does depend on the weather. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, how we live all depend on the weather. If we could strip away all the trappings of what we call civilisation we would be almost totally governed by the weather.

The climate we have in the British Isles is known as a temperate climate. In average terms over a year it is neither very hot, very cold, very wet or very dry. Everything in moderation so to speak. This is because we are on the western edge of a huge land mass and just over halfway to the North Pole from the Equator. However we do have seasons to contend with and sometimes these can catch us out.

Last Winter was one of the coldest on record and those of you who remember the Summer of 1976 can vouch for the extremely hot dry weather we had. This year we had a warm and early spring and most seasonal events, migrating birds arriving, fruit blossom and who knows what else seemed to be two or three weeks early. Even so taken as a whole the Summer has been the coolest overall since 1993.

Now we have arrived at Autumn and nature is already beginning to shut down in order to cope with the cold of Winter. Some birds will go, others will arrive and pass through, others will stay. In North America and the Eurasian continent some animals are migratory. Bison, reindeer, elk, caribou all migrate if man allows them the space to do so. They are followed by a variety of predators and scavengers such as, wolves, wolverines and foxes. Other creatures lay in stores of food. Watch for squirrels or jays burying nuts and acorns. The countryside will lose most of its greenery. Most of the leaves turn autumnal colours and drop to form a carpet on the ground. Nuts and fruit ripen and is either eaten on the tree or falls to the ground and becomes food for birds and rodents.

It all goes. How many damson or sloe pips can you find in the spring?

So as we make our own preparations for the coming of the cold weather just remember:

In Winter flies is wise
they dies!!

Alan Jones

Aston Abbotts Website - further updates

This month has see a lot of new photographs added to the recently relaunched Aston Abbotts website. Amongst these are over 60 photos from Astonbury X. Also some great pictures of Aston Abbotts by Ken Rhodie and there are also some photos of the 630 Club 2011 Runner Bean competition to complement the article in this issue of The Chronicle (see page 27)

To see these photos go to www.aston-abbotts.co.uk and follow the links to the Gallery pages. As a special bonus there is a new video of a fine Chunkees Astonbury moment as they perform "The Wonder Of You" on the Astonbury Videos page.

www.aston-abbotts.co.uk

This is a website for the village and I want it to be useful to villagers as well as to people looking up Aston Abbotts on the internet. If there is something you would like to see on the site then please email me - you will find contact details on the site. I would also be interested in adding more photo galleries, so if you have taken some interesting pictures of Aston Abbotts or village events please get in touch. I would also like to add any pictures of Aston Abbotts in the past and I'd be grateful if I could borrow any for scanning - they will be returned unharmed and very promptly. Thank you. *Phil Spooner*

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

It is a well known saying the every cloud has a silver lining, but it was brought home to me recently that the reverse is also true: that every silver lining has a cloud. Towards the end of August, I visited a friend who has a house in a small village, in the middle of the Yorkshire Dales. The surrounding country is much used for grouse shooting, and as a result, the gamekeepers in the area ruthlessly kill off any foxes that live locally, which would otherwise have a high old time eating grouse eggs and chicks. The friend keeps chickens, as my son, Adam, does here, but the total absence of foxes means that he has been able to set aside a section of his garden for the chickens, where they can roam around to their heart's content, pecking away at grubs in the soil, and does not have to keep them cooped up. How wonderful, I thought.

(When Adam first got his chickens, he tried letting them out for an hour or so during the day, when he was around; and within a week or so came face to face with a fox in the garden – in broad daylight - and found 2 of his 3 chickens had already disappeared. We believe that the third, either by luck or judgement, had flown up into a bush and stayed very quiet, and so escaped.)

However, I soon discovered that this silver lining has a cloud. Because there are no foxes, the rabbit population has multiplied. (There are other predators such as stoats and weasels, and various birds of prey, but clearly the fox is the number one predator of rabbits). This means that in order to grow any vegetables at all, my friend needs to surround the whole of his vegetable garden with anti-rabbit netting, which must be buried in the ground to prevent the little varmits from burrowing underneath it. It is expensive stuff, and one needs to climb over the netting, which is 2/3 feet high, to get access to the vegetable patch every time one needs access to do any weeding, watering, etc. – which is a bloody nuisance, and possibly outweighs the benefit of having happy chickens!

This year I grew two new varieties of potato: Picasso and Mayan Gold, both produced by Thompson & Morgan. Mayan Gold was developed from species found growing wild in the foothills of the Andes, and described as being used by celebrity chefs and top restaurateurs. It was said to be especially good for chips and roasting. Picasso, on the other hand was said to be a huge cropper, and a good general purpose potato. I dug up most of the Picasso crop first, and was very impressed both by the size of the crop, and the size of the individual tubers. It certainly lived up to its description. I then dug up the last four Picasso plants, followed by all twenty of the Mayan Gold. The tubers of the latter were “small but perfectly formed” (as Private Eye used to say), with the emphasis on “small”. Out of interest I weighed the total crop, and the 20 plants produced 21lbs. I then weighed the potatoes produced by the last 4 Picasso plants, and found these weighed 19lbs. On the assumption that the plants I had already dug up were equally prolific (and I think they were), the size of the crop would have been around 100lbs – almost 5 times the size of the Mayan Gold crop.

And what of the taste? Well, Mayan Gold does make very good chips and roast potatoes; but I am not sure that they are any better than chips and roasties from some other varieties, such as Valor. On the other hand, Picasso has been fine for boiling, baking and mashing. I have not yet tried them for roasting or chipping. But I don't think the tastiness of the chips is enough to make me want to grow Mayan Gold again – especially as 20 tubers of them cost £5.99, as compared with the normal price of £3.99, which most T & M potatoes, including Picasso, cost. I would, however at the moment certainly recommend Picasso. When I get round to trying them chipped or roast, I will let you know if this causes me to revise my opinion.

As you may read elsewhere in the Chronicle, I was not one of the prize-winners in the runner bean completion: the longest bean was grown (for the second year running) by Tony Hinds, who is not an allotmentee: the only prize collected by someone from the allotments was the prize for the best set of three beans, which was won by Simon and Mike.

Peter Shorrock

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

As I write this column on the 13th Sept, I still notice some swallows that have not started their incredible migration to southern Africa. Upon further investigation, and wishing to return the car to its garage after many months, without the roof being covered in their secreted paint stripper, I noticed two nests with 4 young in each. How on earth are these tiny creatures going to be strong and big enough to fly thousands of miles to the southern hemisphere and return next spring to bring up a brood of their own on the same nest site? I fear some surely shall never make it. We marvel at our Sat Nav technology but these guys are light years ahead of that!! The other thing I have noticed this late summer is the amount of Ragwort all over the verges and roadsides, in car parks and on the sides of railway lines. Never mind what the treehuggers tell you about the virtues of this plant, the fact remains that it is a toxic weed highly dangerous and sometimes fatal when dried out and horses eat it, furthermore it attacks the liver in cattle. Not called by past generations of farming folk "Mares Fart" for nothing. The worst field I have seen is in Grovebury road next to Browns. It really is a dangerous eyesore. I remember not so long ago, it was grazed by travellers' ponies and horses. On a less cheerful note the NFU reported this week that Criminals are systematically targeting Britains farms, costing £50 million last year with favourites being tractors, quad bikes, tools, oil and diesel and metal. Theft claims are up 64 percent in two years and claims for heating oil rocketed 264 percent in January this year. And the inner cities think they have all the problems!!

James Henderson

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The charity already has a strong core board of trustees who work well together as a team and is now looking for new talented individuals to join the board. As a trustee you will be responsible for ensuring that the charity continues to deliver the service in accordance with the responsibilities and liabilities of quality, policy, governance and strategy.

You will need to be able to attend regular trustee meetings approximately once every two months and also be able to devote the necessary time outside those meetings to support the charity in delivering its vision. Training on trustee responsibilities can be made available. In addition to these general skills we are looking for individuals who have particular experience of fund-raising, PR, promotion and marketing who can help us prepare proposals for further funding requests and help represent us with the media. We are looking for individuals who believe that family life should be supported, giving children the best possible start in life and who are creative, committed and who want to give something back to their local community.

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You are welcome to come along on:

Tuesday 20 Sept 2011

St Michael's CofE School, Chapel Square, Stewkley

Residents are most welcome to attend the drop-in and Local Area Forum meeting:

Drop-in session: 6pm-6.45pm

Come along and talk to local representatives from Transport for Buckinghamshire and your Police team.

Local Area Forum: 7pm-9pm

Transport priorities and the capital programme will be discussed, in addition to the Child Poverty strategy and feedback on the recent Cycletta event.

Plus there will be an update on neighbourhood policing and topical council services.



For further information on the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Area Forum please contact: Jackie Wesley, Buckinghamshire County Council

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Village Orchard

Thank you for the splendid response to last month's article in the Chronicle. It is now likely that, subject to the availability of trees, we will be planting approximately 60+ trees this month.

Dependent on the grower's stocks it may be possible to plant a second batch later in the year.

If you would like to be included please complete the form below and we will endeavour to get an order placed as soon as possible.

The orchard has been mowed and very soon the turf at each planting stake will be removed to give the trees as good a start as possible. Each tree will be protected by a 1.2m tree guard principally to stop muntjac deer nibbling the top out of the new saplings and from damage caused by rabbits.

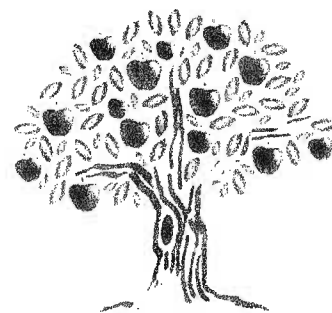
It is proposed that the first tree, a 'Stewkley Red' plum, will be planted by Christine Scott at 10.30am on Saturday 22nd October.

If you would like to make arrangements to be present at the planting of the tree you have donated then please contact Peter Knight on 681478. Planting will take place on the Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 10.30am - 4pm 22nd & 23rd October.

It is proposed to email donors, where possible, the location of their tree.

We are not proposing to notify the press about our orchard - we are very anxious not to attract any attention in the early years from people outside the village. The orchard belongs to the village and we do not want our efforts to be jeopardised by thieves etc.

We have in mind that people might wish to plant bulbs and wild flowers. If you have any thoughts on this then please contact Peter Knight to discuss.



Peter Knight John Hardcastle Gordon Smith

Vic Scott Orchard Tree sponsor form

We would be grateful if those who have offered to sponsor a tree could complete and return this form, with their cheque made out to 'The Vic Scott Orchard', to Peter Knight at 59 The Green.

We shall keep a record in the form of a book that we hope to have easily available. This will contain a 'map' of the orchard, to help with identification and finding trees that have been individually sponsored; a photographic record; and whatever words sponsors might like to include in the record. Some villagers have said that they would like to consider 'their' tree as a form of memorial, and this would be a good place to express that. We would like to put the variety of the tree and the name of the sponsor. Beyond that, it is entirely up to sponsors what they wish to put; we suggest up to a limit of about 150 words. To make sure that we have these words correctly, would you please put below or on a separate sheet what you would like to say.

In addition, we think that sponsors might like to have a record in the orchard itself, in the form of tags on the actual trees - this is optional. The tags used will come from Bradenham Hall (we have a sample if you would like to see one). They cost £2.50 each: these will need to be bought in bulk, which we will do. They will have a small fixing hole and the date of planting. Apart from that there is room for four lines, each of which can have 25 letters or spaces. We would like the first line to be the variety of the tree; after that you have 3 lines, so for example:

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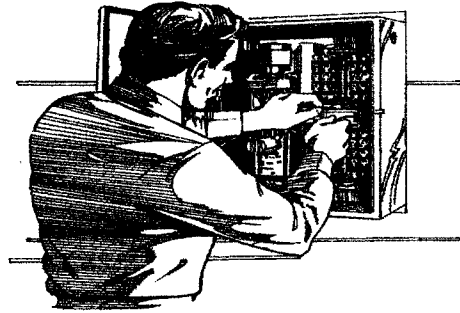
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AYLESBURY TOWN CLOCK

The town clock is usually the focal point of the town, its four faces look across the Market Square and the spire and weathervane give it a medieval character.

Aylesbury town clock was originally mounted on Market House building, believed to have been built in the reign of Henry VIII and was demolished in 1802. The clock was removed and the new Market House was built by the Marquis of Buckingham. The clock should have been part of the building, but this did not occur. The new Market House was demolished in 1866 after the Corn Exchange was built under the arches.

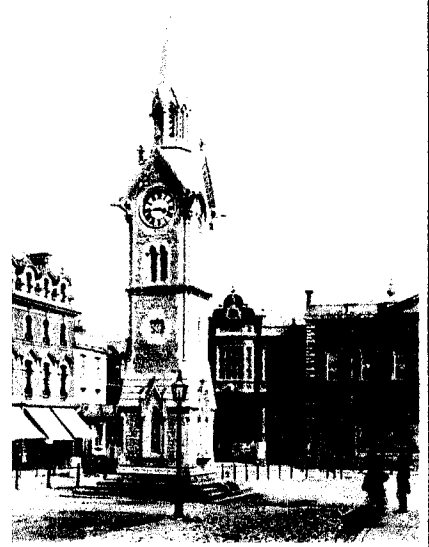
Arton Tindal purchased the Manor of Aylesbury from the Duke of Buckingham's trustees in 1849 and pursued the reintroduction of the Town Clock in the Market Square; and to this extent purchased the original clock for £200.

In October 1875 a meeting was held and a Clock Committee formed, and it was decided the only way to provide a clock was to build a tower. D Brandom of London, who was also the architect of the Royal Bucks Hospital and the Corn Exchange, was appointed as architect, and Mr Casper of Aylesbury the builder. £778 had been raised by public subscriptions and the sale of the late Market House raised the total to £882.

The honour of laying the foundation stone in 1876 went to Mrs Henrietta Tindal, wife of Arton Tindal (the Clerk of the Peace) and of course the Lord of the Manor. Upon the completion of the Clock Tower a commemorative dinner was given by the townsfolk in honour of Mr & Mrs Tindal.

The ownership of the Town Clock was passed on the 25th June 1877 to the local board of health and thence to the Borough Council. In 1974 when the Borough Council was formed it became their responsibility.

Colin Higgs



CHARITY RACE NIGHT - held on 23rd September

Very many thanks are due to James Perkins for arranging the Race Night held in the Church Room to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund. Many thanks also to April and Rita for providing the fish supper followed by trifle or summer fruits.

On the night approximately £250 was raised. If you had the skill and/or luck you would have put your money on Aladdin's Lamp, Banana Republic, Woof Woof, Lord Sauron, Linguini, Miss Demeanor, By A Nose and in the last race you would have purchased Deely Boppers.

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John Hardcastle

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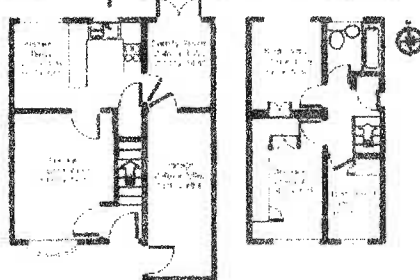
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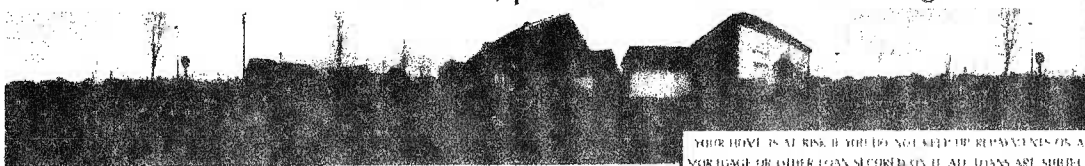
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VIC SCOTT'S DIARIES October

*Not many entries for October so listed below are Vic's records of species he noted in Aston Abbots.
Ed*

List of British Birds seen in the Parish of Aston Abbots

Magpie Jay Carrion Crow Jackdaw Rook Greenfinch Goldfinch Linnet Tree Sparrow House Sparrow Chaffinch Bullfinch Yellow Hammer Corn Bunting Starling Skylark Pied Wagtail Yellow Wagtail Meadow Pipit Tree Creeper Nuthatch Goldcrest Great Tit Coal Tit Marsh Tit Blue Tit Long-tailed Tit Chiff-Chaff Willow Warbler Sedge Warbler Blackcap Whitethroat Lesser Whitethroat Garden Warbler Mistle Thrush Song Thrush Blackbird Fieldfare Redwing Robin Redstart Whinchat Wheatear Nightingale Hedge Sparrow House Martin Swallow Swift Spotted Flycatcher Wren Wryneck Green Woodpecker Great Spotted Woodpecker Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Cuckoo Kingfisher Barn Owl Little Owl Short-eared Owl Tawny Owl Sparrowhawk Kestrel Mute Swan Mallard

List of Trees and Shrubs growing wild or naturalized in the Parish of Aston Abbots

Lime Holly Horse Chestnut Field Maple Sycamore Acer? False Acacia Blackthorn Bullace Prunus Gean Wild Pear Wild Apple Mountain Ash Dogwood Elder Guelder Rose Ash Laurel English Elm Wych Elm Walnut Silver Birch Alder Hornbeam Hazel Holm Oak Beech Crack Willow Sallow Osier Weeping Willow Abele Black Poplar Yew Scots Pine Lawson's Cypress Larch Douglas Fir

List of British Butterflies seen in the Parish of Aston Abbots

Speckled Wood Wall Brown Marbled White (1) Gatekeeper Meadow Brown Small Heath Dark-Green Fritillary Red Admiral Painted Lady Small Tortoiseshell Peacock Comma and var. hutchinsonii White Admiral 1947 (1) Silver-studded Blue Common Blue Holly Blue Small copper Green Hairstreak Small White Large White Green-veined White Orange Tip Clouded Yellow 1945 (1) 1946 (1) 1947 Brimstone Dingy Skipper Large Skipper

List of British Wild Flowers growing wild in the Parish of Aston Abbots

Wood Anemone Water Crowfoot Buttercup Lesser Celandine Creeping Crowfoot Wood Crowfoot Pearberry Marsh Marigold Yellow Water Lily Red Poppy Celandine Water Cress Lady's Smock Fumitory Jack-by-the-Hedge Charlock Shepherd's Purse Field penny Cress Sweet Violet White Violet Wild Pansy Common Pearlwort Bladder Campion Red Campion Ragged Robin Greater Stichwort Common Flax Chickweed Mouse-ear Chickweed St John's Wort Common Mallow Musk mallow Dovesfoot Cranes-bill Broom Furze Bird's Foot Trefoil Hen Trefoil Rest Harrow Tall Melilot Red Clover White Clover Tufted Vetch Oxytropis Yellow Pea Wood Avens Meadow Sweet Bramble Silverwood Cinquefoil Salad Burnet Dog Rose Burnet Rose Agrimony Rose-bay-Willow Herb Broad-leaved Willow Herb Wild Celery Fools Parsley Angelica Hemlock Water-Dropwort Hogweed Beaked Parsley Earth-Nut

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

The September meet was held at Brigitte Gutierrez house to discuss 'Suite Française' by Irène Némirovsky. It's a chronicle of life in France at the time of the Nazi invasion and in particular a group of Parisians who are fleeing south. The second half of the book deals with the relationship between a small rural community and the German occupation forces.

Irène Némirovsky was born in Kiev in 1903 - her family fled the Russian Revolution and came to France where Irène became a best selling novelist. Because of her Jewish birth she was rounded up by the French Vichy police and handed over to the Germans who deported her to Auschwitz where she was killed in 1942. The appendices to the book recount her husband's efforts to get her released from detention. He was also later arrested and taken to Auschwitz and was sent straight to the gas chamber.

There were mixed reactions to this book. Some enjoyed the style of writing (the excellence of the translation) whilst others felt the book too confusing and not well structured. And for some it was a poignant story reliving an episode from their family background. Over the whole book hangs the eventual sad demise of the author.

Our next book, chosen by Alison Lewis, is 'When a Crocodile eats the Sun' by Peter Godwin
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The following month's book, chosen by Pam Hewitt, is 'The Life of Pi' by Yann Martel. *John Hardcastle*

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Update from the 1st Wingrave Scout Group

Beaver Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 6-8) In the last few weeks of the summer term the Beavers were busy completing their 'Fitness Challenge', which involved playing cricket and tennis and other games. They also attended the 'County Beaveree' which was a fun-filled day open to all the Beavers in Buckinghamshire, where there were professional entertainers, activities and games in abundance.

Cub Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 8-10) Last term the Cub Scouts undertook a number of activities, including going camping for two nights, playing croquet, researching the history of the village and receiving a visit from the village archivists, visiting Seven Acres and playing a lot of games. The Cubs also worked towards their Artist's Badge, with, amongst other things, a visit from a local photographer

Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 10-14) Last term the Scouts completed their photography badge, which involved learning about the history of photography, and then developing their own black and white photos. They also went on a walk, via footpath, across the fields from Mentmore Golf Club to Wingrave, to improve their map reading skills and learning about the country code on the way. Most recently the Scouts took part in a District Athletics evening in Wing to earn their Athletics badge.

All three sections took part in the village scarecrow competition and made entries for the village show. Congratulations to the prize winners!

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are open to girls and boys aged between 6 and 14. Anyone interested should contact the Group Secretary, Alison Barlow, on 07738 965298, or derekandalison@yahoo.co.uk





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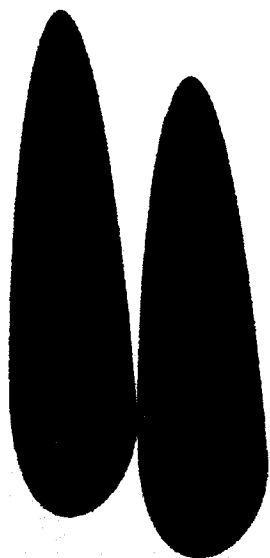
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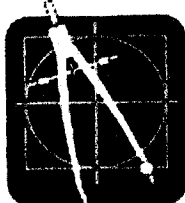
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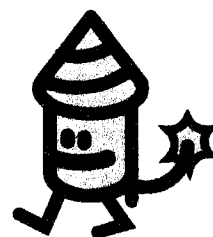
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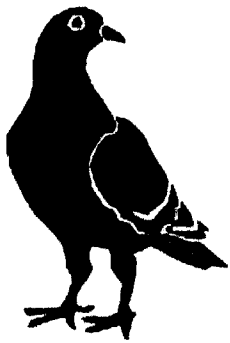
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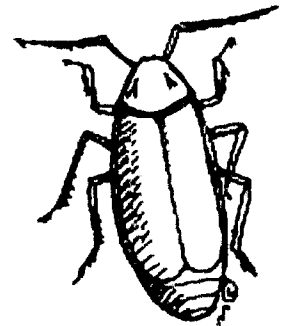
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A Catalytic Converter (also referred to as a "cat" or "catcon") is a device used to convert toxic exhaust emissions from an internal combustion engine into non-toxic substances.

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You can help prevent your catalytic converter being stolen by taking one or more of these steps:

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2. **Park strategically** - Park in well-lit areas close to the door. If you park in your driveway, consider installing a motion spotlight over your vehicle. If you are a business and own lots of vehicles with a high ground clearance then consider parking the vehicles very close to each other overnight to prevent the opportunities for thieves to gain access to the Catalytic Converter under the vehicle
3. **Invest in a lock** - Invest in a specially devised lock that secures your converter. Most garages can advise you on these locks.

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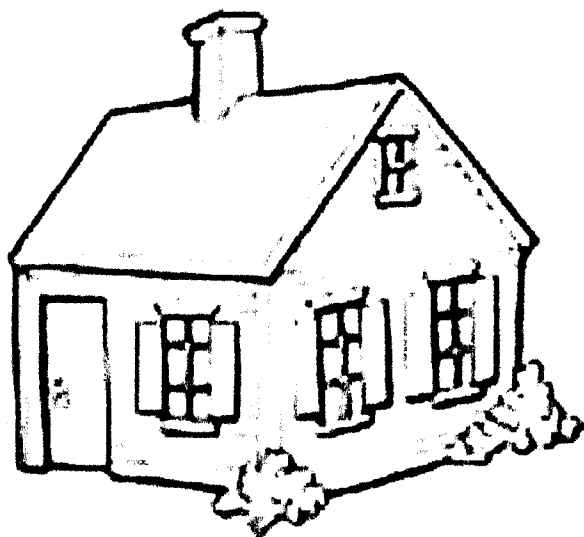
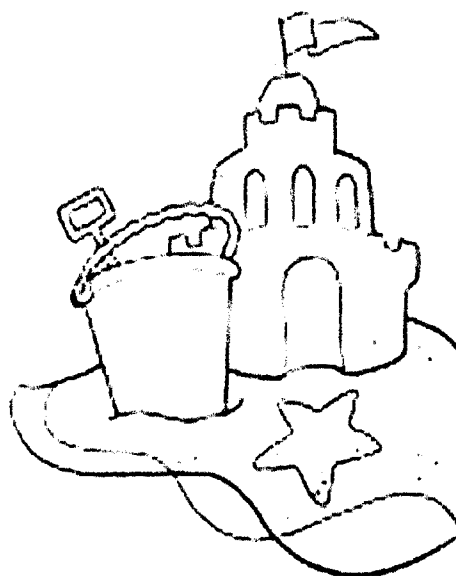
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st September 2011

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, R Clarke, J Perkins, P Bruton (Clerk) and District Councillor P Cooper. One member of the public was in attendance.
Apologies were received from County Councillor N Glover.

Correspondence to note – The Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence received from AVDC in respect of the recent review of Polling Districts and places that meant no proposed change to the existing arrangement for this Parish. Additionally the 51M Final Response to HS2 had been posted on the AVDC website and the document can be accessed via the following address: <http://www.aylesburyvalecd.gov.uk/community-living/high-speed-rail-link/> the website for 51M is www.51m.co.uk/.

Transport for Buckinghamshire had written and given details of their policy with regards to provision of salt bins and associated costs, it was agreed that the Clerk would review the cost of salt bins in order to consider whether salt bins should be provided in other areas of the village not currently covered.

The Clerk had also received a letter from the owners of 3 The Green in respect of the alley alongside their property. Cllr. P Shorrocks agreed to investigate this matter and report back at the next meeting.

County Council and District Council matters - County Councillor N Glover's report had been received and would be forwarded to Councillors and the Chronicle.

District Councillor P Cooper discussed with Councillors the recent Neighbourhood Plan seminars advising Council to be aware of the potential for change to the current view of the legislation as it becomes clearer on what is going to happen and the law is in place which is scheduled for the end of the year. He also confirmed that the speed limit changes are planned to be operative from January 2012. Finally the meeting was updated on the current status of the Wind Turbine planning applications no formal applications had been received at present as the applicants were collecting the relevant wind speed data and this usually required 12 months of data. It was also noted that AVDC were currently undertaking a review of how they deal with Wind Turbine planning applications being carried out by the Environmental Scrutiny Committee and this may result in a clear Planning Policy being approved.

Planning

11/0792/APP (Land to rear of 2 Chapmans Lea, Mr M Hall)

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden.

The above application was discussed, after due consideration and in particular given the recent similar applications approved by AVDC planning for change of use from agricultural to residential it was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections to the application. Council would ask that the Conditions applied to the earlier applications be included in the event of planning approval.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Shorrocks reported that the questionnaire for the consultation process had been completed following the recent open evenings held for residents. It was proposed that these would be distributed with the Chronicle and then the results would be collated in order to respond to AVDC in the required timescale. It was confirmed that we had received some funding to help towards the cost of the evenings and production of the questionnaire. Cllr Carvey reported he had attended the recent Seminar organised by AVDC although there was nothing new to report some interesting facts were available and included that living in the North part of the Vale in terms of house prices is most expensive, and there is migration out of the Vale to go to work, emphasising the need to promote positive employment opportunities in developing the future planning policies.

Village Plan – Cllr Perkins reported to the meeting that the responses to the recent questionnaire had been received and would be analysed. It was apparent that an area of the village extending from the Green and along Cublington Road to include Church Row had not received their survey documents and Cllr Shorrocks agreed to distribute as a matter of urgency. Once the analysis had been completed, providing there were no new items we were in a position to go to print. There was discussion around quantities of the plan that needed to be produced and this would be considered in more detail shortly. The Parish website would include a copy of the plan and it was proposed a summary of the results of the questionnaire would be included in the Chronicle.

The Green – Cllr Shorrocks reported he had reviewed the papers regarding The Green and agreed the area concerned was Common Land under the authority of the Parish Council as this was the lowest level of authority in our Parish. As previously discussed a meeting with the various organisers of the village events would be considered in January 2012.

Website – The meeting was informed that the Parish website had been updated by Phil Spooner and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish meetings would be forwarded to Mr Spooner for inclusion. There were still a few changes that may be made to the current layout and content. All agreed it was much improved and Mr Spooner deserved a vote of thanks for his time and effort.

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Highways

Local Area Forum Meeting – Cllr Curry reported that along with Cllr Clarke she had attended the recent LAF meeting and gave a summary of the topics covered. The main points of interest were: BCC had set aside £25 million for repairing roads, there was a 20% reduction in the budget for next year and, as a direct result, we are likely to lose the Village Skip that comes twice a year (due 19th November) although we may be able to fund this ourselves. There is a 12 month consultation relating to waste collection and it is likely the current recycling and waste collection arrangements will change.

Recreation Ground

Safety Check: Cllr Clarke reported that he would carry out the monthly check and deliver the report to the Clerk.

Entrance Gate Sign – The previous sign was no longer usable and it was RESOLVED to purchase 2 replacements to be worded – No unauthorised vehicles and Recreation Ground for use in daylight hours only.

Annual Safety Check report review– The annual safety check had been completed and the report was handed to Cllr Clarke who would report back to Council of its content at next month's meeting.

Damaged Seat – Cllr Clarke advised he had removed the damaged seat and would discuss with Mrs Ford on the best way to replace. Any remaining protruding metal spikes would be removed and the area made safe. Cllr Clarke reported the entrance gate catch had been repaired, and passed the report sheet to the Clerk.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October 2011 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Road Speed constraints - Area 12 and 13 Speed Limit Review – Aston Abbots is area 12- we are advised that signs should be in place for January, 2012

Church Room Reception a big thank you to all those who attended on the 12th and 14th September. There is an article in this month's Chronicle which tells you all about the next stages (see page 31).

September News

Aston Abbots Website, thanks to the considerable efforts of Phil Spooner the AA website is now refreshed and starting this month you will be able to find all manner of news and information. Community News issues can be found under the Community tab and from this you will be able to access a great deal more information than I can include in this article as well the links to a great number of other local information.

Theft - PCSO Paula Boston advises that there was a theft of a catalytic converter in Aston Abbots in early September. Please be aware that this is happening in villages as well as towns and industrial estates. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around vehicles or looking as though they are changing a tyre but you suspect not, please report it by dialing 999 - passing on as much detail as possible.

Grants for sports and community projects in Buckinghamshire – grants for sports projects and community projects in Bucks that empower local people and enable them to create lasting change in their communities are being administered by Buckinghamshire Community. For more information go to www.thebucksfoundation.org.uk

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Information - finally, I'm conscious that the world seems to be leading to finding information on the internet, but not everyone has a PC or access through another route like a neighbor, friend or going to the library. If you are really stuck on how to find out about something from Community News, drop a note through my door at 12 The Green saying what your problem is and I'll try and deliver to you the information you need.

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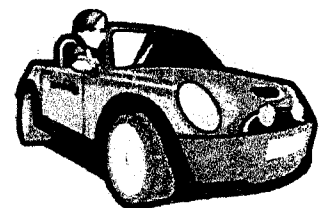
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Who has the longest? This hotly contested dispute arose at 630 Club just over a year ago. Finally, it was decided to put the dispute to rest by holding a competition and the 630 Club Runner Bean competition was born.

The competition was held again this year on 10 September in the Royal Oak. The contest consisted of three classes: Best Cheat, Three Best (straightest) Beans, and the main class of the Longest Runner Bean, the winner of which was going to be awarded the newly created Ray Wilkinson Memorial Trophy. This trophy, beautifully constructed by Andy Bystra, had as its centrepiece a Krombacher beer bottle – something for which Ray will always be remembered.

As members of the 630 Club arrived to partake in their customary Saturday evening pint of beer the entries were laid out on three tables in the restaurant area of Royal Oak. Judging commenced at seven o'clock. Members of the public and the contestants were excluded from the area and the two judges Andy Shillingford and Major Tim Peacocke went diligently about their task under the watchful eye of adjudicator Harry Bystra.

The first class – Best Cheat – had just three entrants. Lol Hinds' entry came packaged in a cardboard tube. Upon opening it the judges discovered a cucumber with a note saying, "Oops! Should have gone to Specsavers!". However, the judges decided that the Best Cheat prize would be awarded to James Perkins for his entry of a can of beans, mainly in recognition of his sheer brass neck.

On then to the Three Best Beans, with around eight entries in this category. Each were carefully inspected and probed and felt by the judges for firmness and quality. Entries that were too limp or not straight enough lost points. Simon Guy and Mike Bush were the firmest and straightest in this class.

By now the tension was mounting and a few people were sneaking glances around the corner into the restaurant area. Andy and Major Tim commenced judging the final top class. To enable them to accurately identify the longest runner bean they had a micrometer especially constructed by Andy Bystra. This class had the most entries and once again Lol Hinds entry was wrapped up, this time in an enormous cardboard box bearing the legend, "Handle with care – massive runner bean". Yet, once again, Lol was found to be wanting when required to deliver and his effort turned out to be a little too short to do the job!

Special mention should be made of the contestant who entered a 5 inch runner bean. You may get away with claiming that's a decent length in the privacy of your own home my son, but not at the 630 Club!

Finally, their decision made, the judges joined the contestants and other 630 Members in the main bar area to announce the results and award the certificates. At last we came the result of the Longest Bean class and the awarding of the coveted trophy. The winner was – Tony Hinds, with his admirable longest runner bean of 18 and 1/8 inches. Teri Moulton presented the Ray Wilkinson Memorial trophy to Tony, who gets to keep it for 12 months until next year's competition.

All in all an excellent event. Many thanks to all of the contestants, to Andy Bystra for organisation and trophy manufacture, to the judges Andy Shillingford and Major Tim Peacocke, and very special thanks to Teri Moulton of the Royal Oak for allowing us to take over her pub for the contest.

Here are the results of the three classes:

Best cheat

First Prize: James Perkins

Three Best Beans

First Prize: Simon Guy and Mike Bush

Second Prize: Tony Hinds

Third Prize: Harry Bystra

Longest Runner Bean

First Prize: Tony Hinds - 18 and 1/8 inches

Second Prize: Richard Clarke - 17 and 1/4 inches

Third Prize (tied): Andy Bystra - 16 and 5/8 inches

Third Prize (tied): Simon Guy and Mike Bush - 16 and 5/8 inches

To see pictures of the competition and the winners please check the Aston Abbots website at

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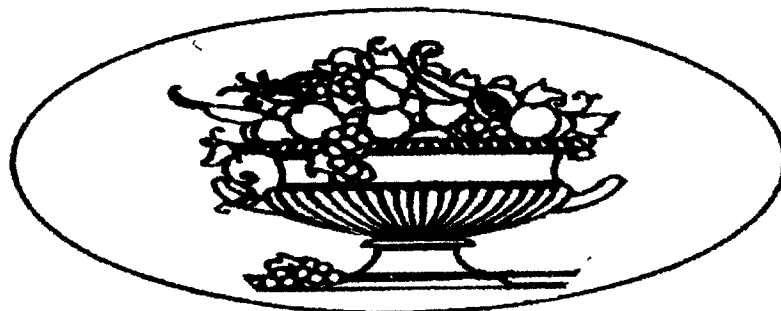
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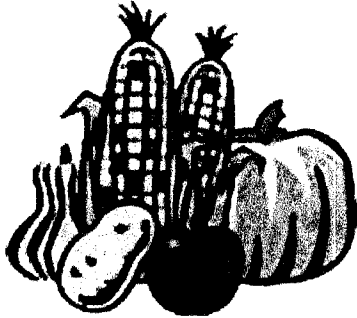
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The Parish Council had not yet finalised the Village/Parish Plan with which we have been involved for some time now, when we were asked to produce yet another plan, called a Neighbourhood Plan, which is going to be needed under the proposed new planning legislation.

This time we have got on the case early, and held a couple of meetings in the Church Room last month to discuss this new plan with parishioners who came along. We were grateful for the input we got from them, which enabled us to fine-tune the questions which we need to ask. A questionnaire is being delivered to your house, either with this edition of the Chronicle, or if this create logistical problems, separately. Could you please complete and return the form to one of the parish councillors, or to the clerk, Paul Bruton?

Since the bill which will produce the new system of planning law has not yet been passed, it is difficult to be dogmatic about what the new law will be, or how it will work. However, the comments below are believed to be accurate, and I hope will explain why we are asking the questions in the questionnaire. I suggest you read these first. If you want any more information AVDC have published a leaflet called "The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Neighbourhood Planning Briefing Note", which goes into more detail. *Peter Shorrocks, Chairman of Aston Abbots Parish Council*

What is a Neighbourhood Plan ("NP")? The Localism Bill, which was placed before parliament last December, defines an NP as "a plan which sets out policies in relation to the development & use of land in a particular neighbourhood area". However, the Bill will undoubtedly undergo some modification and changes before it becomes law, and this definition may change. The avowed intention of the Bill is to create a new local planning system, intended to devolve power to the lowest level.

What is a Neighbourhood? In our case, this parish.

Who will produce the Neighbourhood Plan? Aston Abbots Parish Council

Will the NP be the only document to be looked at in connection with future planning & development?

No. If the Bill becomes law as planned, AVDC can also make a Neighbourhood Development Order ("NDO"). An NDO will grant planning permission in relation to a particular area like a parish, for specific classes of development – provided that at least 50% of voters support this in a referendum. We do not know yet how this will work in practice, but an NDO might exclude certain types of development from needing planning permission; or apply different planning rules.

If the Bill becomes law as drafted, the difference between an NP and an NDO is that an NP will set out the policies in relation to the use & development of land in the parish; whereas an NDO will go beyond this to allocate specific areas where certain types of development will be enabled, and so not need planning permission.

In addition, the Bill provides for something called the Community Right to Build. This would enable a community to carry out small scale, site-specific, development without the need for planning permission.

What happens if this Parish Council does not produce an NP? The generic policies in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan will apply

Will AVDC automatically accept an NP produced by this Parish Council?

No. The NP will undergo independent examination, to check that it is in conformity with:-

- The strategic content of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan
- The National Planning framework
- The presumption in favour of sustainable development
- All required European directives
- National & international designations and adjoining NP's

Will we have any say in the final form of the NP?

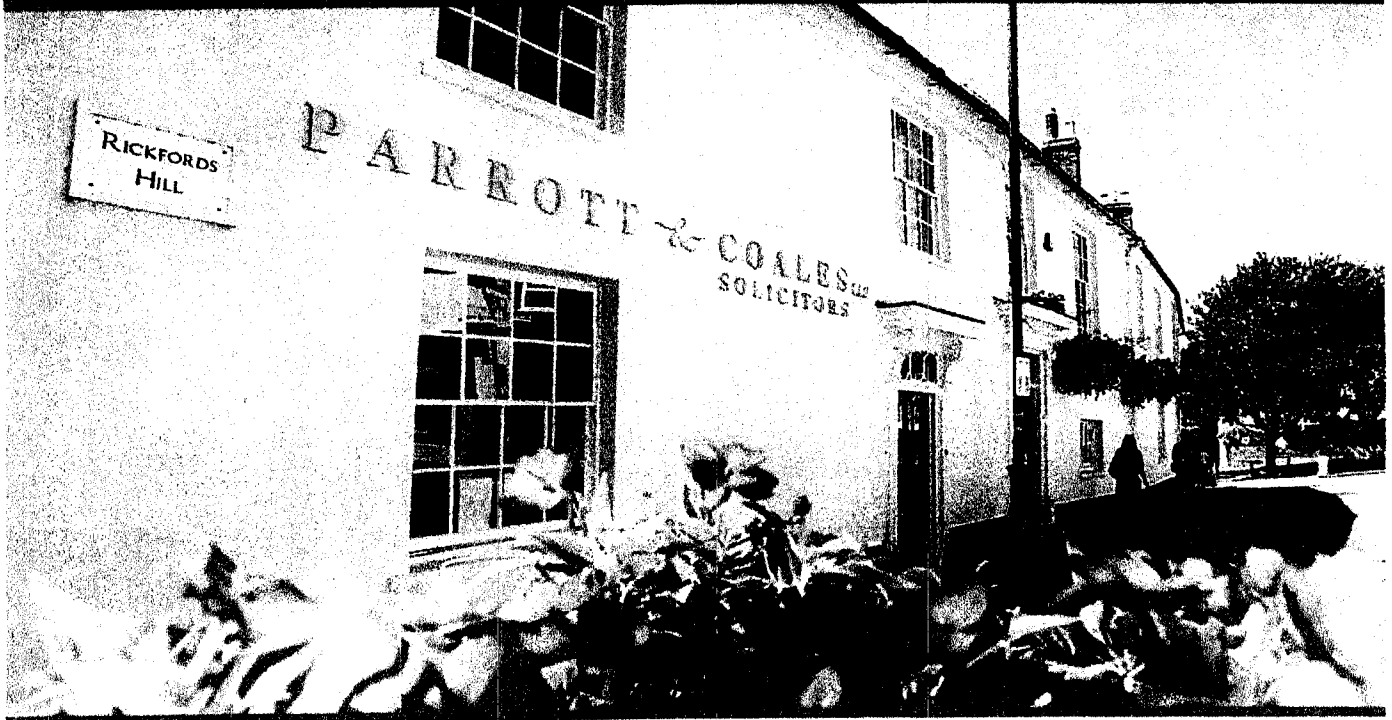
If I understand the proposals correctly, once the NP has passed its independent examination, it will be put to a local referendum, and will have to be approved by more than 50% of local voters. What would happen if the 50% majority were not to be achieved, I am not sure. I suspect that we would be treated as not having an NP, so that AVDC could decide what to do in our area under the generic provisions of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan. If so, then AVDC could ensure that we did not produce an NP which did not meet their approval.

What is the difference between a Parish or Village Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan?

Parish/Village Plans are wide and all-encompassing, covering most things of interest to the community (such as the environment, community & social matters, the economy and transport, as well as planning); whereas an NP will only address land planning & development issues. In addition an NP will be a formal part of planning policy, whereas a Parish/Village Plan is more of a background document, which the District Council will use for guidance.



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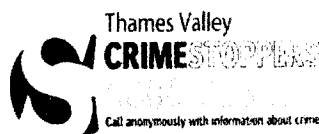


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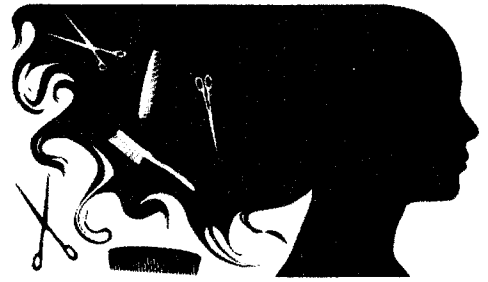
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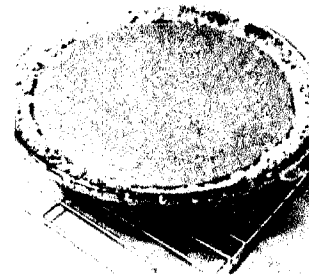
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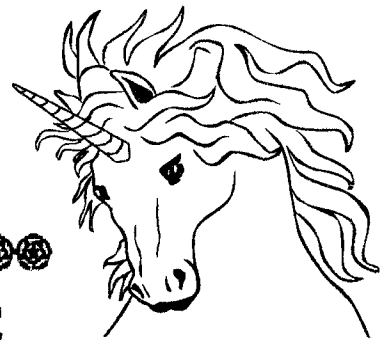
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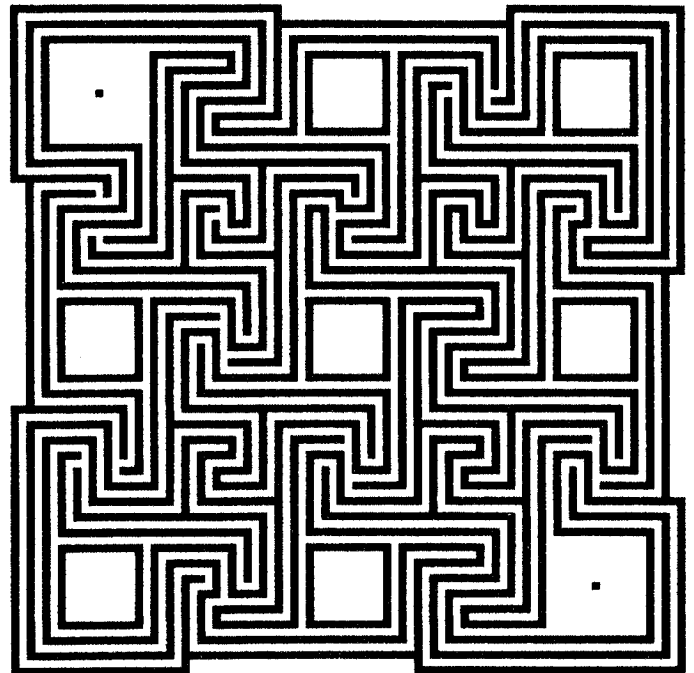
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HALLOWEEN
Monday
31st October



What's On In October

Sunday 2nd	Rambling Club 2pm meet at Dobbie Garden Centre MK	
	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 9th	Harvest Festival 5.30pm	St James Church
	followed by Supper and Sale of Produce	
Tuesday 11th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	<u>No Whist Drive</u>	
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 23rd	Village Footpath walk 2pm	meet on the Green
Tuesday 25th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Rambling Club Autumn/Winter Programme Planning	7.30pm	13 Moorland, Wing
Wednesday 26th	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 27th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive	Church Room
Saturday 29th	Clocks go back 1 hour	
Tuesday 1st Nov	PCC meeting 7.30pm	Church Room

Some people ask me how can they get to so & so by bus? Here are a few places you can go *continued from last month*

Catch 300 at 10.30 (10.45 Sats) to High Wycombe - return at 1.30 (1.40 Sats) 165 at 2.45, or 2.50 (Mon-Fri) 165 at 4.10.

Catch 500 at 10.38 to Hemel Hempstead, return 1.40 (165 at 2.45) and 2.40 (165 at 4.10 *not Saturdays*)

Catch 60 at 10.45 to Buckingham - market Tues/Sats, Old Goal Museum, Riverside Walks, return 1.40 (165 at 2.45) and 2.40 (165 at 4.10 *not Sats*)

Colin Higgs

Be a Super Hero for the day as Aylesbury Super Hero comes to Town

The Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (FNHC) is encouraging super Dads, Mums and kids to take part in Aylesbury's first Superhero 5k fun run event - a run, jog, walk or crawl challenge - for the whole family, taking place in Watermead on 9th October 2011 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Lunchtime Talk: Sir Eric Anson, Bucks Butterflies and Moths

Buckinghamshire County Museum, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP Come along and discover something new about the museum's collection, 12.30pm - 12.50pm This week: spotlight on - Sir Eric Anson, Bucks Butterflies and Moths Free but donations welcome. ...

Buckinghamshire County Museum Aylesbury 12 October 2011 12:30PM to 1:00PM

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 4th NOVEMBER 6pm on the REC

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Recently visited Greys Court, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 4PG - it's a National Trust property. Highly recommended.
Ed

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

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Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to
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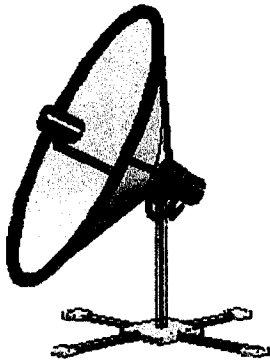
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630 Club - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.

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.

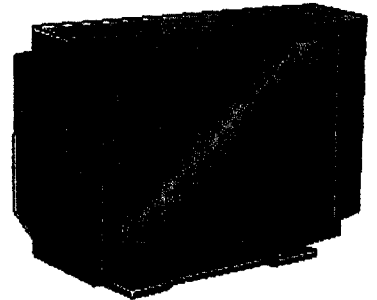
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Will the Real Dave Lewis Please Stand Up

Fake Dave Lewis Spotted!

A couple of years ago The Chronicle suggested that Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe had been glimpsed in Aston Abbotts. The recent Aston Abbotts website update revealed that the much reviled African dictator had recently been seen cruising around Aston Abbotts disguised as David Lewis. See www.aston-abbotts.co.uk/backpage.htm for a picture of this contemptible poseur.

This revelation brought forth a spate of emails claiming confirmed sightings of the imposter. Here is a selection:

Mrs F B: "I was so fooled - I though it was the real Dave Lewis but this man was just soooo... naaaauughty"

Mrs D W : "He drank all of our champagne and then wouldn't go home!"

Mrs T H : "He just kept waving a bottle of Baileys at me. Why???"

Ms T D : "I thought he was the real Dave Lewis and I got him to look at my box!"

Caution!!! Do not approach this man. He is extremely congenial and he may give you a very good time! You have been warned!

Panicky quote of the Month:

Mr P Corrigan: "It's the WRONG RUNWAY Dave!!!!"

How to spot the real Dave Lewis

The real Dave Lewis is a sober individual who abhors the use of alcohol

The real Dave Lewis attends Church every Sunday and sings in the choir

The real Dave Lewis wrote to Gordon

Brown begging him to stay on because he was doing such a good job

The real Dave Lewis wants an amnesty for all illegal immigrants, travellers, vagrants, and unemployed migrants

The real Dave Lewis has absolutely no interest in tattoos

The real Dave Lewis is often overcome by a relatively small number of bottles of champagne and then enters a catatonic state (although apparently the fake one can do this as well)

If the man you meet does not meet the above criteria then **he is not the real Dave Lewis.**

