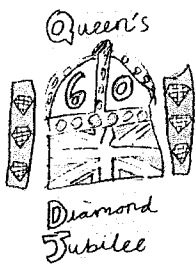


Aston Abbots Parish Magazine - June 2012



Aston Abbots - Diamond Jubilee Picnic

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12.30-5pm



# Editorial

It has been a frustrating time for all those on the Church Room Committee and especially for Peter Shorrocks who has for many years been trudging through the legal mine field that we have encountered. The Parochial Church Council recently wrote to the Bishop of Oxford explaining the never ending delay and lack of response to letters and emails. The Bishop's reply I trust will get a response from the solicitor acting for him - the Bishop wrote *'I'm so sorry that you've had such difficulty getting a response to your perfectly reasonable requests about the lease. I will immediately pursue the matter with Winckworth Sherwood. John Rees is a much overworked man but I'm sure he will respond to my encouragement!'*

The Bishop's response came on 5th May - I'll keep you advised of any progress made.

I attended the Annual Parish Meeting earlier this month. It's a shame that so few villagers attended. Perhaps we should call the meeting the Annual Village Review. It is the opportunity for you to hear from your District Councillor and the Police about those matters that concern us all - and it's your opportunity to ask questions and have your say. I said my bit on behalf of the Chronicle and I'm very grateful to the Fete Committee for allocating £500 towards the cost of printing our newsletter in the coming year. You can read a full account of the meeting on pages 23 & 24.

On my ponds I am pleased to report a first - not an event of any significance but for the first time in my tenure a family of coots have successfully reared some young. The AVDC owl man came on an inspection but only found squirrels and jackdaws in residence. Perhaps the owls will try later as they did last year.

The weather has greatly improved - after all that rain it seems that the grass is now growing at a prodigious rate as are my flowers, shrubs and weeds. I've had the lawnmower out twice this week.

Here's hoping the weather is kind for our Jubilee celebrations - a lot of effort has gone into the preparations. I'm intent on winning the cake competition - I've never made a cake before so I'm hoping for beginner's luck. *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>
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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>

### FLAGS AND CARD GAMES

Last month I hosted a fund raising evening for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. There was a good turnout and about 17 ladies attended. In preparation for the Olympics we had a quiz to identify 20 national flags. One group had to be disqualified for cheating due to inappropriate use of an i-phone. The winners correctly identified 14 flags- let us hope the Olympic flag coordinators are better. After this we played the old card game of Newmarket with each participant starting with 10x 2p chips. At the end our champion gambler was Sally Clarke having amassed 52p. Everyone was now into the swing of things so we finished with a game of Chase the Ace. After considerable discussion about the rules between Pam Dixon and Nigel we played Nigel's version that might best be described as Avoid the Ace. A good time seems to have been had by all and £163 was raised for the society.

Thanks for all your support *Sally Palmer*

### Holiday Refuse Collection Dates

Normal Collection	Revised Collection
Thursday 7th June	Saturday 9th June
Thursday 14th June	Friday 15th June

Many Congratulations to Aja and Danny Clarke on the birth at home of Tilly who weighed in at 8lbs 7ozs on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to Joan Hodge and her daughter Carol Wisby who have moved in to Bricstock.

Please be aware that the parking area in Bricstock is for residents only and that there is a sign stating this. As a resident I am fed up with residents parking spaces being used by non residents. *Lyn Clark*

### Aston Abbots Fete 2012 - Saturday 28 July

The next Fete meeting will be held on

Wednesday 6 June at 8.00

at 14 Bricstock  
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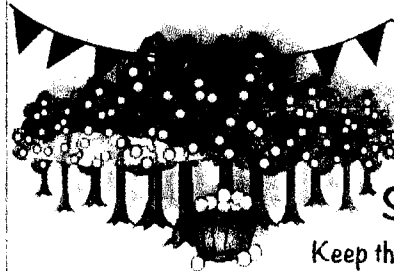
If you are unable to attend but are willing to help in any way: before, during or after the day - even if you can only spare an hour, please get in touch. Many Thanks - looking forward to seeing you all.

Deirdre Whyte  
Tel 681685  
07980 067967

[deirdreawhyte@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:deirdreawhyte@hotmail.co.uk)

Add me on Facebook for more details of the fete

### Vic Scott Memorial Orchard



Summer family fun  
event

Sunday 26th August

Keep the day free... more info to follow

An advance warning that for the Bucks County Show on 30th August there will be road closures that will prevent traffic accessing the show ground from our village - previously the road closures were not policed. I hope to have more details for the July Chronicle. *Ed*

Marking 60 years of The Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June.

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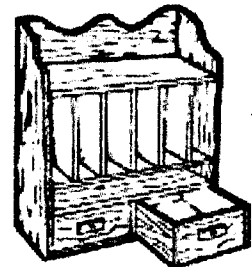
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# Diamond Jubilee Picnic

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12.30-5pm

We hope that many of you will join in the community picnic on the Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday.

Decorated tables with plates & serviettes will be provided so you only need to bring a chair and some food, drink and glasses to join in. Some of you may like to bring your own tables and gazebos if you have larger family groups. We have ordered hats and flags but don't let this stop you dressing up yourselves and your tables. Toilets will be on site



## Jubilee Childrens Games

Trophies to be won and treats for all who take part!!

6 races  
2 age groups  
Under 8 & 12 and under

Egg and Spoon  
3 Legged Race  
Sack Race  
Skipping Race  
Backwards Race  
Obstacle Race

Finally a Family Tug of War.

Timetable for the day is planned as follows

- 12.30 Competition cakes to be brought for judging
- 1pm Bake Off Judging
- 1-2pm lunch- there will be cakes & tea/coffee on sale
- 2-3pm Fiona Harrison entertains with songs from 60s &70s
- 3pm Races- we hope the children will join in with some traditional sports day races and the adults too!!!
- 3.45pm Football
- 4pm Eco friendly treasure hunt around the village.

*Tuesday 5th June 11am screening in St James Church of Church Service held at St Pauls - two big screens kindly installed by Dave Lewis*

The Jubilee committee would like to thank all those who are helping with various activities for the day.

*Sally Palmer*

On Saturday 2nd June, The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

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# The Great Aston Abbotts Bake Off - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

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## Categories

**Class 1** Decorated cup cakes

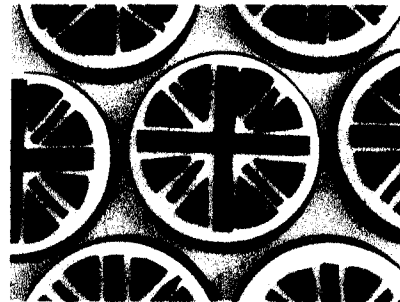


**Class 2** Any decorated cake



**Class 3** Men only- Any decorated cake on a Jubilee theme

**Class 4** Children- decorated biscuits



Judging will take place at 1pm in the marquee on the Rec

All entries to be submitted on a plate labelled with your name, contact details and competition Category. All entries will be offered for sale immediately after judging

***Please also provide a list of ingredients***

## **Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, Sunday 3 June**

Up to a thousand boats will muster on the river as The Queen prepares to lead one of the largest flotillas ever seen on the River Thames.

Tickets are still available for the Diamond Jubilee festival in London's Battersea Park, which will offer a great vantage point to view the pageant. The festival will celebrate design, music, art, film, fashion and food from the past 60 years. Members of the public will also be able to watch the pageant on a number of big screens. *Judy's brother-in-law is one of the crew rowing a Cornish gig behind the Queen's barge. He's over 70 and this will be a test of fitness if nothing else. The Cornish pilot gig is a six-oared rowing boat, built of Cornish narrow leaf elm, 32 feet (9.8 m) long with a beam of four feet ten inches. It is recognised as one of the first shore-based lifeboats that went to vessels in distress, with recorded rescues going back as far as the late 17th century. Ed*

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## COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

Last week I did watch "Foxes Live" on channel 5 and was amazed by some of the findings. I feel that most people in the city still don't grasp the facts that foxes are wild animals and certainly not cuddly pets as portrayed in children's books.

The Country Fox, numbers about 250,000. Lives most daylight hours underground and gives birth after 53 days in an "Earth". Females come into season for 3 days any time between late December to mid February.

Hence the bloody curdling shrieking calls from the female announcing her intentions, not to be confused with the bark of Barking deer or the sound of a BBC fox, heard in Werewolf films. Generally called "Charlie" but also lots of other pseudonyms mostly unprintable. Lives on a diet of rabbits, mice, worms, voles, pheasant and partridge (including chicks and eggs), some rats, ground nesting birds such as tern and the now rare plovers, leverets, free range hens and the occasional lamb. Very fond of farm cats and once I knew a farmer in Wigginton who lost 26 to foxes in that hard winter of 1978. Also known to kill pet rabbits, guinea pigs and racing pigeons. Generally due to their large area of territory not affected by mange although some times spotted. Hated by most farmers and gamekeepers and country folk who keep pets and poultry, due to their frenzied killing of whole flocks of poultry and taking of one or two, admired by some for their beauty and intelligence.

The Urban Fox numbers thought to be in excess of 40,000. Lives most daylight hours under garden sheds and decking and gives birth under the same, but has been known to wreck suburban gardens with their unwelcome excavations. Mating season the same but due to more cramped conditions vocal fighting more prevalent. Generally called by names such as Charlie Farley, Basil Brush, Foxy Loxy, Kevin, Miss Snoopy and the like. Diet includes MacDonald's, Kentucky fried chicken, Nandos, especially likes Indian and Chinese take away and very partial to fish and chips and cat food. Does not turn their noses up at cooked steak and all BBQ requisites. Have been known to attack household cats and very much likes to eat domestic fowl, hamsters, racing pigeons and exotic birds. Also not amiss to enter houses via the open door or cat flap and making themselves at home on the bed or sofa. Are very likely to catch the dreadful mange disease caused by mites which can be fatal, but passed on to dogs also. Suburban foxes have potent smells and defecate on lawns and decking which is very unhealthy to children. I was mystified by one man who kept his last fox, which incidentally he dug up having buried it, and kept it in the top part of his freezer flanked by two of his favourite squirrels, so he could still stroke them every night before retiring. I rest my case.



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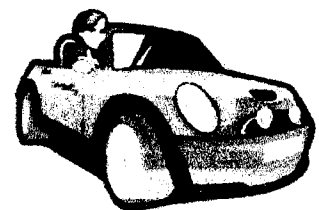
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## THE LADY IN THE VAN

What would you do if an eccentric old lady took up residence outside your house in a battered camper van? That was the question that confronted the writer Alan Bennett in 1971 when Miss Shepherd appeared in his street. Initially parking further down the road she was moved on several times until she came to stop outside Bennett's house. The bitter sweet comic play Bennett subsequently wrote about the nearly 20 years that followed before her death in 1989 was performed by the Hull Truck Theatre in Aylesbury recently to a pathetically small audience.

The play obviously tells the story of the main events of that time. It was certainly an eventful stay beautifully chronicled by Bennett who is famous for his observational descriptions of ordinary people. After several years and various complaints she was banned from living on the road so simply moved into Bennett's garden. Miss Shepherd's personal hygiene left a lot to be desired and as time wore on her van became more disgusting and dirty. She finally died there after an unsuccessful attempt to trick her into going into a care home. During these years a succession of social workers visited but took little action in the face of her outright hostility. She saw these officials purely as a means of getting various concessions, whether really needed or not, such as walking sticks and chairs. In the play this army of social workers is represented by just one, Miss Ferris, carrying her notebook, typically full of good advice but short on delivery.

Miss Shepherd busied herself writing political pamphlets under the title of TRUE VIEW. She was deeply religious and had frequent visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was generally reclusive and hated any noise, even music, she even put chewing gum on Bennett's front gate to deaden the irritating noise. It emerged later that she had shown early musical talent as a pianist. During her various manic episodes the hostile attitude of her convent school to her talent is mentioned often suggesting that it was the crushing of her musical ambitions that was the cause of her mental illness. After her death it was discovered that as a young woman she had been committed to a mental institution but had escaped and remained free for 101 days so that she could not be sent back. From that time on she had apparently led an itinerant lifestyle.

The play raised a number of questions not only about Miss Shepherd but about Bennett himself. In the play he seems to be exploring his actions, or lack of them. He does this by using 2 actors to play himself. One presents the outer person and other his subconscious, intellectual self who immediately spots the writing material offered by the situation and seems to delight in the more bizarre events that followed. At her funeral he is disappointed she does not leap out of her coffin in a dramatic resurrection. So it is that the audience could think Bennett took no action to remove the lively but smelly old lady because he saw a good story. We also learn that at about the same time his own mother had fallen into a deep depression and was subsequently committed to a home. In the play Bennett seems to portray himself as helpless in the face of his mother's illness and gradual decline and it may have been that guilt about this stopped him getting Miss Shepherd removed. Alternatively it could be that Bennett was just too weak to make a fuss and just accepted the easy option of doing nothing. If that is the case then this story shows that inaction has as many consequences as action. For Miss Shepherd Bennett's resigned acceptance and lack of interference seems to have been just what she was looking for.

*Sally Palmer*

## ASTON ABBOTTS THEATREGOERS

**I have the opportunity to offer a pair of tickets for some forthcoming shows at Aylesbury Theatre to anyone in our village who would like to apply for them.** If you are interested in seeing a particular show (listed below) then let me have an email ([editor@aachronicle.co.uk](mailto:editor@aachronicle.co.uk)) or put a note through my door at Marloes, Lines Hill, with your name and telephone number, when I will put names in a hat to draw the winner for each show.

**The tickets are free** and are usually in the stalls about one third back. Parking opposite the theatre costs £1 for the evening after 6.30pm. The list of shows available will be updated every month in the Chronicle.

In return it would be nice if the 'theatre-goers' gave a short review of the show they saw. *Ed*

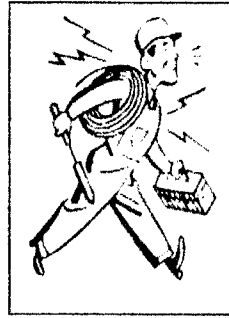
<b>BENJAMIN GROSVENOR – OXFORD PHILOMUSICA</b>	SUN 10.JUNE 7.30PM
<b>GIRLS NIGHT OUT</b>	TUES 12.JUNE 7.30PM
<b>FRANKENSTEIN (Live Screening)</b>	THU 16.JUNE 6.45PM
<b>RAYMONDA (Live Screening)</b>	SUN 24.JUNE 4PM
<b>ROY ORBISON &amp; FRIENDS</b>	FRI 29.JUNE 7.30PM
<b>HITCHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY</b>	MON 09.JULY 7.30PM
<b>DANDY DICK</b>	TUES 17.JULY 7.30PM
<b>PEPPA PIG</b>	SAT 28.JULY 10.00AM

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**ASTON ABBOTT BOOK CLUB**

The May meet was held at Alison's house to discuss Deidre Whyte's choice 'Saturday' by Ian McEwan. There was a very varied view on whether the book was plausible - it certainly goes into very well researched events that happen to Henry Perowne, a neurosurgeon, on a Saturday. For example he views an aeroplane seemingly crash landing in flames, he performs an intricate operation, he scrapes his car and meets Baxter who later holds Henry's family to a terrifying ordeal. It is certainly very well written. Some of us loved it others weren't so sure. It was an excellent book for us to discuss.

Our next book, chosen by Brigitte Gutierrez, is 'A Fine Balance' by Rohinton Mistry. Date of meeting to be confirmed.

*John Hardeastle*

**Roald Dahl Festival – 10th anniversary**

**Saturday 7 July**

**Parade starts at 11am**

**Aylesbury Town Centre**

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, this year's Roald Dahl Festival will be the biggest yet! Taking place on Saturday 7 July, the Festival will be a special day of fantastic family activities and entertainment that celebrate the work of the world renowned author. This year is themed on ten Roald Dahl books, such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Twits and James and the Giant Peach.

This scrumdiddlyumptious day will be brimmed full of exciting hands-on art and craft activities, storytelling, live music and dance. The day kicks off with the fabulous and colourful Roald Dahl Parade at 11am, with giant puppets and artwork made by children and young people in the local area. Visit The Roald Dahl Games in Vale Park for an afternoon of traditional games with a Roald Dahl twist and have-a-go activities as part of London 2012 celebrations and Aylesbury's legacy as the Birthplace of the Paralympics.

For more details go to [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/dahl](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/dahl)

**Service of thanksgiving and carriage procession, Tuesday 5 June**



The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will attend a national service of thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral. It will include a prayer written, at The Queen's direction, by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in honour of the Diamond Jubilee. A 'Diamond Choir' of children from around the UK will sing a specially composed song.

Later in the day, the Royal Family will travel from Westminster Hall to Buckingham Palace by carriage, along a processional route. Shortly after their arrival, the Royal family will appear on the balcony and an RAF fly-past will take place.

Buckingham Palace has published full details of the processional route, and the events will be shown on big screens in Hyde Park, St James's Park and Trafalgar Square.

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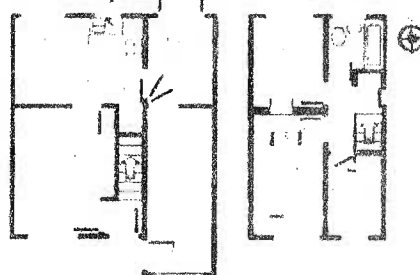
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## Wingrave School

### What have we been learning?

The following questions are all based on recent topics studied at school. If you bring an answer to Mrs Britnell by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June you will be awarded 5 house points for each correct answer.

- 1 – When and where were the first Olympic Games held?
- 2 – What do the 5 Olympic rings represent?
- 3 – Who were the original Olympic Games held to honour?
- 4 – Why has the school recently received a copy of the King James Bible?
- 5 – When was the King James Bible first published?
- 6 – Who wrote the Gruffalo?
- 7 – Draw and label the life cycle of a butterfly?
- 8 – Name the author who wrote 'Charlie and Lola'.
- 9 – Name 3 events the Queen will attend to celebrate her Jubilee.
- 10 – When did the Queen come to the throne?

Congratulations to all the children who earned 50 house points last month.

I hope that this weather has improved since I wrote this and that you are able to enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations. As we return to school after half term our focus will very much be on the Olympic Games, especially the Olympic values and how we can all follow these in our daily life. As a school we will be celebrating National Sports week culminating in an Olympic themed Sports Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The children will be given an opportunity to demonstrate many of their skills, not just sport. The day will be a celebration of the children at Wingrave CE Combined School

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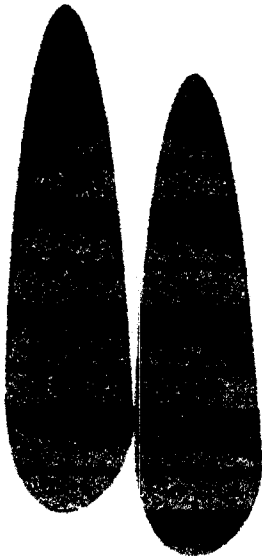
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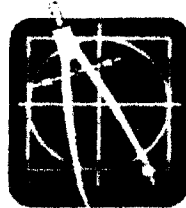


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## (JUST) BACK ON THE ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, twelve weeks has now passed since my operation, and I am allowed back on to the allotment – just in time, having regard to the number of weeds that are growing. And, very fortunately, my licence to garden again has coincided with an improvement in the weather, so that working there is a good deal more pleasant than it has been for the last few weeks.

It is a well-known saying that every cloud has a silver lining, and that has never been truer than in the last few weeks. The constant grey skies, cold winds and frequent rain have been very depressing, but the relatively cold weather for the time of year has helped by reducing evaporation, and so allowed more rain water to penetrate down to the underground aquifers – so that some areas of the country (unfortunately not this one) have already had their drought orders rescinded, and should reduce the time before we can start using hosepipes again. It has also been the case that there has been absolutely no need to water our growing crops (rarely can a law have been so well observed as the current hosepipe ban: nobody apart from a few dedicated car washers can have wanted to break it!)

Nevertheless my asparagus plants are not enjoying the cool weather: I have never known the spears to grow so slowly.

I had to drive up to Shropshire recently to visit relations, and I was struck on my journey by how many fields were now covered in swathes of yellow, indicating the prevalence of oilseed rape as a crop. (Unhappily, there are also a number of places where it has escaped from the fields and is growing wild alongside the roads: I hope it is not going to join the list of foreign plant species that have now become so prolific in the wild that they have become a nuisance, like giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed and rhododendron). Before the 1970's oilseed rape was virtually unknown here, but I gather it is now our third most commonly grown arable crop. When I was a boy driving around with my parents in their car, to see a field of yellow was both a rarity and a pleasure: as they would always point out to me, it would be a field of mustard, which very few farmers grew around this part of the country.

Another big change from my childhood is the number of magpies one sees. Some bird species may be declining, but the magpie is certainly very much on the increase. They were so rare in my childhood that they would always be pointed out to me, and one of my parents or grand-parents would trot out the rhyme:-

*One for sorrow, two for joy*

*Three for a girl, four for a boy*

*Five for silver, six for gold*

*Seven for a secret, never to be told*

Since I never remember seeing more than two or three magpies at the same time, I couldn't remember the verse after four, and had to look it up. I discovered there is an alternative version, which I would guess from the last line comes from the north of the country; and this goes

*One for sorrow, two for mirth*

*Three for a funeral, four for a birth*

*Five for heaven, six for hell*

*Seven's the de'il, his ane sel'*

Northerners must have a more gloomy disposition than we who live south of the Watford Gap! Nowadays magpies are so common, it is rare to drive anywhere without seeing one, and I should think these poems are now totally unknown to the modern generation.

Finally, one staggering piece of allotment-related news: three acres of prime building land in Chelsea which cost the Qatari royal family £246,000,000 are going to be turned into the world's most expensive vegetable garden and orchard. The Qataris bought a 12.8 acre site for £959m in 2008, and were originally planning to erect blocks of flats on the whole area. There was vociferous opposition, however, including a comment from the Prince of Wales that he thought the proposed development was "unsympathetic and unsuitable", so that the planning application was turned down; and the Qataris are now going to use about 3.25 acres for a vegetable patch, including edible flowers, and fruit trees, including 38 varieties of apple, figs, peaches and lemon trees. The idea is that the vegetables and fruit produced will be sold to the many fashionable restaurants in the area. An architect has been charged with producing all this as an attractive feature, and he has said he has been inspired by the Chateau de Villandry in the Loire, whose vegetable gardens are regarded as some of the most beautiful in the world.

*Peter Shorrocks*



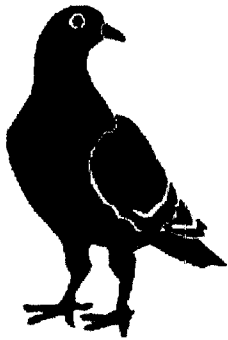
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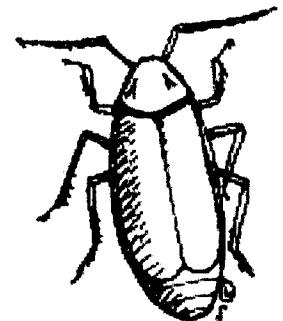
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Scouts have been working on basic Scouting skills such as; map-reading, fire-lighting, tent crafts, hiking etc., ready for camping later this summer. Recently they we hiked to Rowsham to camp overnight, before hiking back to Wingrave the following morning.



Cubs are currently working towards our Global Challenge badge, which involves learning about different countries and tasting their food. We are also going to do some fundraising for the Air Ambulance and put together entries for the village fete.

Beavers, since Easter, have been working on their Health and Fitness badge. This has involved playing cricket and rounders, as well as learning about healthy eating. Our focus in May is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and then in June we are planning a boat trip on the Grand Union Canal.

Our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers attended the annual District Scout Group St George's Day Parade at the end of April. This year, to commemorate the Olympic Games, the parade was held at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium, complete with flags and a marching band.

Please remember to get your tickets for the Summer Ball, a 'Jubilee Jamboree', to be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Community Centre, Wingrave. The ball includes a four course sit down meal. Music will be provided by Spokes of Astonbury fame. For tickets priced at £30 each please contact Nikki Reeve, tel: 01296 681372, email: nikkireeve@fsmail.net or Nigel Palmer 681152.

*Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are open to girls and boys aged between 6 and 14. We meet weekly at the Scout Hut in Chiltern Road. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the Group Scout Leader, Michelle Parker, on 01296 681911, or via email: quaveriw@yahoo.co.uk*

**Nature Watch:** In about three weeks time we will be halfway through the year. Spring has been and gone and we are now into Summer. Trust me, my Mother was a Doctor!

In March we had some very warm weather and even saw the sun. It was so warm that nature seemed to be about two weeks ahead of normal and then the rain came, and cold! I reckon that the swallows and house martins are about two weeks late now but at least they have mud with which to build nests. Do you remember this time last year the RSPB put out an appeal to make little mud pools to help them because it was so dry.

There are some fledglings about but the weather has been so odd that it is difficult to know what is really going on in nature's secret little homes. Many flowers have already done their work and died back so that their fruiting body with its seed can grow. The most noticeable of these is perhaps the dandelion whose parachute seeds have been in the air for some time and some have already landed in a little niche and germinated to form a new plant. On a little diversion here the name "dandelion" is believed to be an anglicized form of "dents de lion" French for teeth of lion. This is said to be descriptive of the serrated leaf edges. There is a much more descriptive French name - "pissenlit". The last two syllables translate as "in bed" you can translate the first! The leaves are quite pleasant to eat and go well in a mixed salad, just don't eat too much; it is, as the French know, an effective diuretic!

Apart from the trees, and the flowers some folk have planted round them, I have counted about twelve different flowers in the Vic Scott Orchard. For a first spring this isn't bad and there are more to come as we move into Summer. There is also a good variety of grasses. Most of these are much more difficult to tell apart, unless you are an expert, and I'm no expert so I have not attempted a count so far.

Insects are very dependent on suitable temperatures for almost everything they do. Social insects like bees and termites can make small changes to the temperature in their nests or hives by increasing and reducing ventilation but they are still very dependent on the temperature of the day. Rain can also be a problem. Imagine you are a little bee, beevering away! (oh dear) from flower to flower and trying to dodge high speed bodies of water as big as your head or even bigger. Not much fun. However some insects, midges in particular, seem to be able to react to a rise in temperature very quickly and can be seen flying within an hour or so of the sun coming out on a cold day.

Every year is a new adventure. One of the wonders of nature - who can possibly be bored. With the exception of one recalcitrant oak tree this year the oak is very much out before the ash so perhaps we are in for a sploak or should it be a splash?

*Alan Jones*

**PS.** "Thursday 24th May, great excitement here at Nature Watch HQ a cuckoo has been heard and spotted flying over house towards coppice on Mr Page's land. We have not heard a cuckoo here for at least 4 years. Great News!"



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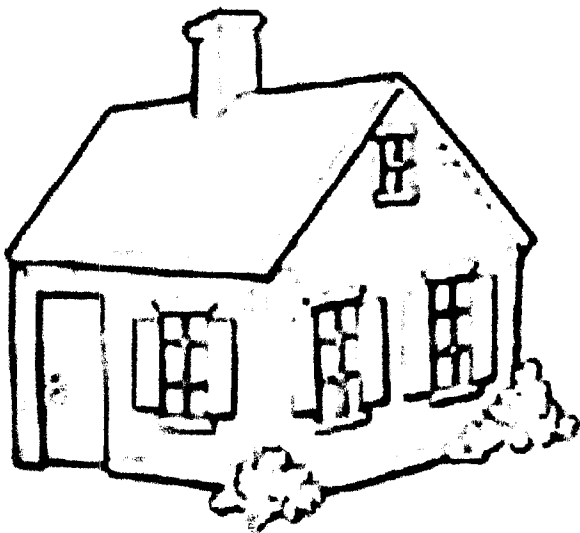
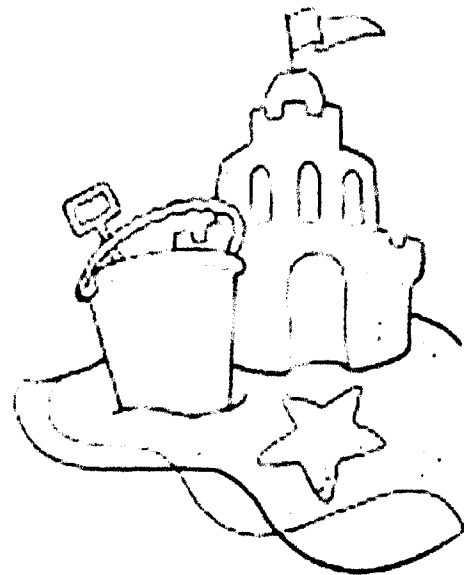
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## Minutes of the Aston Abbots Annual Parish Meeting

8.00pm 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

Present: Mr Peter Shorrocks (Chairman, Parish Council), Mr Bob Carvey (acting secretary), Mr Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Ms Paula Boston (PCSO, North Wing) and 16 parishioners.

1. Apologies: Mr Richard Clarke, Mr James Perkins, Ms Netta Glover
2. The Minutes to the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 were approved and signed as a true record
3. There was only one matter arising regarding the status of the "village sign", no one present was able to give information on this and the Chairman said he would pass this on to the appropriate persons.
4. Councillor Cooper addressed the meeting with a number of updates to local issues affecting Aston Abbots particularly and the Aylesbury area in general.
  - Aylesbury Vale DC have now relocated to the new Gatehouse Road premises, consolidating from some six locations from the early 2000's thus enabling better communications, accessibility for the public, combined IT systems and public meeting rooms.
  - In the town the Theatre was doing very well and the new Waitrose and hotel builds were progressing, due for opening around December, 2012/early 2013.
  - The proposed new shopping area opposite the theatre along Exchange Street still had negotiations in progress, this re-development it is hoped would bring back shoppers to Aylesbury.
  - Planning – the central government South East Plan which had 26,500 homes designated for the Aylesbury Vale area is now defunct with no new national plan yet in place. The Aylesbury Vale local plan now being worked on by AVDC planners due for publishing 2013-14 is considering approximately 6,500 homes. In addition private developers have lodged plans for further homes, one of which is some 3,700 at Berton – these private applications create difficulties with the AVDC draft plan. Action groups within the Vale are concerned about effects on local resources as well as the wider use of arterial routes for transport and the general further deterioration of roads in the area. A question left open from the floor asked why with some 19,000 outstanding approved dwellings on AVDC books and developers requests, why were the AVDC planners looking to build a new plan rather than adopt/adapt what was already in existence?
  - Some discussion ensued about the progress of HS2 and the possible long term effect of pushing development and traffic the AA side of Aylesbury.
  - Rural broadband in North Bucks particularly was known to be bad, a show of hands indicated AA had very mixed reception. Councillor Cooper said there was some thoughts towards improving the Wing South exchange (618xxx numbers) and that a minimum of 100 people, ideally businesses needed to indicate the need and potential sign-up. Up to 20 mbs should be achievable if a fibre-optic can be put to the roadside cabinet.
  - Wind Farms – two local pending applications at Rowsham/Wingrave and Wing/Cublington. AVDC are putting together a policy on wind farms.
  - Luton Airport has applied to expand to double passenger traffic and to add a new runway.
  - Bye-Pass – plans have gone quiet for the three previously proposed routes, however planning enquiries show these three routes still to be protected. It is acknowledged that the A418 is poor quality, but nothing is planned.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Cooper for his expansive and informative report.

- PCSO Boston advised that officers at the Wing Station were consolidating from the north/south coverage and then between them jointly cover the full area with response from Aylesbury or Buckingham as available.
- Overall crime in this area was down 10.8% on the previous year, although burglary of a dwelling was up 20.9% with non-dwelling burglary down 42%. In AA particularly there were 26 reported incidents 2010-11 and on 14 this current year.
- PCSO Boston reminded people of the need to report non-urgent matters to 101 and retain 999 for the urgent "it is happening now" calls.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Boston for her report.

5. Parish Councils Chairman's Report, Mr Shorrocks addressed those present regarding;

- Aston Abbots Parish Council had applied for funding to complete the second phase of the footpath to the Wingrave crossroads – which was duly completed in the spring. The Parish Council are looking at how completing the last part may be funded.
- In the press you will have seen details on how the government is looking to simplify the planning system through the introduction of the Localism Bill – which became law in December, 2011. As part of and to comply with this exercise the Parish Council was required to advise AVDC what the views of the village were with regards to future planning and development – the results of the Autumn village questionnaire were analysed and information sent to AVDC.
- The village website is now updated – many thanks to Phil Spooner, and Parish Council Minutes are now published on the website and in The Chronicle.

- AVDC announced that they would no longer provide the twice yearly village skip unless the parish pay for it. The Parish Council have decided to do so for this coming year and will monitor how much use is made of it.
  - Bucks County Council are going to remove the road lights at Wingrave crossroads, but the Parish Council have agreed to take over and be responsible for the low level lighting by the bus stops on either side of the road and I believe Wingrave will similarly adopt lights on their side.
  - The Parish Council have agreed to contribute a maximum of £900 towards the activities planned to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in June.
6. James Perkins who has been running the last phase of the Village Plan production has asked me to update the meeting regarding this project. It was planned that a final paper version would be available for viewing this evening but printing has been delayed. The final draft is available this evening if anyone would like to look through it. The printed document will be completed with copies sent to AVDC and BCC to facilitate their decision making in respect of the village and any services and in particular aspects contained with the Localism Act. Strategic copies will be placed around the village.

A question was asked from the floor regarding the distribution to each village household – it was agreed to take this question back to Mr Perkins.

7. Sally Palmer gave an outline of the planned Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, largely based on that just published in The Chronicle. She asked for a big push for people to attend, saying that so far approaching £400 had been raised by voluntary donations, some 150 having indicated they are likely to attend. She said that they are very grateful for the offer of marquees and that a team would be needed on the Saturday to help put them up and arrange the Recreation Ground. Plus help on the actual morning to set up tables, the "tea bar" etc. So far expenditure for insurance £50 (via AVDC), singer £300, decorations £240, toilets and a generator had been incurred. Any profits will go to the Fete monies.
8. Mr Shorrocks updated the meeting as to the status of the village acquiring a lease for the Church Room. It was noted that this purchase had now been going on for many years, the latest situation being that of inaction by the church solicitors (Winkworth Sherwood, Oxford) to complete some small changes to the proposed lease and reissue for signature. From a WS letter dated October, 2011 it seems that the matter could be with the Charity Commission, but no willingness to communicate this would suggest that no action is currently occurring. The Bishop of Oxford has recently been contacted on this matter.
9. John Hardcastle reported that The Chronicle was in good shape and that Mr Whyte who handles the finances for the Chronicle was similarly pleased and that reserves were held that would allow production for 6-8 months. A donation from Fete Funds of £500 would be very well received to ensure the sustainability of the Chronicle.
10. There being no one attending from the Fete Committee to present an annual report, the Chairman moved the meeting on to decide how the previous year's funds should be distributed. A lively debate was had moving between a stance of "same as last year" to a more focused "what we need now" approach. The final agreement being £500 to The Chronicle, £1000 to the completion of the Wingrave Road footpath fund and the balance to the Church.
11. AOB – a short update was given on where the Village Plan fits with the soon to be worked on Neighbourhood Plan, this latter document being the key document that fits with the new Aylesbury Vale planning model being developed for government, the Localism Bill and where Aston Abbots will be affected. It was noted that it will be towards the end of this year before the Parish Council can progress this as information as details are required back from Aylesbury Vale post their first submission to government.

Mr Copping asked about a donation towards the 2012 fireworks and it was agreed to refer this to the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Clearly there is a lot going on this year what with the Olympics, Euro 2012 (the football competition not the singing one) and of course the Jubilee. I for one am especially looking forward to celebrating the Queens 60 years on the throne. As you will no doubt see from the news coverage there are all sorts of events going on to mark this special occasion from flotilla's to garden parties. However once this has all passed one event will be left for her majesty to really let her hair down, yes that's right folks it's the **ASTON ABBOTTS JUBILEE SUMMER BALL**.

The big rumour is that Will and Kate will be attending (my cousins from Cornwall) but even if they don't make it you lot are in for a fantastic evening. Preparations are in hand to make this a special night to celebrate the fete and the events held for the Jubilee.

The evening will start with a drinks reception followed by a sumptuous gourmet meal provided by our favourite chef, Grant Huntley. He is back providing the catering that we have had so much praise for, currently he's at the Chelsea Flower Show but he has said the Summer Ball is his big event of the year.

Following the food, there will be the Charity Auction. As with last year the funds will be allocated to the finishing of the pathway to the crossroads. So many of you praised this choice last year and we hope to continue to raise a decent sum of money to help the village complete this important project.

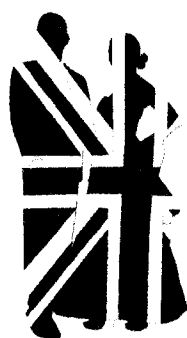
Then it's on to the entertainment, we do have something special lined up for this year with a performance from a great headline act but there will be more on that in next's month Chronicle. I could crush a grape....

So there we have it, the tickets for this year's event remain the same price (£40 per person) and it is pleasing that with over half of them sold that people continue to support this event. Anyone wishing to reserve a table or some tickets they are available from either myself or Frank McManus, details are below. After all we wouldn't want you to miss out.

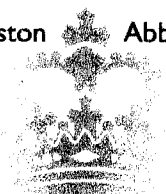
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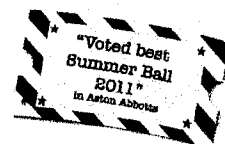
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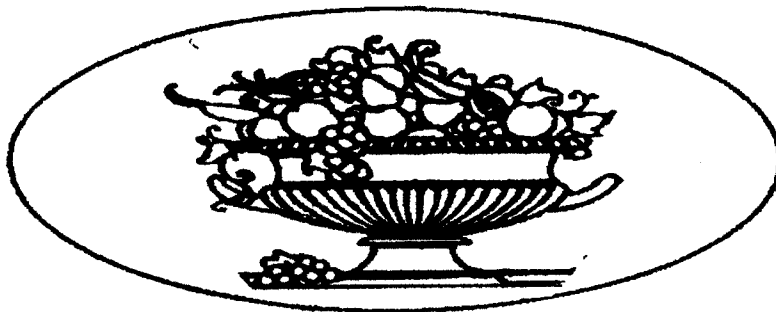
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## **Community News:**

**'For young people, by young people.'** Bucks Youth Bank is a grant-making panel for young people's projects that benefit the community. Buckinghamshire currently has 2 Youth Bank panels, one in Aylesbury and another in Wycombe. The panels give out grants to local groups of young people or individuals aged 13-19. This funding may be for projects the young people want to start or which they are all ready involved in but want to develop. The role of the Youth Bank panels is to look at application forms and decide on how the grant money should be spent - **Young People Make The Decisions.**

For more information call 01296 382543 or email [bucksyouthbank@bucksc.gov.uk](mailto:bucksyouthbank@bucksc.gov.uk)

**Local Area Forum Review** - Bucks County council and Community Impact Bucks are keen to hear the views of the voluntary and community sector about their experiences of LAFs.

**Greening Your Community Plan** - Buckinghamshire County Council is working with Community Impact Bucks to help local people become more aware of environmental issues and to enhance their green spaces.

**Expert Volunteers Available** - Community Impact Bucks currently have volunteers with business expertise such as financial systems implementation, marketing, website design, financial planning and Microsoft Project Server knowledge who are looking for organisations to help .

### **Volunteer Gardeners Needed**

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**Internet** – Peter Cooper our district councillor is part of a team trying to make a case for improving BT connection on 681 numbers, he particularly wants to hear from businesses, however small and working anywhere with a 681 number. There is a big push particularly in the north of the county to get badly needed improvements in place – there is money available to help do this!. Please contact Peter on 01296 681250 or [pcooper@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:pcooper@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

*Bob Carvey*

# It's time to celebrate!

June brings plenty of reasons to celebrate and at The Unicorn we will make sure you have a good time!

We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in style, including a royal quiz and pre-beacon lighting BBQ.

All Euro 2012 matches will be shown in our clubroom and June also sees the start of our Summer BBQ's every Saturday!

## What's on in June

**Friday 1st - 3 Bar fire, 8pm**

**Saturday 2nd - BBQ, 5pm**

**Sunday 3rd - British Sunday Roast**

**Monday 4th -**

**Pre- Beacon Lighting BBQ - 6pm**  
**Jubilee Quiz, 8pm.**

**Saturday 9th - Live Music**  
with Leslie and The Speakers, 8pm  
**BBQ - 5pm**

**Monday 11th - Quiz, 8pm**  
**Euro 2012 - France vs England, 5pm**

**Thursday 14th - TUGS**

At Aylesbury Vale Golf Club

**Friday 15th**

**Euro 2012 - England vs Sweden, 7.45pm**

**Saturday 16th -**

**Village Fete & BBQ, 5pm**

**Sunday 17th - Fathers Day**

**Monday 18th - Quiz, 8pm**

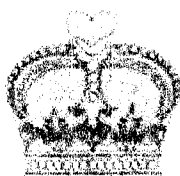
**Tuesday 19th - Euro 2012**

England vs Ukraine, 7.45pm

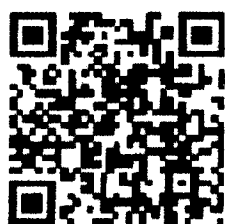
**Monday 25th - Quiz, 8pm**

**Friday 29th - Dinner & Jazz**  
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Sunday 17th June	10am	Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
Sunday 24th June	10.30am	Communion	Rev. Roger Hale

## MOWING ROTA

### June

Sat 2nd	Danny Clarke
Sat 9th	Bob Bean
Sat 16th	Chris Looker
Sat 23rd	Gordon Kemp
Sat 30th	Andy Bystra

### July

Sat 7th	Nigel Palmer
Sat 14th	Marcus Hall
Sat 21st	Caroline Lane
Sat 28th	Adam Shorroek

### August

Sat 4th	Phil Spooner
Sat 11th	Peter Curry
Sat 18th	Ian Roberts
Sat 25th	Danny Clarke

### September

Sat 1st	Bob Bean
Sat 8th	Chris Looker
Sat 15th	Andy Bystra
Sat 22nd	Nigel Palmer
Sat 29th	Marcus Hall

### October

Sat 6th	Caroline Lane
Sat 13th	Peter Curry
Sat 20th	Adam Shorroek
Sat 29th	Gordon Kemp



Dear all,

In this Jubilee month as we remember 60 years of Queen Elizabeth on the throne maybe it's appropriate to consider something of what it might mean to be British, or possibly more usefully British-ness. It's certainly about buying into certain unspoken values but also about being open enough to accept tolerantly those who might hold a different but potentially complementary set of values: a sense of fairness, of justice for all, of even handedness. A bit like our constitution, not written but acknowledged somewhere deep in our national psyche.

Even though we are aware of human frailties we are genuinely outraged by overweeningly greedy corporate leaders continually feathering their nests as more and more people fall into the poverty trap. Or openly corrupt politicians, even though we've always known they exist --- we just never knew on what scale. Subscribing to a Christian foundation and heritage for our society whilst acknowledging the right of others to believe in God and worship in their own way (or indeed no way). Conversely we feel aggrieved when it's only Christians and Christian values which become the butt of foul-mouthed comedians and cynical columnists whilst these individuals lose their bottle when it comes to those of other faiths --- this is of course a form of patronising behaviour.

Possibly at root it's all about the fact that a teenage girl called Ashleigh and a dog called Pudsey can win Simon Cowell's 'Britain's Got Talent'. We may not go for OTT shows of emotion but we sure love a cute sentimental dog story with loads of 'Ah! factor'!

God Bless you all, *Philip*.

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# What's On In JUNE

Sunday 3rd	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Monday 4th	Diamond Jubilee events 12.30-5pm	The Rec
Tuesday 5th	Big Screen in the Church 11am	St James Church
Wednesday 6th	Fete Meeting 8pm	14 Bricstock
Thursday 7th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	No Whist Drive	
Sunday 10th	Rambling Club 2pm	Amphill
Thursday 14th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 17th	Fathers Day	
Tuesday 19th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 20th	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 21st	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 28th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 1st July	Rambling Club	Totternhoe
	Evensong 6pm	St James Church

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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*

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The **National Maritime Museum** opened 'Royal River: Power, Pageantry and the Thames' in April 2012. It explores the relationship between the Queen, the City of London and the River Thames.

The **National Portrait Gallery** will stage 'The Queen: Art and Image', a touring exhibition of images of the Queen.

The **Victoria and Albert Museum** is holding an exhibition of portraits of The Queen by photographer Cecil Beaton, which will tour around the UK.

Bus Surveys are being carried out this month.

**Use your bus!** - don't lose it - some villages have.

### Gardens open in June worth a visit

Sunday 10th Quainton

Sunday 17th Hillesden House

Lord Carrington's Bledlow

**Summer Sundays**  
**FREE live music in**  
**Aylesbury town**  
**centre**  
**11.30am - 2pm.**  
**1 July: Dance Now! -**  
**Kingsbury**

*Celebration of*  
*Dance Styles from*  
*Street Dance to*  
*Ballet.*

**Summer Sundays**  
**FREE live music in Aylesbury town centre**  
**every Sunday throughout the Summer**  
**11.30am - 2pm.**

**3 June: 60 Years of Song - Kingsbury**

From Bill Hailey to Cee Lo Green with My Holiday Romance plus support from Steve Bennett.

**10 June: Slyde! - Market Square**

Britain's foremost Slade tribute band bring back all the fun of glam rock.

**17 June: Big Band - Kingsbury**

Swing to the sounds of the Sound Force Big Band and Jay Oxenham, The Voice of Sinatra.

**24 June: 50's Rock and Roll - Market Square**

Fox River Conspiracy plus Deak Rivers sings Buddy Holly.

**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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The Green 10.30am

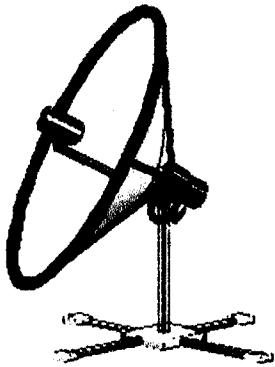
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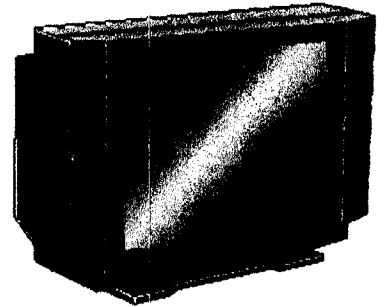
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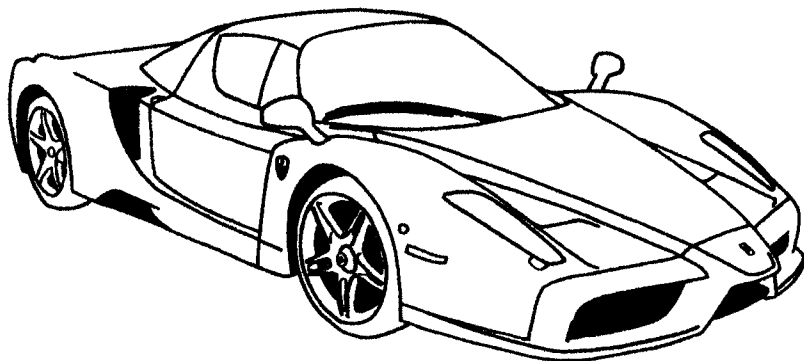


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