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# Editorial

Congratulations to Simon Longman and his team for putting on a fabulous Astonbury. It was going to be a hard act to follow the "Chunkies" but Simon and his great cast of local talent achieved that in bucket loads. The weather was always going to be a decisive factor and thankfully the rain stayed away (almost) on the night. It takes a huge amount of effort to put on a show like this - we are very fortunate that so many people are willing to give their time and expertise to achieve such a high standard.

The weather was brilliant for the Village Fete. Many many thanks are due to Dierdre Whyte and the large gang of villagers who made this such a successful event.

On the evening of the Fete James Perkins and Frank McManus masterminded the Aston Abbots Summer Ball. The marquee was beautifully decked out, the meal was excellent and the music from 'Huggy Flares' had everyone dancing the night away. There was a very successful 'Auction of Promises' raising money towards the completion of the footpath down to the Wingrave crossroad.

Hopefully you didn't miss the Family Fun Day held in our village orchard on the Bank Holiday Sunday just gone. Many thanks are due to Wendy Bentley for organising this event. It was so good to see so many people there.

Judy was a Olympic volunteer being allocated duties at Earls Court for the volleyball competition. The first few days were dire; Judy was given a door to guard and later a few hours as a lift attendant - not her idea of 'volunteering'; it got better for later days. We went to see an evening of athletics - the atmosphere was great, the whole park and the other buildings were impressive. I'd like to see the inside of the velodrome.

The barn owls that produced a late brood last year seem to be following the same pattern this year. I've managed to capture a few photos of them by using a camera trap. The post I put in to hold the camera has been used by the owls as a roost and the camera is now covered in 'wash' as it's called. I'll keep you posted if any owlets appear.



On the bank of one of my ponds I spotted a small plant that turns out to be a bee orchid. Never seen one of these before. Have protected it with some chicken wire to keep the rabbits at bay - am now watching the orchid produce seed pods - maybe some more will emerge in due course. *John*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to James and Lesley Clough on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rowen on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 6lbs 4ozs

Congratulations to Christine and George Fox on the wedding of their daughter Diana on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln.

Tony and Margaret would like to thank everybody who gave so generously to the bottle tombola at the fete which made it the success it was.

### September

Vannessa Worrall	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Piers Parker	4 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher Fox	6 <sup>th</sup>
Fiona Whyte	6 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Smith	8 <sup>th</sup>
Claire Gresswell	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Palmer	18 <sup>th</sup>
Louise Palmer	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Ellis	20 <sup>th</sup>
Halisi Drysdale	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Stephen Oldfield	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mel Smith	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Anna Picking	24 <sup>th</sup>
Alex Dutton	25 <sup>th</sup>
Liz. Hall	25 <sup>th</sup>
Lynne Maguire	26 <sup>th</sup>
Adrian Dixon	30 <sup>th</sup>

*For the decorations in the Church for the Village Fete week end this poem was attached to the 630 flower arrangement.*

### *The 630 Club*

*Oh good!! Six thirty on the clock!  
It's Saturday, so, 'on the dot',  
us thirsty lads forsake our spouses,  
as lemming like we leave our houses,  
to wend our way to the social hub.  
Where else? but down to village pub.*

*All mustered, happy, pint in hand  
gregarious, noisy, happy band.  
Jokes and plans and deals and such;  
remember friends still missed so much.  
Then all too soon, last pint must sup,  
and 'weave' off home, - our hours up!!*

## **STOP PRESS!!**

### **BEAN COMPETITION**

Please note that due to the 'poor growing' season this summer, the **LONGEST RUNNER BEAN** competition will now take place at the Royal Oak on the later date of **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2012**

Entries to be displayed by 6.45 and judging will commence promptly at 7.00  
As at last year's event there are to be three categories:-

- 1.) The longest bean (for the Ray Wilkinson Trophy) will be measured in a straight line from end to end on the 'official' measuring device. As a special concession this year, the 'snap test' is to be waived and previously frozen beans accepted.
- 2.) Four matching beans; Any shape or size of green bean.
- 3.) 'Cheats' category; Any thing goes!!! Will be judged on ingenuity,



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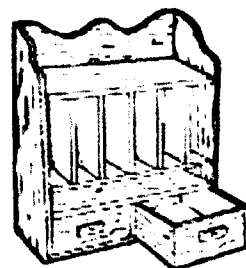
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## Aston Abbots Fete 28 July 2012

When I offered to take over the role of Fete co-ordinator from Tracy and Vanessa last Autumn, I kept hearing the same line repeated to me; "Don't worry Dee, everyone knows what they're doing, they'll all pull together and the Fete will be a great success." To be honest I'm not sure that I totally believed it back then but I certainly do now.

The sun shone and the crowds came so what more do you need? Well, obviously Great Horwood Silver Band and Aldbury Morris Men, cream teas, stalls selling anything and everything, a sizzling BBQ, large glass (or two) of Pimms, skittles, coconut shy, the Dog Show, etc etc – it just wouldn't be 'The Fete' if any of these were missing.

There are really far too many people to thank individually, from those who helped to set up and stayed behind to clear away to those who stood behind a stall for well over three hours until the last customers had gone. However I really do have to give a special mention to Margaret and Tony Hinds for their brilliant bottle tombola and Sally Clarke for organizing the Dog Show. This clearly brought a lot of people to the fete and seems to be increasing in popularity every year.

I must also give a huge thankyou to Peter Knight. Peter really has done a most excellent job as the MC for more years than I care to remember but feels that he would like to step down and focus on promoting the village Orchard. It won't be the same without him but if there is anyone who is willing to take on this role for next year please contact me. I may also be able to provide opportunities in catering and Bric a Brac so please get in touch!

Finally, many thanks to Tracy, Ness and April for guiding me through the whole process. Without their input there would have been no fete.

April's final accounts appear below.

*Deirdre Whyte*

### ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE      FETE 2012

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	DRAW	1060.90	
	DONATIONS	144.00	
	TEAS	394.60	
<b>STALLS</b>	PIMMS	272.55	
	TOMBOLA	587.60	
	CAKES	271.45	
	PLANTS & HONEY	228.40	
	BRICABRAC & TOYS	210.90	
	ICE CREAM	57.00	
	GIFTS	141.90	
	BOOKS	116.55	
	BARBECUE	462.70	
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	GUESS THE SWEETS	10.95	
	PICK A STRAW	20.95	
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	CRAFTS	15.00	
	SUNDRY	13.85	
			£4205.30
<b>SIDESHOWS</b>	SKITTLES	48.00	
	COCONUT SHY	44.10	
	SOAK A FRIEND	46.00	
	FACE PAINTING	16.85	
	DOG SHOW	60.60	
	BOTTLE GAME	74.20	
	BOUNCY CASTLE	20.00	
	CHURCH PLATE	44.00	
			£353.75
	<b>GROSS PROCEEDS</b>		<b>£4559.05</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	BAND	160.00	
	DRAW TICKETS	102.00	
	DRAW LICENCE	20.00	
	DRINKS LICENCE	21.00	
	MORRIS MEN	100.00	
	COMMUNICATIONS	63.00	
			£466.00
	<b>NET PROCEEDS</b>		<b>£4093.05</b>

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May it was agreed to distribute funds from the Fete as follows; £500 be given to the Chronicle, £1000 towards the completion of the footpath to the Wingrave Crossroad, with the balance going to the Church (£2593).

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## ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE FETE DOG SHOW RESULTS

The dog show on Fete day was very well supported. The weather was perfect (not too hot for the dogs) and we had 83 entries. A big thank you to Simon Longman for putting up the ring and the gazebo, Liz Clarke our judge, Gaynor Irskine-Walker who took the entries and Sondra Dickinson who helped in the ring. Also Peter Knight - thanks for the announcements (I know how keen you were to get to the sausage eating race!) and a special thanks to Pets At Home, Aylesbury, who donated some of the prizes and to Katy who donated home made dog biscuits to the winners of each class.

The results were as follows:

**Most Handsome Dog** had 10 entries and was won by Christine's Bertie. Second was Minty, owned by Phil and third was Bailey, owned by Clare

**Prettiest Bitch** had 8 entries and was won by Zita's Ms Leonard. Second was Poppy, owned by April and third was Jelly, shown by Karen.

**Golden Oldie** had 3 entries and the winner was Margaret's Paddy. Fluff, owned by Barbara was second and Monty, owned by Christine was third.

**Best Rescue** had 7 entries and was won by Marisa's Pickle. Second was Bart, owned by Hannah and Tango, owned by Marisa, was third.

**Best Puppy** had 3 entries. The winner was Coco, owned by Esme, Carol's Flynn was second and Jane's Jazz was third.

**Most Appealing Eyes** had 10 entries and was won by David's Kali. Second was Naomi, owned by Abby and third was Chip, owned by Harry.

**Waggiest Tail** attracted 10 entries. The winner was Jo and Rosie's Charlie and Chloe's Smudge was second. Third place went to Flynn, owned by Harry.

**Fastest Sausage Eater** came next and attracted 10 entries. This was a race and run in two heats. The dogs with their owners had to race to a bowl, eat a sausage and race back. Volunteers from the audience helped to ensure no cheating took place. Our winner was Charlie, owned by Rosy. Second was Paddy, owned by Margaret and third was Lola, owned by Sally.

**Sitting Challenge** was next and had 12 entries. The dogs walked around the ring and when a whistle was blown had to sit. The last one to sit was "out" and left the ring. This class was won by Gomez, owned by Chloe. Nelson, owned by Margaret, was second and Shrimp, owned by Kitty was third.

**Dog The Judge Would Most Like to Take Home** attracted 10 entries and was won by Charlie, owned by Sue. Flynn, owned by Harry and Ben was second and Tinker, owned by John was third.

Our "**Best In Show**" was won by Bertie, owned by Christine. Bertie is a black Cocker Spaniel, a really happy little dog who didn't stop wagging his tail. Reserve Best in Show went to Ms Leonard, owned by Zita. Ms Leonard is a young Newfoundland who, it is hoped will become a PAT (Pets As Therapy) dog.  
*Sally Clarke*

## IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Can anyone offer an explanation for this?

Whilst looking after Linus, our son's dog, we took him out for his evening constitutional letting him off the lead in the 'usual place' so that he could run around the fields. However this time he disappeared and did not come back when we called him. We scoured the surrounding area for the next 2 hours calling him but still he did not return.

When it became dark we gave up the search and sadly returned home in the rather forlorn hope that he would eventually find his own way back to us. We left his bed and a bowl of water outside the back door but still he did not return. We then spent the next morning calling and searching for him but still no Linus. Heartbroken we reported him 'Missing' to the RSPCA, Police and Dog Patrols in 2 counties.

The next day we received a phone call from our son. Linus had apparently turned up on the doorstep of a friend's house approximately twelve hours after he had gone missing. He was fine apart from sore paws and a slight limp. Nothing too strange about that you might think except for the fact that 'the friend' lives in Stantonbury, the other side of Milton Keynes! It is a distance of 20 miles 'as the crow flies'. Moreover Linus could not possibly have known the route as we had never taken him further than 2 or 3 miles across the fields in that direction!

We are very pleased to report that after a hearty meal and long sleep Linus recovered completely!

After a sleepless night it took us slightly longer!

*Pam & David Gray*

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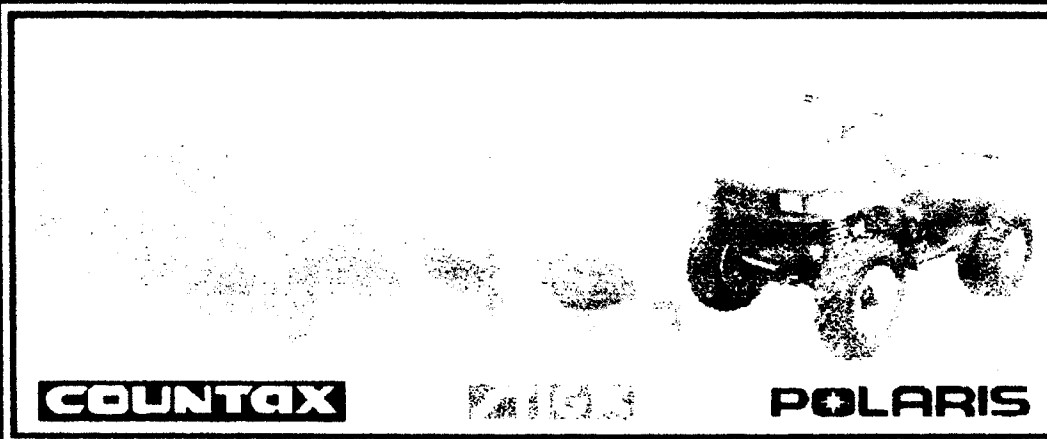
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## Countryside Matters - August

It is generally accepted that the cost of producing a litre of milk, (a litre not a pint) is 30 pence. This is just production costs and does not include a profit margin, nor paying off large overdrafts, nor paying for bought in extra milk quota, nor investment for the future. Now recently, as you may have seen in the press, milk processors have cut their rate including Wiseman Diaries 24.73 a litre ( a cut of 1.7 pence) Arla Foods 24.50p a litre ( a cut of 2 pence) and Dairy Crest 24.92 a litre (a cut of 1.65 pence) only M&S at 31.93 a litre and Sainsbury's at 30.50 a litre and Waitrose are more than 29 pence a litre. Therefore across the board the average price is about 25 pence a litre which has dropped down by 4 pence a litre in the past 3 months.

It doesn't take an Oxford scholar to work out that this "overnight" cut has cost the average dairy farmer £50,000 - £60,000 in lost revenue at a stroke. No business in the country could sustain losses like these. One of the root causes is due to skimming all the cream off milk, (remember how it used to be?) and selling cream separately, the processors and supermarkets have hit the rocks. The cream market is saturated and possibly due to the summer weather and our millions of slimming ladies, they have got stuck with pots of the stuff and cannot shift it. Here lies the problem and the buck stops with the little independent dairy farmers.

Well with only a handful of dairy farmers left in each of the home counties of Bucks, Herts and Beds, I fail to see how one of the largest milk processing plants in Europe, emerging from the mud of Aston Clinton, just off the side of the bypass, can be sustainable without hoards of foreign trucks daily from Poland and France carrying 90% water across Europe; just consider all these fascinating facts whilst drinking a pint of bottled water watching the Olympics at £2.50 per bottle; but there again I am no Oxford Scholar.

*James Henderson*

## Countryside Matters - September

After what I thought was an extremely slow start for our yearly visit by swallows, probably because of the awful wet and cold in the spring; these magnificent creatures have had at least two broods and are fairing quite well. In the early evening I love to see at least 60 or 70 gather for their evening feed before retiring and taking over my empty garages, evident by their accurate deposits of paint stripper droppings all over the car roofs and everything else.



I witnessed this gathering last evening when a loud "woosh" noise came through the yard and over our heads, the sparrow hawk on a daring mission to feed on the youngsters. This raptor was so quick I failed to see the outcome but inevitable death must have followed. When I was young there were less crows hardly any magpies, jays or grey squirrels and I never saw a sparrow hawk or buzzard but their was an abundance of song birds and garden birds.

It is estimated sparrow hawks consume 2100 tons of wild birds a year. According to the eminent Robin Page that is the equivalent to 88,000,000 sparrows, 24,000,000 blackbirds and nearly 10,000,000 lapwings. (Lapwings are an extremely endangered species at present). Buzzards are also having an impact on the leveret population.

Now the RSPB need to get a grip on this situation and lift the bans on controlling of some predator species, including the sparrow hawk and buzzards, they need to consider having a capture, move and release program for red kites. But as usual the RSPB are worried about their membership numbers and donations and have lost sight of their role as guardians of the bird life in the countryside. *James Henderson*

## NATURE WATCH

If Arkwright had been a gardener instead of a shopkeeper up in the grim North we might have come across him leaning on a spade (gardeners do a lot of that!) saying "its been a funny old summer". He wouldn't have been wrong. First we had a very early and hot Spring, an early Summer when a lot of plants broke into leaf and even flowered two or more weeks early, then we had a lot of sort of nothing weather, not very hot but very dry following on from two very dry winters. Result: drought and hosepipe ban. After that before you could say "inclement weather" we found ourselves in a deluge which seemed to go on and on. We then got caught up in the Olympic Games, so much so that nobody seems to have noticed that either Lord Coe or someone on his staff has got a remarkable way of controlling the weather. Its been pretty good ever since.

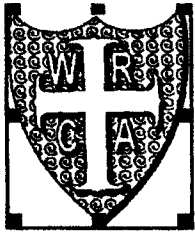
Despite all this some species seem to have done well. It is perhaps too early to say but generally speaking nature nearly always over-produces. This is to ensure the survival of the species and the whole of the surplus is recycled as food for other species further up the food chain or in the case of plants, food for both fauna and flora.

Think of aphids - green or blackfly. One day there are none and the next your beans or roses are covered. Their life cycle is quite complicated but for most of the summer the adults produce large numbers of live young that are already fertile when born and they can start giving birth in a week or so. This over production can be very serious for some crops if it were not checked.

Some strange and clever person (imagine their conversation at a dinner party) has worked out that the earth's land surface would be over a metre deep in these little flies by the end of the summer. I'm surprised Hollywood hasn't made a blockbuster about them yet. However this won't happen. Nature has a multitude of checks and balances. In the case of aphids they are preyed on by ladybirds, lacewings, blue tits and their cousins amongst many. However if things do go wrong for a particular species it will effect the species that feed on it and there is a domino effect which may take a couple of seasons to rectify.

Just a quick note on the flowers in the Orchard. At one time certainly during and after World War two what is now our orchard was allotments. Then it became grassland with at one time, some sheep. The result is a huge mixture of grasses and so far I have found twenty three plants with obvious flowers. There are two more I haven't identified yet. Any botanist out there please make yourself known. It would be fun to catalogue all the flora in the Vic Scott Orchard.

*Alan Jones*



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### Governor Newsletter Summer 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

*As you will see from our third newsletter of the year this term has continued to be exceptionally busy for all at Wingrave School. On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank Mrs Britnell for her hard work, dedication, good humour and enthusiasm in focusing on and implementing the many improvements to the curriculum and school environment. The governors are all looking forward to the new school year which we hope will be a very stimulating time for all the pupils and we know Mrs Britnell and the staff have lots of exciting plans. The governors are also delighted that there will be over 150 children on the school roll.*

*John Eadie and I had the privilege of being asked to judge the recent speech competition and it certainly highlighted to us the many and varied talents of the pupils at the school.*

*The governors would like to express their thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents for their commitment to the school which makes it a very special place.*

*I hope you all have a very happy summer holiday despite the weather!*

Karen Smethurst

Chair of Governors

**Learning and Teaching** – Analysing data has shown that there has been an increase in pupils making good progress this year. New spelling strategies are believed to have had an impact so that a large majority of pupils have made more than expected progress and, for a significant number of those pupils, their spelling age is above their chronological age (actual age). The new curriculum will be up and running in September and makes links across previously discrete subjects. The school has received the SATs papers from the markers but not the thresholds for the results (as this goes to press!) and early indications suggest very good results for reading and maths, which will correspond to in some cases outstanding progress from where they started KS 2.

**Staffing** We say goodbye to Mr McPherson and thank him for his contribution to life at Wingrave school, and also welcome 2 new teachers- Mrs Butterworth and Mr Grexhammer; new LSAs - Diane Webber and Mrs Julia Cowan; Playleader - Anwar Kritah, who will be encouraging and supervising games and activities at lunchtimes.

#### **Committee News**

**FPP (Finance, Premises and Personnel)** – Staff restructuring has dominated this term's work- The new staff structure has been agreed and staff appointed and can be viewed on website over the summer; the computer system in the office has been upgraded; a plan for maintaining and improving the site has been drawn up; regular health and safety walks and meetings have been carried out and action taken where appropriate; the budget was agreed and set for next year; new this term has been the monitoring of the pupil premium funding.

**CCP (Curriculum, Community and Pupil)** – On the 24<sup>th</sup> May we held our first Stakeholders meeting; representatives from the CCP met with the School Council; new this term, the CCP monitored the impact the new pupil premium funded interventions had on pupil progress; the school prospectus is under review and we are working on a glossy marketing leaflet for the school which was well received by the new parents to the school; a new vision statement was discussed and agreed. It reads as follows

*To provide a community of creativity, challenge, curiosity, wonder, love and joy. Where we shape our learning, life and spirituality; growing together within a framework of Christian values, enriched by worship and celebration.*

**A Reminder - Please Note** In line with government guidelines and other similar local schools, the governors of Wingrave School support the school's decision not to authorise any holiday taken in term time. The school will still consider each request for absence based upon each specific set of circumstances, but annual holidays in term time will no longer be acceptable. Evidence suggests that interrupted schooling for more than a few days can significantly affect children's progress both academically and socially/emotionally. The governors and the school do not want to sanction any action that could detrimentally affect the progress of the children. **Therefore from September 2012, no holidays will be authorised by the school. We are grateful for your anticipated support in this matter.**

#### **Statutory Business**

There are number of documents and processes we are required by statute (law) to inform you about. We will notify you here of where you can access these documents, most will be on our website, some will be available at school should you wish to see them. <http://www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk>

**Response to what you say**

Parents – The stakeholders’ meeting took place on the 24th May and was attended by 29 staff, governors, parents and member of the community. Mrs Britnell and Mrs Smethurst introduced their vision for the school and we discussed via 2 post it activities to recall what we say and think about the school now and then what we wanted to be able to say and think about the school in the future.

This was an extremely positive meeting but with frank exchange of views and ideas. Some actions have already taken place – consulting about how you want to be contacted/communicated with via the questionnaire; ICT review and upgrade – a skills based programme and measuring how often IT is used in the classroom; investigating extending sports clubs; and, employing a play leader to help focus lunchtime free association, to name a few.

The minutes of this meeting are on the school website.

Pupils – Prior to the Full Governing Body meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June a few governors met with the School Council. The aim of this was to get their view, as major stakeholders, to the same types of issues we were discussing at the stakeholders meeting. We asked them about what they enjoyed about school; what they would say about the school if they left; what they think about the school now and if they have seen any improvements. The children were very willing to share their ideas and have come up with some very interesting ideas. We agreed that we would invite them to share the minutes of their meetings and they can see then when we act upon any of their suggestions. We thought it would be a good way of communicating with each other to make things better.

In summary, some comments from the pupils –

- Like break times and lunchtimes
- Enjoy lessons particularly themed weeks
- Like ICT and want to do more
- Enjoy fundraising
- ‘ I like this year more because I have got harder things to do like thinking and writing’
- ‘ the classroom is brightened by displays and the environment is better’
- Would like Golden Time in KS2
- Sometimes maths is too easy
- Would like longer times for clubs
- Know how to make work better but don’t understand targets in the back of their books

As a Governing Body, we have been able to oversee some of these changes already as these are things that the teachers and CCP committee have highlighted throughout the year. The minutes of this meeting are on the website.

**Highlights of the Summer Term and Good News**

<p><b>Community</b>  <b>Jubilee</b> – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in school by pupils dressing up in red white and blue and having a ‘street party’ lunch. See the website for photos.  <b>Village Fete</b> – the children manned the school stall and sang songs from the KS2 Production ‘Hoodwinked’  <b>Sports day</b> – this was held on a drizzly day, which did not dampen enthusiasm. A healthy display of competitive spirit within the true ideals of the Olympic traditions. Well done Redwood, who won the overall competition.  <b>Torch Relay</b> – the school was unable to organise a whole school trip to see the Olympic torch run through Aylesbury, but a number of parents and pupils did go to see it.  <b>Community Artist</b> – Pippa North from AVDC came to help the children in Saturn class make some models for the Roald Dahl festival parade, which looked amazing.</p>	<p><b>Extracurricular activities</b>  <b>Clubs</b> –outdoor games, KS1 and 2 athletics, Gymnastics for KS 2 and 2, Multi sports, were available this term. 100 children attended them from years 1 to 6.  <b>The Gruffalo Garden</b> – the garden continues to take shape and the recent addition of flower beds and flowering plants kindly donated are a wonderful addition. The group also visited the Chiltern Woodland Burial Park, a place of tranquility and peace to gather inspiration for the grounds and garden. Thanks to Mrs Waring and Mrs Perkins who have supported and organised the group so diligently.  <b>District Sports</b> – KS1 won and KS 2 came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 schools participating – well done.  <b>Speech competition</b> – KS2 joint winners were Teare Hawkes and Kit Fairhurst</p>
<p><b>Future plans</b>  The Summer Reading Challenge 2012  It’s FREE! It’s FUN! Its run by your LOCAL LIBRARY  How the Challenge works  1. Everyone gets a free StoryLab model at their local library  2. Children read 6 library books of their choice collecting stickers and incentives along the way  3. Library staff are on hand to advise and run fun family activities  4. Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate and celebrated at the start of the Autumn term.  Further information available on the school website.  <b>Don’t forget the NEW uniform from September 2012. Please see the website for links. There is an expectation that all children will be dressed according to the new agreed uniform in September.</b></p>	<p><b>Curricular Activities</b>  <b>Class visits</b>  Years 1 and R - Zoolab visiting  Reception - trip to Milton Keynes Theatre to see the Gruffalo  Years 3, 4, Hendon War Museum RAF Hendon  Years 5 and 6 to PGL residential for 1 week  All children have been assessed and their levels will be reported to you in the end of term report.</p>

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and sunny summer!  
Kind regards

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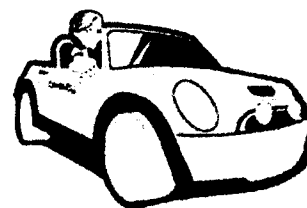
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## DANDY DICK at Waterside Theatre 17th July 2012

Having been the only people to apply to take up The Editor's offer of free tickets to this farce we arrived to find the theatre busy and duly collected our press tickets.

The play programme, provided free to the Paparazzi, was quite informative and among other things told us about the writer one Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. Never heard of him? Neither had we! Born in 1855 he was the contemporary of 2 other famous play writes, George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde, his popularist style resulted in his falling quickly into obscurity. Despite writing 60 plays he was largely forgotten by the time he died and his headstone reads:

*FORGET NOT ME AMONG YOU  
WHAT I DID IN MY GOOD TIME*

Pinero's fate is not hard to understand after seeing this revival of one of his most popular farces that hinges on the potential scandal that might engulf a straight laced vicar who gets mixed up with a race horse owned by his racy (forgive the pun) sister. The idea that a vicar would be much different to anyone else is perhaps a rather old fashioned view. Nonetheless the play, with Nicholas le Prevost as the vicar and Patricia Hodge as his sister, was a fun and entertaining show. The vicar's difficulties with his profligate daughters and his desperate attempts to raise money for the church spire repairs were certainly recognisable problems for a modern audience. It certainly was not the best farce I have ever seen, that honour goes, by several lengths, to Noises Off by Michael Frayn, but it contained all the usual elements of that genre with good all round performances.

This production is perhaps more important for what it represents than the show itself. This is because it is the first production of the new Theatre Royal Brighton Production Company. Once one of the most famous theatres in the country, it like Pinero, had fallen out of favour. The theatre was originally built during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to cater for the wealthy people who visited the town. Later in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century it was used as a test theatre for major productions starring the leading actors of the day prior to transfer to London and was thus the fore runner of the pre London tour common to many new productions today. It is hoped that the new production company will revive the fortunes of the theatre.

*Sally Palmer*

## Peppa Pig at Waterside Theatre, 28 July 2012

Finally (thanks John) I got the opportunity to experience a show at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. I took my 5 year old daughter to see Peppa Pig at the 10 o'clock performance. It had all the characters, including my favourite Danny Dog, and lots of singing and dancing on stage. Anya enjoyed the songs and joined in with clapping and singing. The theatre was very busy with parents, grandparents, babies, toddlers and little ones - very excited and walking around with their Peppa or George Pig light-up windmill type things. Zoe Hinds who was there with her 14 month old daughter made me feel suitably guilty for not buying Anya one of these, so in the break I coughed up £7... it lasted all of 30 seconds from buying it to going to get a cup of tea. We had to ask for a replacement!

I asked Anya what the best bit about the Show was - she said her favourite was Captain Daisy - "she was beautiful and she was in a red top, and I loved her singing so much. At first she was just called Daisy, but when she was in the hat, she was called Captain Daisy."

We really enjoyed the trip, spending time with Zoe and Mia and having a late breakfast afterwards at the Wetherspoons opposite. Can't wait to go again, though perhaps next time it will be something a little more grown up.

*Sally Turnham*

## 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 draw for each event will take place 2 weeks before the show.

**The pairs of 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 hopefully 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>COMEDY CLUB (limited tickets)</b>	FRI 07.09.12 7.30PM
<b>RSC JULIUS CAESAR</b>	WED 19.09.12 7.30PM
<b>BLUE/ORANGE</b>	TUE 25.09.12 7.30PM
<b>DREAMBOATS AND PETTICOATS</b>	MON 01.10.12 7.30PM
<b>JOAN ARMATRADING (limited tickets)</b>	TUE 09.10.12 7.30PM
<b>THE ILLEGAL EAGLES(limited tickets)</b>	THU 11.10.12 7.30PM
<b>LIVESCREEN - TIMON OF ATHENS(limited tickets)</b>	THU 01.11.12 6.45PM
<b>MOTOWN GREATEST HITS(limited tickets available)</b>	SAT 13.10.12 8.30PM
<b>THE INCREDIBLE DR GUTTMAN</b>	SAT 20.10.12 7.30PM
<b>GREAT EXPECTATIONS</b>	TUE 30.10.12 7.30PM
<b>HALFWAY TO PARADISE – THE BILLY FURY STORY</b>	FRI 09.11.12 7.30PM
<b>NORTHERN BALLET – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b>	TUE 13.11.12 7.30PM
<b>SHOW OF HANDS(limited tickets)</b>	SUN 18.11.12 7.30PM
<b>42ND STREET</b>	TUE 20.11.12 7.30PM
<b>COMEDY CLUB (limited tickets)</b>	FRI 07.12.12 7.30PM
<b>LIVESCREEN – ROYAL OPERA HOUSE THE NUTCRACKER(limited tickets)</b>	THU 13.12.12 7.15PM

see page 15 for further details of tickets available for PANTO PREVIEW. *Ed*

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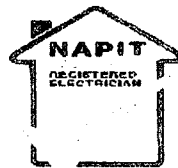
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There will also be a family ticket (4 tickets) for a panto competition to run in the November edition of *The Chronicle*. *Ed*

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. Winston Churchill, in response.  
"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second .... if there is one."

## ALLOTMENT DIARY

Gardeners and farmers have had a pretty rough year – not just here in the UK, but worldwide. The world price of wheat is soaring, largely due to the chronic drought in the centre of the USA, but here in the UK the problem has been the reverse: the wet weather for much of the summer has led to a very disappointing harvest. Although the yields of British wheat may not be as low as originally feared, the grain is poor and much will have to be used for animal feed rather than for biscuits and breakfast cereals, which require better quality grain.

Most vegetables need sunshine to do their best, and that has been in short supply, with a cold, wet, April followed by a grey and very wet June and July. I have read that some crops of broccoli and cauliflowers are down by a third. I did not grow either this year, but can say that my harvest of first and second early potatoes has been disappointing. I have not yet dug up any of the main-crop potatoes, but hope these will do better, since they should have benefitted from the better weather in late July and August. According to my newspaper, onions and sweet-corn have also been hit by the cold and wet weather, but I must say that my onions seem to be as good as usual, and the sweet-corn - especially that which was planted early - seems to be thriving (save that the ears of corn are now being attacked by a particularly voracious partridge).

My courgette plants were slow to get going, but are now producing courgettes faster than I can eat them. My carrots have had their best year ever. This year I planted them in my garden, rather than the allotment, since in the last few years (when I have grown them in the allotment) I have been plagued by carrot-fly attacking the carrots – even though I planted carrot-fly resistant species like Flyaway and Resistafly. This year they have been virtually free of the pest.

I had noticed that my fruit trees in my garden had much less fruit than last year, and I read that British apple growers are facing a big shortfall this year after the poor weather. The problem is that although there was plenty of blossom on the trees in the spring, and there was no late frost, the pollination of the flowers in May was spoilt by a combination of rain and unusually cool weather – sometimes below 10° - which left fewer fruits on the trees. It is estimated that the apple harvest will be about a fifth down on last year; and crops in France and the rest of Europe have also been poor, so that the price of apples is likely to go up this autumn. In my garden my Bramley tree has very few apples, and one of my eaters has no fruit at all. The others have a crop about half the size of last year.

The problem has also affected my Victoria plum and greengage trees: the crop is about 5% of what it was last year. Black currants were also disappointing, but there was some good news: my summer cropping raspberries produced far and away their best crop ever. I am still waiting to see how the autumn cropping varieties do. I also had a fine crop of gooseberries, but unhappily took my eye of the ball during the brief heat-wave we had at the beginning of August, and did not look at the fruit for the first few days of this. By the time I did many of the berries were over-ripe, and had started to shrivel up. I probably lost about 20% of the crop because of this.

In the greenhouse, my cucumber plant has done particularly well – four cucumbers already, and the prospect of more to come. My tomatoes have been a big disappointment, but I think the fault is mine, rather than anything to do with the weather: the plants have a voluminous amount of foliage, but very few fruits, and I think that I failed to cut off as many of the side shoots as I should have done, so that the plants have been putting all their energy into producing shoots and leaves, rather than fruit. My peppers have not yet produced any fruit, and here I think I can blame the weather: I don't think it ever got hot enough in my greenhouse for the peppers to grow fast enough. They are basically a sub-tropical plant which we are growing artificially in this country.

Finally, assiduous readers may remember that in an article earlier this year I mentioned that I had decided to grow a variety of potato called Salad Blue. The name is a strange misnomer, since the potatoes are not a salad variety, and are not blue but purple. I have dug up my crop, and they were indeed a streaky purple colour (reminiscent of tiny red cabbage when you cut it in half). If you steam them, rather than boiling, the purple colour is retained, which is an interesting experience. The taste is fine, but the crop was pathetically small, with many of the tubers being of a size that I would normally throw away. For this reason I will probably not grow them again, unless I keep some of this crop to plant next year.

*Peter Shorrock*

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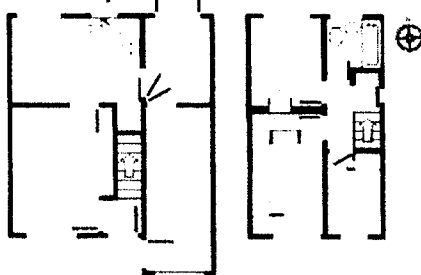
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## Astonbury reflections and thanks.

Taking on Astonbury was never going to be easy... we needed the rest of July to recover!

The expectations are high and we were determined to deliver a memorable show. We needed to source a grand stage and sound, within a modest budget which was making me nervous months ahead of the day. We got lucky and couldn't have found better in terms of stage, sound and lights, paying a fraction of what it should have cost to hire. Stage sorted, we concentrated on the performers. Again, it wasn't easy. We had a couple of bands drop out - one early, one the week before... attracting bands to play for free is not easy although I know where I'd rather play given the choice of Astonbury or splitting £150 from a pub, five ways! Anyway, you may have noticed you got a previously unreleased 13 minute version of Hotel California (with 4 guitar solos?) and both the funk and soul re-mixes of a couple of other songs... or maybe you didn't as the crowd appeared to be into the music as much as the house band!

What we are really proud about is the amazing young talent that took to the stage with confidence and ability that belies their age. They entertained and relished the opportunity to play/sing a brilliant mix of styles and sounds, made more special by keeping the music LIVE!! All the performers did us really proud, so it only leaves us the final task of thanking the masses of help that was required to make it happen:

James Barnfather... for everything! Kevin Copping for last minute logistics. Marcus, Tony and Frank for the hours manning the gate. The house band (Danny, Suzzie, James) for the brilliant job and weeks spent learning the songs. Nigel and Ben for sound wizardry. James and Avi for mic duties. All the muscle men who gave hours building, de-rigging and moving the very heavy kit!

...and finally, for the generous donations helping us make up most of the cash shortfall. The weather meant we had far fewer attending than last year... but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who danced in their wellies and enjoyed a great show!

We thank you, *Simon and Ian*



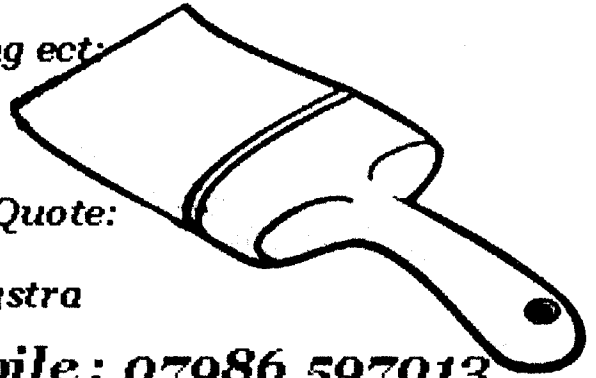
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David Gray read a short poem at the Church Service that followed the Fete on 29th July.

Several people have asked to see the text. David prefaced the poem by explaining *'When I was a boy we used to visit an old lady who insisted on drinking her tea from the saucer. 'Slurping' as my mother would say slightly disapprovingly. It is a habit I have not seen recently at the Village Hall, so perhaps it has gone out of fashion. Anyway here's a short poem, entitled 'Drinking from the saucer' by John Paul Moore, which sheds new light on the practice.'*

I've never made a fortune,  
And I'll never make one now  
But it really doesn't matter  
'Cause I'm happy anyhow.

As I go along my journey  
I'm reaping better than I've sowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,  
Sometimes the going's tough  
But with kin and friends to love me  
I think I'm rich enough

I thank God for the blessings  
That his mercy has bestowed  
I'm drinking from the saucer  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

He gives me strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough  
I'll not ask for other blessings for  
I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy  
To help bear another's load  
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer  
'Cause our cups have overflowed.

### **AVDC's new recycling and waste started on Tuesday 4th September'**

The key differences of the new service to that previous are as follows:-

Everyone will have a weekly collection of food waste  
Resident's collection day may change, as there will no collections on Mondays

Every two weeks recycling or residual waste on a rotational basis.

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More recycling materials such as cartons, card, greetings cards, and wrapping paper will be collected

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## **LADIES CLUB**

Our programme begins on Thursday 20th September with a talk by Colin Oaks on Local History entitled "You never had it so good". This is not the talk as published in an earlier issue of the Chronicle as John and Jane King, who were coming to tell us the story of stained glass, are now going to be on holiday. Their talk will now take place on 21st February.

On 18th October we have Ken Pearce talking about the diary of Emily Fearn 1853

15th November will be our AGM and a Bring and Buy

14th December - Carol Service in Aston Abbots with tea afterwards in the Church Room

17th January - Mike Paine will be telling us stories about Pinewood Studios

21st February - John and Jane King - The story of stained glass

21st March - Spring Lunch

18th April - Jean Yates will be talking about Medieval Dunstable

May (date yet to be arranged) Sarah George will tell us about her Round the World Holiday

June - Club outing

July - Garden Party

*April Curnow*

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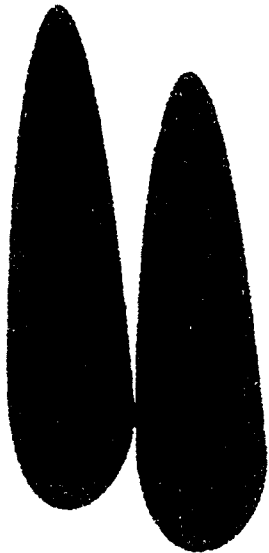
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### Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 1st August 2012

**Present:** - Cllrs. C Higgs (Chair), Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, and P Bruton (Clerk).  
County Councillor Mrs N Glover and one member of the public were in attendance

**Apologies:** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Perkins and District Councillor P Cooper .

**Correspondence to note** – AVDC were carrying out a consultation on their licensing policy that was due to be renewed in January 2013. It was noted that the draft contained no substantive changes, the document could be viewed and comments made at [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/business/licensing-regulation/gambling/gambling-policy/](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/business/licensing-regulation/gambling/gambling-policy/). The deadline for comments is 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

**It was noted** that AVDC were changing the procedures for consulting on planning applications and they were intending to send an electronic consultation as soon as an application has been registered and available to view on the web site.

**BCC had requested** we advise a contact for 2 hour emergency response to faults to Street Lighting, as they were going to introduced charges to cover the costs associated with such attendances. The estimated call out figure was £316.00 plus VAT for each call out. The Clerk would advise BCC of our contact ( A Muskett ) and look into what happens in the event of an accident or damage to a streetlight by speaking with insurers and our engineer.

**Speed Limit awareness** – We had received an invitation to participate in a speed awareness campaign and the details were passed to Councillor Higgs to see if we could get any volunteers for the campaign from the Thursday coffee morning attendees.

**County Councillor Mrs N Glover** updated the meeting on the situation regarding the Wind Farm at Cublington and then gave a summary of her monthly report and it was noted that new opening times were now in force at the Police Station Counters and easier ways to pay Council tax were now available. The Electoral Roll - Reminder to residents to return their forms or register on line

**Fly Tipping** - BCC's Waste Partnership has recently recorded its 300<sup>th</sup> conviction for illegal dumping and related offences. Fly-tipping is down by over 60% since the 'Illegal Dumping Costs' campaign was launched in 2003. The Bucks conviction rate is better than ten times the national average for England.

#### **Parish Council Code of Conduct**

The new Code of Conduct that was required following the mandatory obligations introduced in the Localism Act 2011 was discussed and it was AGREED to defer until Council's next meeting

**Village Plan** – A meeting has been arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> August to continue the progress of the plan.

**Repairs to Bus Shelter – The Green** – Cllr Higgs gave details of the repairs required and it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Cllr Clarke in order to obtain the necessary quotations.

**Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter** – The Clerk advised he had received a further note from Wingrave Parish Council regarding repairs to the Bus Shelter advising that a builder was going to provide an estimate for repairs to the roof, replacement seat, new window frames and appropriate glass. They would then share this information with us for comment and no approval for the work would be made without us being involved. The Clerk would write a note expressing concern over the use of glass and the potential for vandalism but it was noted that the wording within the email said “appropriate” glass.

**Tree funding and locations** – We had received information regarding The Big Tree Project where funding may be available for the planting of trees within the village. The Clerk would look into this further to see if the scheme would cover a small number of trees or hedgerows as there was concern over where any sizeable planting could be accommodated.

**Community Transport Challenge** – It was noted that a total of £150,000 has been available to support community transport services in Bucks. Grants of up to £30,000 will be available to charities, village car schemes and social enterprises. Councillors were not aware of any current schemes however to find out more or apply anyone interested could call 01296330134 or email [info@bucksfc.org.uk](mailto:info@bucksfc.org.uk)

**LAF Meeting** – Cllr Hardcastle reported that we had been successful in our bid for funding from the LAF and had secured £20k with the balance having to be funded from other grants, our own S137 funds and donations. The work needed to be completed before the start of the new financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2013) It was AGREED that a sub-committee of Cllr's Perkins, Hardcastle and Curry would oversee the project with assistance from the Clerk when required. The sub-committee would also consider contingency plans for the monies raised in case the project was not completed. The Clerk would discuss with BALC the legal aspect of the project.

**Aston Abbots- Weedon – Road Closure** – The Clerk handed the passes to Cllr's Curry and Hardcastle for distribution, any spares would be returned to the Clerk.

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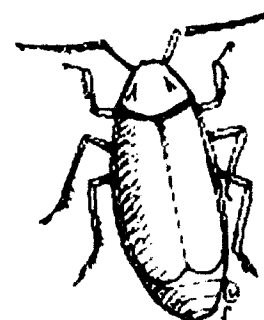
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**Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Carvey updated the meeting on the current thinking and views of the progress of this legislation and advised that it did seem to be getting more and more complicated. A recent review of Dawlish Parish Councils proposed NP by an independent examiner had highlighted the difficulty of meeting the required standards, particularly around meeting the strategic and sustainability standards. The cost of the process did seem to be high and may well be beyond the smaller parishes, however this would become clearer over time. It was still felt that it was in the Village's interest to have a NP and once AVDC's plan was developed we anticipated progressing with this project.

**Planning application - 12/01354/APP (Land Off Moat Lane)**

Agricultural dwelling and temporary mobile home to facilitate the construction of the dwelling.

The above application was discussed and it was noted that this was an amendment to a previously approved application 08/01621/APP. It was felt the proposed alterations were an improvement on the original design although some concern was raised over the mobile home that was already included in the original permission. It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections to the application, however we would comment to AVDC that the mobile home is meant to be temporary whilst the dwelling is built and that they ensure any time limits for its removal are complied with.

**Proposed expansion at Luton Airport Check** – We had received notification of a proposed planning application, and if residents were at all concerned the following may be of interest. The pre-app consultation is to ascertain the issues and concerns of stakeholders, including the public, to help inform the planning application. The airport is looking to increase passenger throughput by 80% to 18m passengers per annum (from the current 10m). An 80% increase in flights (to be confirmed) would mean 179,000pa Luton planes rather than the current 99,500. The runway can currently handle a sustained maximum of 30 flights per hour, increasing to the equivalent of 36 flights per hour for short periods (arrivals or departures or a mixture). This would probably increase to 36 and 39 flights per hour respectively (to be confirmed). The process for Luton Airport's pre-app planning consultation will appear on the following website. ([www.london-luton.co.uk](http://www.london-luton.co.uk)).

**Wind Turbines** – There had been a public meeting regarding the above and County Cllr Glover updated the meeting. There is currently a testing mast in place although at this stage no formal planning application has been made. The meeting was very much an information gathering exercise preparing residents should an application be received.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

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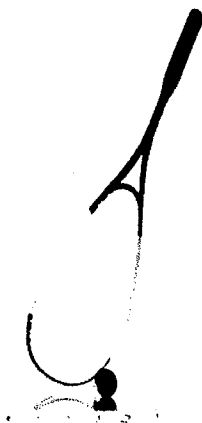
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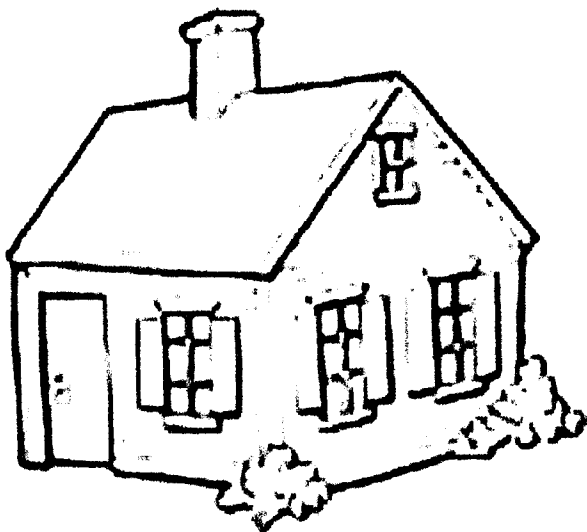
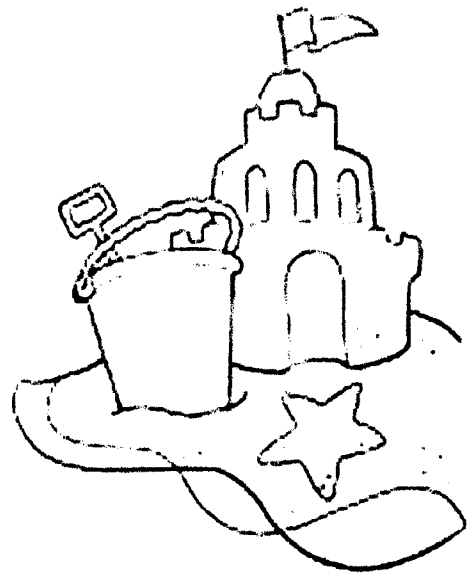
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We've had a very busy summer term. The summer ball, 'Jubilee Jamboree', was a great success – we raised a massive £1,300, which will go towards badly needed repairs and maintenance of our Scout Hut. A huge thank you goes to Nikki and your assistants for making it all happen, and to everyone who bought tickets and helped to make it such a great evening. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

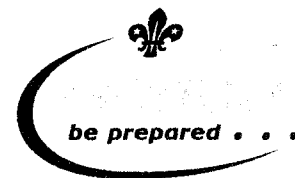
We also ran the Tombola at the Village Fete, which raised another £163. Thank you to everyone who contributed prizes, or who came and bought tickets on the day.

We also helped run one of the Friday Evening Barbeques, which was great fun. Some of Cubs and Scouts got stuck in, serving, clearing tables and generally helping in and around the kitchen and barbeque.

The Scouts went to Lees Wood for a 'backwards style' camp – where the kids had to plan their own menu, do all their own cooking, learn how to use axes and saws, play 'man hunt' and built dens in the woods.

We are currently looking for a new Chairman, if anyone is interested? Other adult helpers are always welcome, too. If you're interested in getting involved, or would like to find out more how you can help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*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, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Michelle Parker, on 01296 681911, or via email: [quaveriw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:quaveriw@yahoo.co.uk), or the Group Secretary, Alison Barlow, on 01296 682862 or at [derekandalison@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:derekandalison@yahoo.co.uk)*



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We are also looking for more adult helpers. So if you'd like to get involved or want to find out more, please just get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

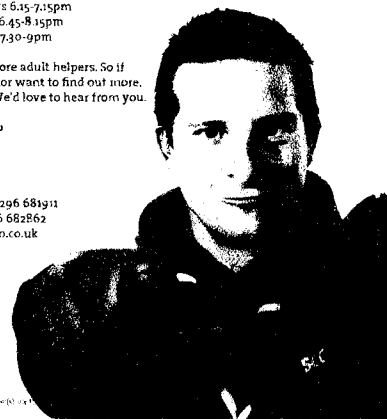
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## VIC SCOTT MEMORIAL ORCHARD FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - Sunday 26th August

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Other attractions included Apple bobbing and apple peeling (the longest peel was 42") and chocolate apple decorating. Wonderful cream teas with very tasty scones. A small quantity of locally made cider was available. Kevin brought along a living display of bees and pots of his own honey. There was 'Ask the Expert' (Peter Knight), tractor rides on Andy Bystra's ancient grey Massey, guess the weight of the marrow (or was it a courgette?), a Treasure Trail and incredibly exciting snail racing

(I think won by the pink snail No 7 called Peter Mandelson).

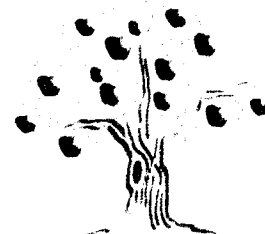
It was so nice to see so many children and adults who I'm sure thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

One old gentleman reportedly commented to Wendy 'this takes me back to my childhood'.

At the moment there is a list of approximately 15 fruit trees that will be planted later this year. If you would like to donate a tree then you should contact any of the following *Peter Knight 681478*

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In August we met to discuss 'Mort' by Terry Pratchett; chosen by Sally Palmer. This is one of the series of DiscWorld novels that have a huge army of devotees. This one deals with the humorous outcome of Mort being taken on as an apprentice to Death. There are many funny lines and interesting ideas in this book.

Our next read is Pam Hewitt's choice 'The Sense of an Ending' by Julian Barnes - this book won the Man Booker prize last year. Meet at Pam's house 12th September 8pm.

For October we are reading 'The Restraint of Beasts' by Magnus Mills, chosen by Anita Parker. Meet at her house on 24th October.

*John Hardcastle*

A few Book Club members went to hear local author Peter Tickler give a talk about writing crime fiction. The talk was held at Leighton Buzzard Library on 12th July. Peter started with a brief history of crime writers starting with Conan Doyle, Agatha Christie and Colin Dexter through to modern day writers such as Val McDermid, Mark Billingham and Kate Atkinson. He then went on to describe how he writes his novels. Peter lives in Oxford and all his novels are set there as he believes it is better to write about what you know. His first task is to think of an idea for his story and he will carry a notebook and jot down ideas that occur to him. His work is plot driven and every scene should be relevant to the story. He made the mistake of making his first draft too descriptive and had to cut it by 10,000 words before his publisher was happy with it. He develops his characters only so far and not in a detailed way and he believes the killer should be in view throughout the whole story so that the reader has an opportunity to work out his or her identity. As he works on his story, he writes out a very long list to help keep track and control of the plot and avoid mistakes in the finished novel. He also considers it easier to write in the third person as this enables more scenes to be written from many perspectives helping to create suspense. At the end of his talk Peter took questions from the audience, then refreshments were served and there was an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his work. If anyone is interested in reading Peter's novels, they are entitled Blood on the Cowley Road, Blood in Grandpont and Blood on the Marsh.

*Sally Clarke*

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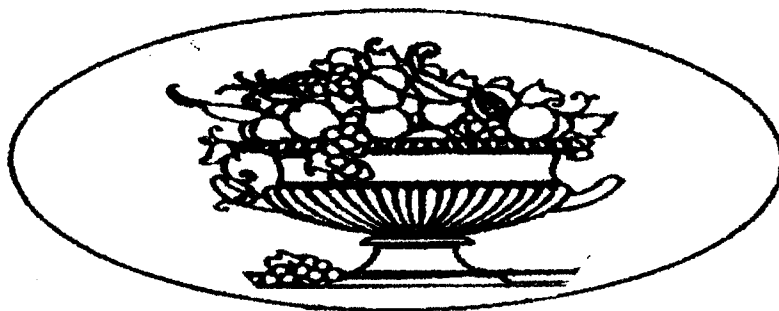
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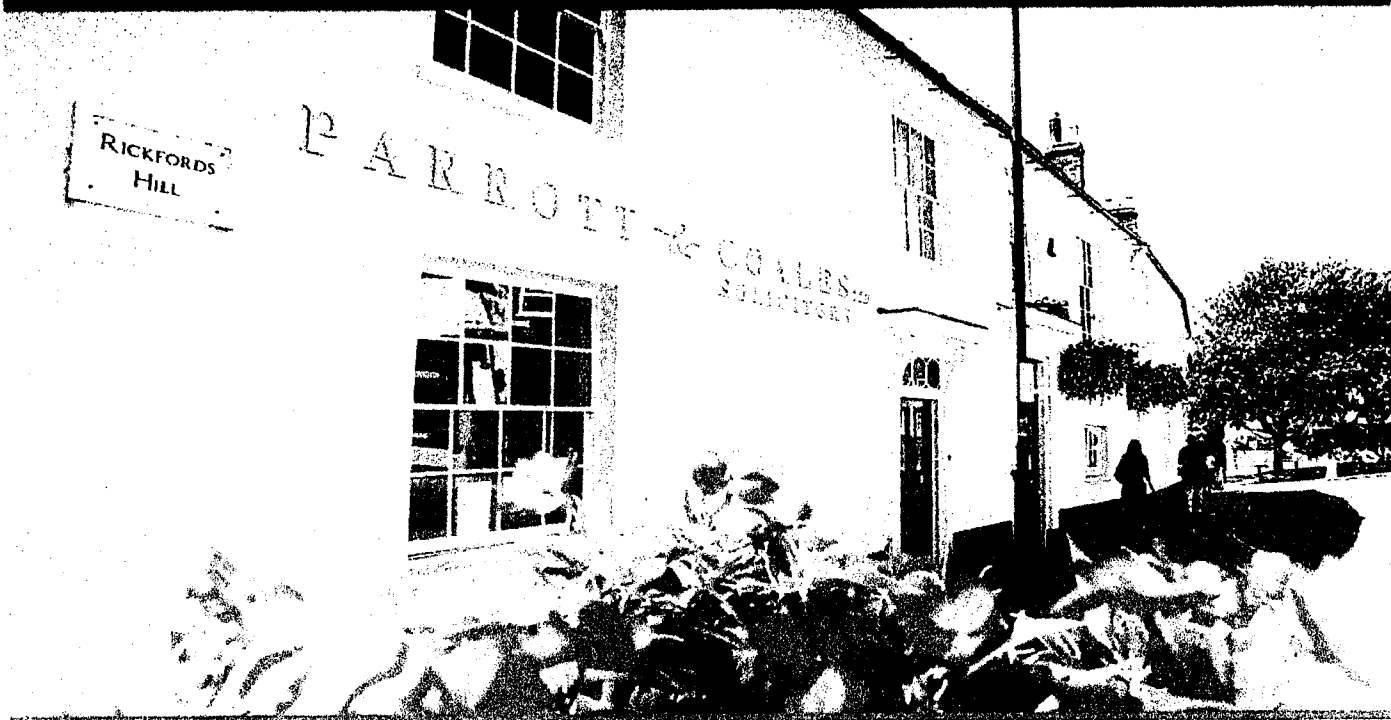
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## CHURCH FINANCE (an overview)

The PCC manages an annual budget of around £12,000. Two thirds of this goes to the Diocese, which, when combined with the contributions from the other Parishes in our Team (Cheddington with Mentmore, Cublington, Soulbury, Stewkley, Wing with Grove and Wingrave with Rowsham) pays the salaries and pensions of our Ministers. Our other expenses are insurance (£1,300), organist fees (£1,000), 100 Club Prizes (£720), electricity (£420), Routine Maintenance (e.g. fuel for the mower, £300) and Supplies (£260). Our income in the last couple of years has come from Collections and Donations (£4,300), 100 Club Subscriptions (£1,600), Village Fete (£1,400), Gift Aid Rebate (£1,000), Special Services (Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, £1,400), Summer Ball (£600), Harvest Supper (£800), Allotment Rents (£300) and other fundraising events (£600).

The last inspection of the church (in 2008) identified necessary repairs to the building estimated to be in the region of £30,000 (many of these repairs, due largely to lack of funds, having been outstanding for some 25 years). Fund raising and grants enabled £25,000's worth of work to be undertaken in 2009, including much needed improvements to the interior.

The next inspection by the Church's architect is due to take place in 2013 and will undoubtedly 'flag up' the outstanding problems identified during the 2008 assessment as well as any further deterioration which may have occurred during the intervening period and so our fund raising efforts will continue to be essential.



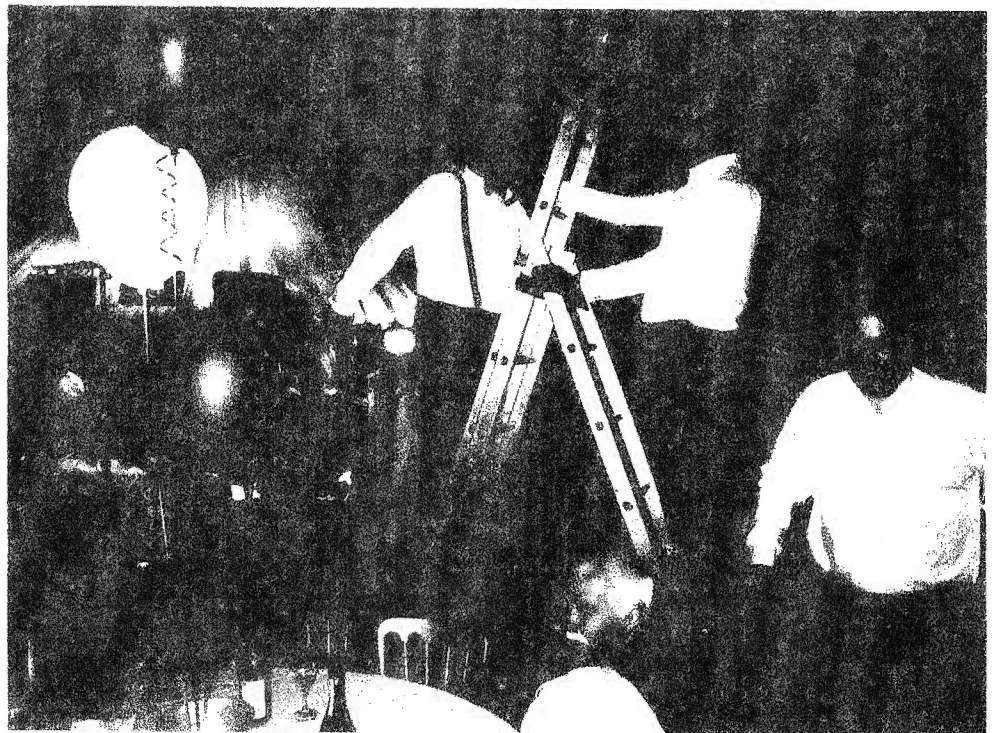
## ASTON ABBOTTS SUMMER BALL

What is the difference between a good night and a great night? There does appear to be a "special ingredient" which is added sometimes without us even knowing that just tips the night into that special category. We are pleased to report that some of you at least thought that we had achieved this at this year's Summer Ball. Now it could of been the great music, the great food or it could have been the table dancing! Who knows? We're just pleased those that were there had a great night.

This year's Summer Ball was the third and it's always our aim to make them better than the last, which is getting more and more difficult. Certainly it was helped by the introduction of the never seen before band "Huggy Flares". The five piece were picked out by luck on the Internet and proved to be a raving success! They really got the dance floor rocking with hits from the 60's and 70's and when a ladder was introduced in the middle of the set some were amazed at the way the lead female singer took to the heights of the marquee in such style (cough).

The serious side is of course the money raised for village causes, this year, as was the case in the previous year, we were hoping to raise more money to complete the pathway down to the cross roads and were pleased that once again people continued to be so generous! You have now increased that pot to £2500 which is simply fantastic!

So passes another year; the team that puts the ball together is a large one. Too many to mention, but they're all friends who take the time out to help put together a great night. You know who you are and we hope you know how much we appreciate every little bit of help! ( Frank says he will buy you all a beer when he sees you next).



*photo taken just prior to Back Page-*

Next year there may well be a retirement of one of the duo who puts together this party but be assured the show will go on - as Frank says "it will be alright on the night". So thanks again for creating some genuine great memories on another great night in Aston Abbotts.

*Frank and James*

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produce in the Church room

Tickets for the supper and auction are available from  
Andy Bystra (681690) and Colin Higgs (681343) priced at:-  
£12.00 adults & £7.00 for youngsters under 14 years old.

We recommend you book early as tickets numbers are restricted by the size  
(or lack of it) in the Church Room.

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*A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.*

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From 7pm The Feast is the only place to be - £20 (in advance only) from behind the bar. Then join us at 9pm for live music from local band Under the Influence. Surely a day not to be missed!

**Thursday 13th -**

**The Unicorn Golf Society**

**Round 3 at Three Locks**

All new members are welcome.

Please contact Paul Darvell or see the website for more details.

**Friday 18th -**

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**Sunday 7th October**

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# St James Church

September 2nd	Evensong at 6pm	Rev. Phil Derbyshire
September 9th	Communion at 10.15am	Rev. Peter Binns
September 16th	Communion at 10am	Rev. Derek Witchell
September 23rd	Communion at 10.30am	Rev. Roger Hale
September 30th	Communion at STEWKLEY	Rev. Phil Derbyshire
October 7th	HARVEST Service at 5.30pm Followed by Harvest Supper	Rev. Derek Witchell

## MOWING ROTA

### 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 Shorrock
Sat 29th	Gordon Kemp

The month of August, if you are a teacher or have school age children, is traditionally the time for a break away from the usual routine. For me the Summer holiday seems shorter than when I was a child --- but time does do funny things as you get older!

It's meant to be a time of rest, refreshment, or athletic activity if you are so inclined. I remember learning to ride a bike when I was on a family holiday in Hastings when I was about eight. It paid off because the next Christmas I got a wonderful shiny new bike which I used with my group of friends to explore the countryside near my home town (and occasionally terrify motorists in town as we went shopping). I now have joined the band of motorists who complain about aggravating cyclists dominating our country lanes and never obeying any of the rules---how things change with time!

On holidays I remember Chinese or Indian food being a treat. Now they are fully 'indigenised' (if that is a word) and we have about 20 other types of foreign foods to choose from without so much as getting on a ferry or plane. But I guess it's because so many of us have gone abroad that we have this amazing variety of cuisines to choose from as well as all year round fruit and veg from every corner of the globe. We've got very used to all this and it's sometimes difficult to realise that many in our society actually can't buy into these things we take for granted. I'm reminded of a friend of mine, a Dominican Friar in the US, who is currently manning a soup kitchen for 250 daily in Rhode Island. He is horrified, as we all should be, when he thinks about what his country spends daily on armaments and overseas campaigns. During our time of 'R n R' maybe we should ponder about what more we can do for those on our own doorstep let alone thousands of miles away.  
God Bless, *Philip*.

## JUBILEE TREE

PCC members have agreed to the planting of a tree in the churchyard to mark the Queen's Jubilee. The type of tree, position and commemorative plaque are yet to be decided but it's expected that the tree will be planted in the autumn.

## Saturday 8 September,

Bucks Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' - sponsored bike, ride or walk around as many local churches as possible. Half your sponsorship money goes to our local church, half to the Trust for restoration projects for historic churches in the county. Details not yet confirmed, so please contact PCC secretary Caroline Lane, 681373

The Olympics are over---except they're not! The Paralympics are now on and we in Buckinghamshire can be proud of our 'ownership' of these Games. When a German-Jewish refugee, Ludwig 'Poppa' Guttman and his family arrived at Harwich in March 1939 little did they or the medics at Stoke Manderville know what was about to happen. In 1943 'Poppa' was made Director of the new spinal injuries centre and his pioneering work as a neurosurgeon working with crippled German coal- miners really came into its own. Germany's loss, through obscene Nazi racial policies, was definitely our and the world's gain. Over the next five years Guttman worked on rebuilding the lives and reigniting the hopes of severely disabled service personnel. The 1948 Olympics were held in austerity Britain and for the first time 14 severely injured servicemen and 2 women took part in wheelchair archery. So began what was to become the Paralympic movement. Guttman's pioneering work has and continues to give hope to many thousands of people including large numbers of our own servicemen and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. We say 'God moves in a mysterious way' and He certainly came up trumps with the move of 'Poppa' Guttman out of the hell of Nazi eugenics (the T4 euthenasia programme to remove all those "useless eaters" unworthy of life from the German dream of a perfect Aryan master race) into the welcoming arms of the British people. I believe the Paralympics should make us all pause to enable us to evaluate what is really important and inspiring to us beyond the superficial world of good looks and perfect physiques sold to us everyday by the media. We don't live for ever here on earth and were never intended to and will all one day need to be perfected by our heavenly creator-Father once our brief journey here is over. Finally all best wishes to those going back to school or moving on to university or work. God Bless, *Philip*.

## CHURCH DUTIES

	<i>Cleaners</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
4th Aug	Colin Caroline L	TBA
11th	Ann Gordon	TBA
18th	Andrew Shirley	TBA
25th	Anita April	TBA
1st Sep	Colin Caroline L	TBA

## The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690
AVDC	Switchboard	585858
Baby& Toddlers Group	Kim Gayler	681123
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County Councillor	Netta Glover	688357
Dial-A-Ride		330088
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250
Doctor	(emergency out of hours)	331511
Fete Coordinator	TBA	
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865
Member of Parliament	John Bercow MP	714240
Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838
Mobile Library	Buckingham	01280 813229
NHS Direct	24 hr Advice Line	0845 4647
Parish Clerk	Paul Bruton	682322
Parish Council Leader	Peter Shorrock	681260
Police	Emergencies	999 or 112
Police	Non-Emergency	0845 8505505
Police	Wing Police Station	396163/4
Railways	Chiltern Railways	0870 5165165
Ramblers Club	Colin Higgs	681343
Rector	Rev Philip Derbyshire	01525 240287
Refuse Collection	Enquiries	585510
Royal British Legion	Alan Jones	682366
Royal Oak	Teri & Gary Moulton	681262
RSPCA	Enquiries	08705 555999
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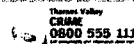
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Working from Wing Police Office  
Any of us can be contacted on 101 or via email at WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or WingNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The neighbourhood policing team works on issues identified by local residents and businesses.

To contact them call

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### Message from PC Rachel Ingram

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. I am PC Rachel Ingram and I join your Neighbourhood Policing Team having spent just shy of 5 years with Thames Valley Police.

I started my career doing my training at Aylesbury College where we were trained locally with other Thames Valley Officers rather than being sent away to train with other forces. After 38 hard weeks of learning I was posted to Aylesbury as a probationer and I served for 3 years on the response department. During that time I became a dedicated south rural officer and covered all villages in the Waddesdon, Wendover & Wing areas. I then moved up to Buckingham Police Station where I covered the northern Aylesbury Vale villages, including the Stewkley, Soulbury & Wing area. I loved my time covering the rural locations but I felt I wanted to be part of tackling rural crime proactively on a long term basis rather than reactively, so here I am!

I hope to meet many of you throughout my patrols and at the various meetings that we as neighbourhood officers attend but please do get in touch with me in the meantime if I can be of any assistance. In conjunction with the Wendover & Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Team we have run an operation this month using the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) equipment to try and locate criminals as they use our roads. We will be holding more operations like this through the next few months and look forward to reporting back to you our successes.

Operation Aim continues to run throughout the summer which is targeting criminals who breaks in to vehicles particularly in our Beauty Spot locations such as Ivinghoe Beacon and Pitstone Hill. We are seeing very good results with a 50% reduction in crime across the area, that's 23 fewer victims of crime so far this year.

# What's On in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd	Rambling Club meet 2pm Evensong 6pm	Hardwick St James Church
Wednesday 5th	AVDC Transport Meeting 7pm	County Hall
Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Saturday 8th	Mentmore Fete 2-5pm	
Tuesday 11th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Sunday 16th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Tuesday 25th	Mobile Library 10.30am PCC Meeting 7.30pm	The Green Church Room
Wednesday 26th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room

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Sunday 7th October Harvest Festival  
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Real Ale Festival - both days. Friday 7th Sept - Comedy Night - 6pm to 11.30pm Saturday 8th Sept - Music Festival & Kids Zone - 11am to midnight See [www.grendonfestival.co.uk](http://www.grendonfestival.co.uk) to get your tickets now. Prices £20 adult, £10 youth (10-17), £50 family.

Under 9s go free with paying adult.

Grendon Broadway, off A41, Grendon Underwood near Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0SY Buckinghamshire HP18 0SY

**Friday 7 Sep 2012 and Saturday 8 Sep 2012**

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Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to  
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Email submissions to:  
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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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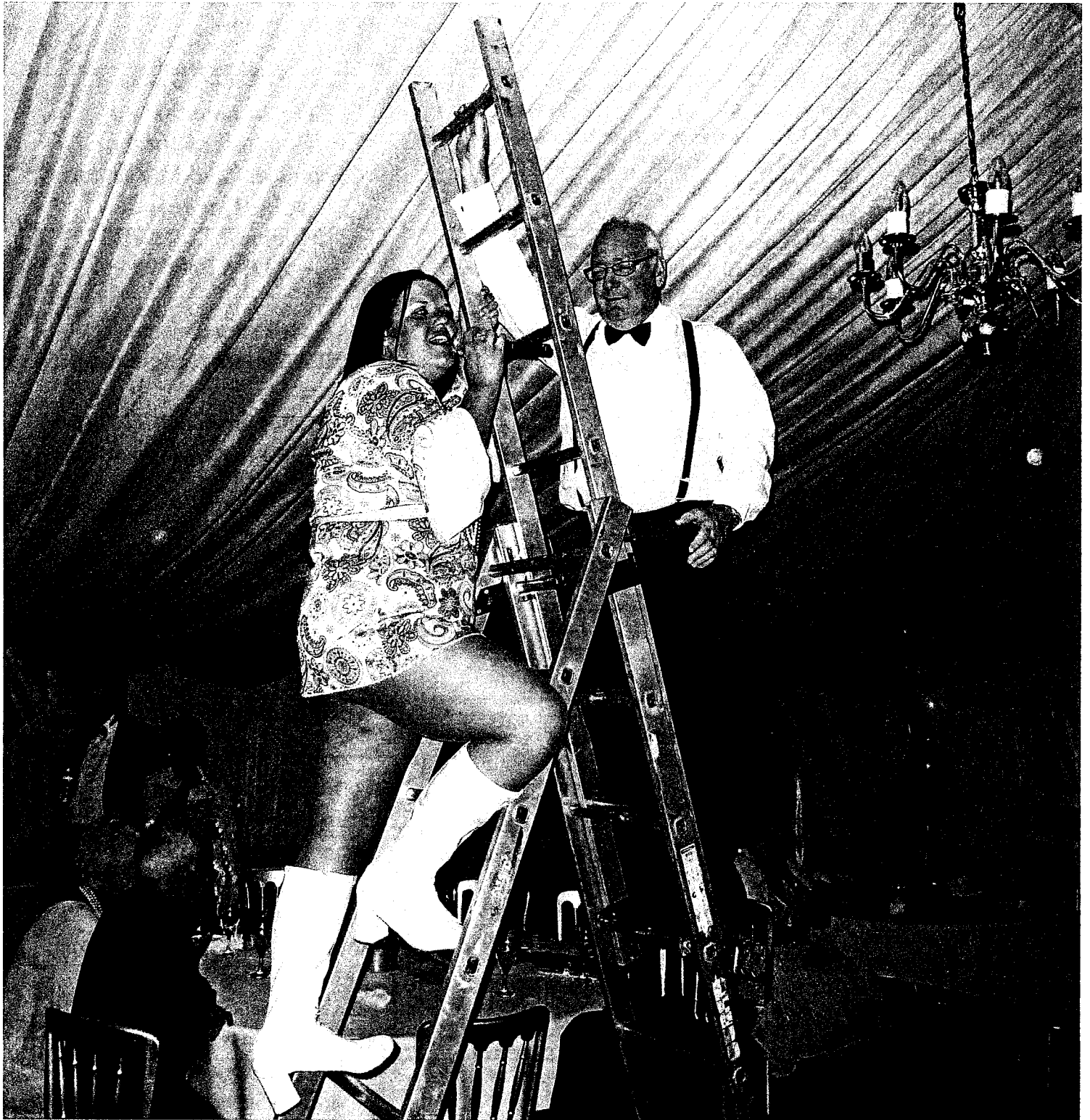
**630 Club** - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.  
**GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry)** meet, usually in the Royal Oak, every Tuesday 8 pm onwards - all Ladies very welcome - GNOMES specialises in intelligent conversation over a glass of something.

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# STRANGE MAN INVADES BALL



Revellers at Aston Abbotts' Summer Ball were left stunned by the wild antics of a strange man.

In a succession of bizarre incidents the man stood on tables making strange jerking motions, fenced off partygoers with a crutch stolen from a cripple, stood on a chair with his head in the tent roof, and leapt around wildly to Abba songs with a chair on his head.

Finally, aided and abetted by a tall Irishman, the maniac pursued a young lady wearing a very short skirt up a stepladder.

The man was not heard to utter one coherent word all night until, as he was dragged from the ball marquee in the early hours of the morning, he shrieked hysterically, "I've got an OBE y'know!"

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