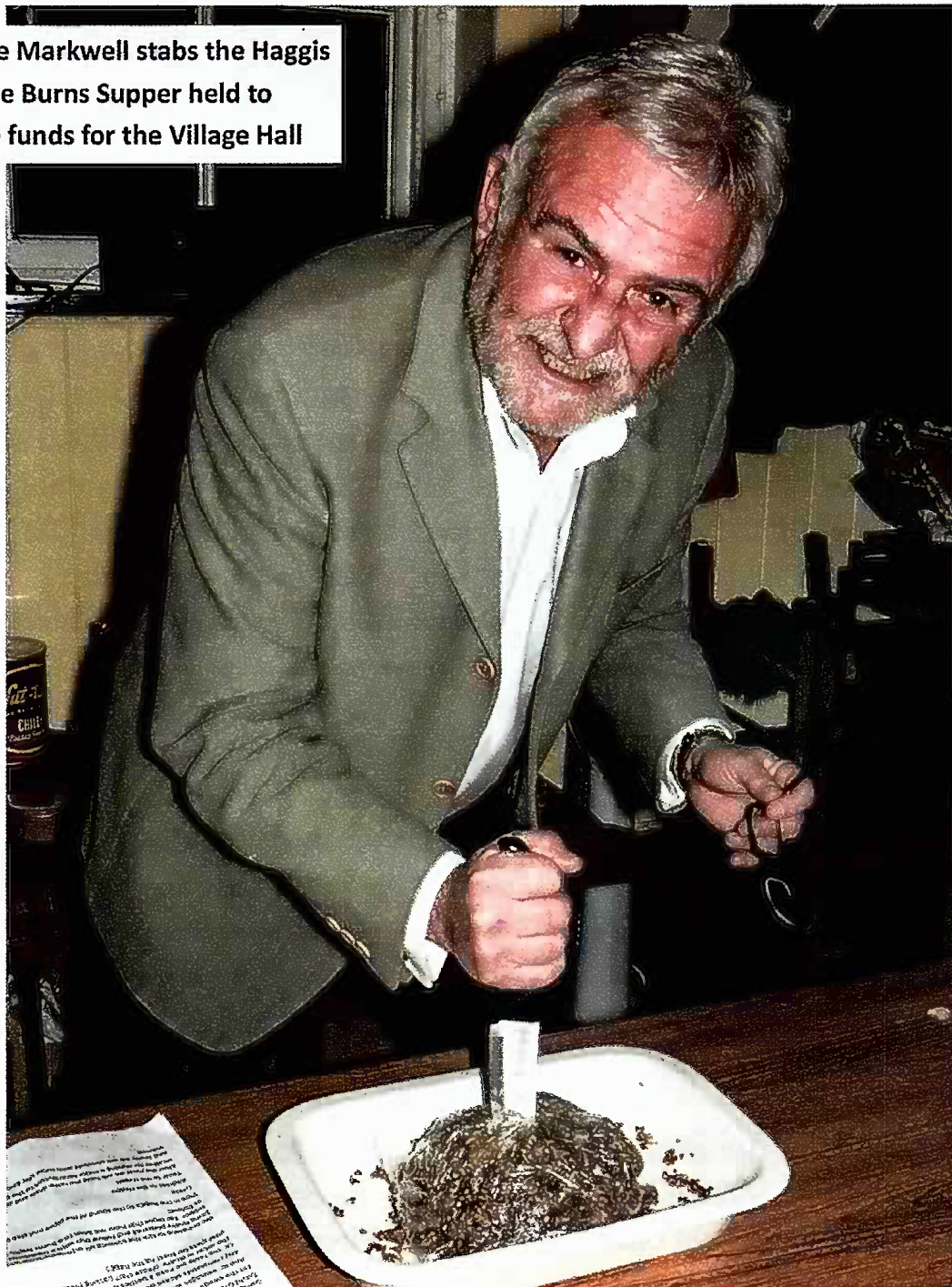


# THE CHRONICLE

## Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

Steve Markwell stabs the Haggis  
at the Burns Supper held to  
raise funds for the Village Hall



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# EDITORIAL

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An interesting start to the year in Aston Abbotts It seems to have started with some rancour at the Bellringers quiz. I wasn't there and do not have all the facts; from the phone calls and e mails I have been receiving I don't think that the people who were there have all the facts. I have no doubt that something was said that caused offence. Events of the evening are still being clarified, as late as this Sunday morning ( 24<sup>th</sup> Jan) I have received a call from somebody who was present on the evening wishing to correct what they had previously submitted to the Chronicle.

What does this have to do with Chronicle you may be thinking?

At this late stage of putting this issue together I am unsure whether to use all or parts of some of the material that has been submitted. I wonder whether the Chronicle is the correct forum for some of this. I'm sure that whatever I do I risk upsetting somebody. All I am certain of is that I edit the Chronicle and until such time as somebody else volunteers to take it over I will decide what does or does not go into the Chronicle.

On a more positive note the evening raised over £1000 towards the bell fund and a later event for the Village Hall was also very successful proving again that despite our differences we can work together. Finally thanks to Jeremy Corbyn for finding time to cut the Haggis on Burns night.

Phil

Next Chronicle Deadline Feb 20th

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## ORCHARD REPORT

**Overall the last 12 months have been disappointing in the orchard as I reported in the Autumn - let's hope for a better growing year to come.**

A problem has arisen this winter. I have mentioned in my writings that fencing posts are nowadays treated with useless preservative - the product that was used to guarantee a post 25 years of life has been banned by the EU. The Orchard tree supports are rotting off after 4 years which is about as long as they would have lasted if they had not been treated. Strong winds have blown over a few trees, posts and guards. I have replaced about 8 posts and driven many down further into the ground to solve the problem, so if your tree post looks a lot shorter, that is why!

Sheep have strayed into the Orchard but they did very little damage, although they did nip a couple of buds off the latest tree to be planted. Sorry Gordon - not my fault!

The really notable occurrence is that buds were showing green on several trees on 15<sup>th</sup> January and one Pear tree was in leaf. No doubt, now we have had a couple of good frosts, those buds will be damaged but the trees will shoot again.

I have more work to do in the Orchard but await the real Spring with bated breath and hope for a good growing season.

## ALLOTMENT DIARY

I have just been reading a fascinating book on European languages, called "Lingo". At the end of each chapter, the author mentions some words which have entered the English language from the other language he has just been discussing; and more interestingly, he also suggests some words from the other language which he believes could profitably be introduced into English.

There were a number of such words which I enjoyed, as an amateur gardener.

In Cornish, for example, there is a word "henting", which means pouring with rain, which the author suggests might be useful on a Cornish holiday: but might also have been useful in the rest of England recently. Then there is the Lithuanian word "rudenéja", which means the start of autumn, as manifested in nature, by the leaves changing colour. Our word "Autumn" covers the whole period from the

changing of the leaves until winter proper starts.

One word he mentions has, I think already started to move into the English language: this is the French word "terroir", meaning a place where a crop is grown, made unique or superior by its geographic, geologic and climatic characteristics. It is of course most widely used in connection with the growing of grapes to produce wine - and now that at least one champagne producer has bought up some land in southern England to create a vineyard here, it seems likely that it will become a fully-fledged member of the English language.

A word which had some resonance with me, was the Luxembourgish verb "verkennen", which means gradually to experience the effects of old age in body and mind. This is a word I could frequently use when digging or weeding my allotment

However, the pick of the bunch has to be the Slovenian word

“Vrtickar”. I cannot do better than quote the author *“Strictly speaking this means a hobby gardener with an allotment, but the word also suggests that the person is more interested in spending time drinking beer with other vrtickars, than growing vegetables and flowers”*. I can think of one or two allotment holders who might come into this category. . . *Only one or two! Ed*

In other allotment news, I read that, having a year or two ago produced a plant which will both grow tomatoes on its stem and potatoes underground, Thompson and Morgan have now developed a plant which will produce aubergines above-ground, and potatoes below it. This is possible because aubergines and potatoes are part of the same plant family (as are tomatoes), and it involves grafting an aubergine plant on a potato root. Allegedly the hybrid plant will produce 4 aubergines and 2kg of potatoes from one plant.

One is used to reading that certain foods and drinks have been discovered by scientists to be bad for us - alcohol and red meat are common examples - or that certain vegetables are good for us, but they are either obscure vegetables of which one has never heard, or vegetables one does not want to eat, like kale. Well at last I have news of some vegetables which are both common and enjoyable to eat, and which are good for us as well. According to scientists at Zhejiang University in China, people who ate white vegetables like potatoes, cauliflower and onions were one third less likely to develop stomach cancer than those who largely avoided them. The key factor seems to be vitamin C, which acts as an antioxidant to cut down cellular stress in the stomach, as well as fighting a bacterium widely blamed for causing stomach cancer.

Peter (vrtickar) Shorrocks



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**Village Stuff.** From our new gossip columnist

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**Friends of the Whitchurch Surgery  
A G M  
to be held on Saturday, 13th February in  
Whitchurch Surgery, Oving Road at 10 am  
We hope you will come along and learn what new equipment  
has been and will be bought for the Surgery by he Friends  
Coffee and Biscuits will be served**

## **VILLAGE FETE 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016**

The Aston Abbotts Village Fete will this year be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

So now is the time to get those diaries and calendars (paper or electronic) that Santa so thoughtfully left you for Christmas and make a note of the date.

If you are inclined to spring clean between now and then please put those unwanted books or presents and surplus knick-knacks to one side for us to collect before the fete.

If you can help, either on the day or with distribution of raffle tickets or collecting stuff for the stalls in the weeks before the fete then I will be holding the first meeting for this year's Fete on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Church Farm House. Or give me a call on 681952 or email [ukdavidgray@gmail.com](mailto:ukdavidgray@gmail.com) Thanks David

## BELLRINGER'S QUIZ

Following our successful Quiz night I want to record our thanks to all the friends who made the evening such a pleasure. First, however, I feel it necessary to make at least 4 things completely clear. I decided that:-

- (1) The bell wheel needed repair
- (2) Whites of Appleton would be called out for an inspection
- (3) That Whites would repair the wheel and send the bill to me
- (4) The "Church in the form of the PCC would not be involved in any way. I would tell the PCC what I was going to do and then get it done and would not ask them for any financial help in paying for the job. We the Bellringers, would raise the money. I put this to the Bellringers and they agreed. I told the PCC treasurer what I would do and REFUSED THE FINANCIAL HELP THAT HE OFFERED.

Thanks to all of you who came - the Quiz was a great success and has paid our bill of £470. The evening itself raised £485 which included donations of £45 from people who could not attend - the extra £15 over the £470 goes to partly cover the costs of the evening which are otherwise covered by the Bellringers. Our Bell Fund has also received three major donations; one of £250 which was anonymous; £250 from the Astonbury Fund specified for the Bell Fund and future use and £100 from the Parish Council. So, our Quiz evening paid the repair bill and generated £600 to cover future "running costs" which regularly crop up.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Most thanks are due to the lady bell ringers who put on a splendid meal for the occasion; waited at table and, of course, cleared up and washed up. Richard and Emma both put in unstinting time and energy; Emma as Alex's right hand lady; Richard setting questions and keeping an eye on me and acting as my "ears" for the night.

Peter Knight

# CALL FOR LAND

**Do you have a plot of land in or around Aston Abbotts which might be suitable for a small number of affordable housing dwellings?**

We have previously reported that the Parish Council in conjunction with **Community Impact Bucks** (a registered charity) have set up a steering group to look at the feasibility of building a small number of affordable housing properties.

If you have a suitable plot of land and would like to know what is involved, how you would be compensated, etc. then we invite you to come forward and talk to us.

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In the first instance please contact:

**Jean Fox**

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Community Impact Bucks

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Remember, this a pre-feasibility study. If the scheme looks viable there will be a presentation followed by a village referendum to determine if it should go ahead. Villagers will have the final say and nothing will happen if there is not support from the village.

Thank you.

## Home-Start Aylesbury



For over 10 years Home-Start Aylesbury has been supporting ordinary families with young children struggling to cope through difficult times. We are now looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team.

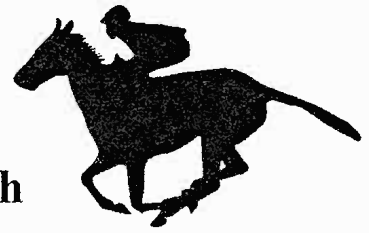
Our network of home-visiting volunteers offer emotional and practical support for 2-3 hours a week to any family in Aylesbury Vale with one or more children under 5 who need some help. Maybe they are feeling isolated or lonely, or are having a hard time coping with their child's illness or disability, bereavement, post natal depression or be having relationship difficulties, they could be struggling to cope with the physical and emotional demands of having a baby, young children, or multiple birth.

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If you can give 2-3 hours a week and have parenting experience we would love to hear from you. All volunteers are provided with training, support and expenses.

For an informal chat please contact Shushana Kendrick on 01296 485615 or [info@homestartaylesbury.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartaylesbury.org.uk)

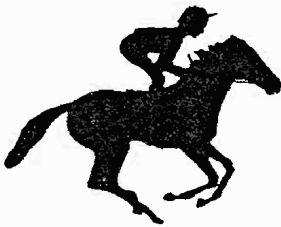
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**Village Hall 7pm Friday 11th March**

Come and enjoy the excitement of a day at the races  
in the comfort of your own village hall.

Entrance £10 with a Fish & Chip supper  
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## Burns Night Village Hall

It was one of those typical December days last year - raining and grey and for those of us who are dog walkers just about the worst weather to be walking. We often walk with Judy and mentioned that we were thinking of having a dinner party based on Burns Night theme. Judy always thinking of the village said why don't you do this at the Village Hall to raise funds for the village.

Having got back we both reflected on the idea, it turned out neither of us had been to Burns Night - ok for a dinner party but in front of a crowd... but we recognised how much people do for the benefit of the village that this was our opportunity to contribute. So out went the email announcing the event and within days bookings started coming in.

About 3 weeks later, the Royal Oak advertised their hosting of a Burns Night. Our personal belief is that it is important to support the pub and village activities and that I think we have learnt an important lesson and suggest or even urge fellow villagers to do. The message I believe is to liaise with the pub before making an

announcement to ensure there is not a conflict. Bearing in mind the above we consulted with a number of villagers and it was deemed appropriate to go ahead. I understand that both events in the end were well attended.

So to the evening...

It was to be a traditional Burns Evening and whilst the food was in final preparation we had some trivia as a bit of fun. Obviously Haggis is on the menu and I couldn't resist asking "where is Haggis banned for being sold as it is unfit for human consumption" The answer is the USA and Peter got the answer almost before I got the question out.

Other trivia included what can't a Scotsman wear under his kilt? White pants. What country drinks the most scotch? Singapore at a staggering 13 bottles per person per year

So the haggis was now cooked and in the traditional way was piped around the room by a skipping Jackie to Scotland the brave, with everybody clapping as it made its way round the tables.

The next traditional step is grace admirable recited by Carol followed by the address to the Haggis.

I'm not sure if anybody has seen this but the Scottish version is gobble de gook, I couldn't recite this to save my life but fortunately thanks to the web there was a translation in English.

It's an interesting address, telling you what's in a haggis, followed by how you clean the knife and then slice the haggis open. It then compares French and Italian cuisine in a derogatory fashion stating that if you eat that food your legs will be as thin as rope and your fist the size of a nut, but if you eat haggis you will be strong and make the earth shudder as you walk. The final verse is not to serve a Scotsman a weak and watery dish but give him a Haggis.

And lastly the compulsory toast to the Haggis.

The evening finished with the draw of the raffle tickets and some silly games, trying to balance an after eight mint on your forehead and by not using anything but face muscles slide the mint into your mouth!!

I believe everybody thought it was a great night but what touched me was the amount of hard work numerous contributors did and the support of all those that attended.

It was a multi chef event, and on potatoes was Peter, Ivan, David, and Kevin and Jane, on swedes was Carol and Caroline, on sausages was April and lastly Jackie on the haggis (I did the gravy).

In addition to this was the help of April, Carol and Rita in the kitchen.

So my thanks to everybody, final sums raised are still being counted but it looks like the final sum will be approaching £500.

Steve Markwell





## Aston Abbots Village Hall news - February 2016

First of all, a big thank you to John Hardcastle, who has stepped down as a trustee after many years of hard work chairing the group, talking to officials at AVDC and elsewhere, drawing and re-drawing the plans, and so much more. We could not have gone this far without him.

Second, welcome to Kevin Copping, who has joined the group.

And another big thank you to Jackie Farrands and friends for running such an enjoyable Burns Night supper in aid of the improvement funds - read more elsewhere in this Chronicle!

So, where are we now with the extension and improvements plan? To sum up:

- What? Disabled-access toilet, ramp, new kitchen, underpinning and new floors, rewiring and new lighting and heaters
- How much? We are still collecting building quotes so we can't let you know exactly what we are looking at - but it's under six figures, a total we hope to reach in 2016 with a mixture of grant applications and local fundraising. Talking of which, Thank You to recent support from:
  - John Whyte and friends - Singalonga Sixties benefit in December
  - Pam Dixon and friends - donation from Good Samaritans bingo
  - Jackie Farrands and friends - proceeds from Burns supper
- When? Autumn 2016 if all goes well with the grant applications. Spring 2017 if we have to make further applications
- Grants: We put in one application in December, one in January, and by the time you read this another will have gone in
- Village consultation: Thank you to everyone who has replied to our "do you support" question. The results so far are overwhelmingly positive and we will use them to demonstrate local support for the plans.

- Whenever you are reading this, we'd like to hear from you so do please reply even if you are very late! Drop it in to Oak Farm House or email [astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com](mailto:astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com)
- Aylesbury Vale Lottery: if you are playing this online lottery do consider choosing Aston Abbots Village Hall Trust as your good cause - [www.valelottery.co.uk](http://www.valelottery.co.uk)

What's next?

- Detailed building quotes and final adjustments to the plans
- Results of grant applications - March/April/May
- Kitchen meeting - we'll be inviting user groups to help us decide on kitchen fittings and equipment

Aston Abbots Village Hall Trustees group: Caroline Lane (Chair), Liz Hall (Secretary), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer), Peter Shorrocks, John Whyte, Kevin Copping. Email: [astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com](mailto:astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com)

Bus Pass Trip:

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March

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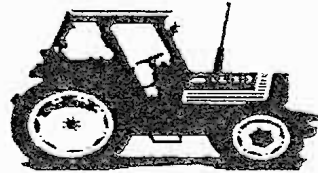
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Note to all contributors, deadline for March Chronicle 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## What's on in Feb:

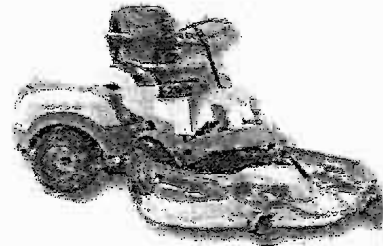
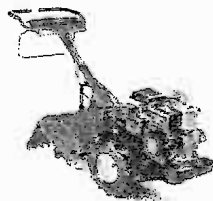
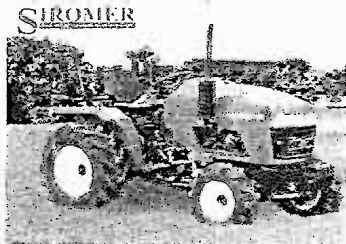
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	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rambling Club meet @ Tesco L/Buzzard		2 pm
	Evensong	St James	6 pm
	Royal Oak "big" quiz book with Teri		7.30 pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake day		
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12 pm
	Bingo	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Day		
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	The Green	10.30 am
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12 pm
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Village Footpath Walk	The Green	2 pm
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12 pm

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**The Arty Bits .....Books.....Music....Theatre...Travel & Food....  
and the bits I'm not sure where to put!**

**Books** Obviously a quiet month! Again

Come on book club or I'll have to resort to recommending some of my latest reads: Ed

Mark Webber Aussie Grit behind the scenes story of a relatively local drivers F1 & motor racing life.

Lutz Pfannenstiel The Unstoppable Keeper, amusing tales from a jobbing goalkeeper.

Richard Grant Dispatches from Pluto English journalist relocates to the deep south of the Mississippi Delta

### **Letter (s)**

A letter was received to be published anonymously, after much thought I have decided not to print the letter in full but to paraphrase it. I have written to the writer explaining my decision which I hope they accept. Ed

“Essentially a statement was made during the evening of the Bellringers quiz which caused offense to some of those present; the author of this letter is demanding a public apology for what they consider was a regrettable and inaccurate statement which was a blot on an otherwise successful evening.”

As mentioned elsewhere over £1000 was raised for the repairs and bell fund. Ed

# *The Astonaians*

## *Bert Cartwright gets the point!—© Astonpete*

Mrs Cartwright, the nagging wife of Bert who owns the allotment went to have a talk with the Vicar, The Right Rev' Jeff Straker. "Jeff," she said, "I have a problem. My husband Bert keeps falling asleep during your sermons. It's very embarrassing especially as they are quite dynamic. I don't know what to do".

"Thinking on his feet, the Rev' Jeff says, "I have an idea". Next Sunday bring a pin with you. I should be able to tell when Bert is sleeping and I will nod to you at the specific times. When I nod you give him a good poke in the leg."

During the Rev' Jeff's sermon the following Sunday, Bert dozed off as normal. Noticing this, the the Rev' Jeff put his plan to work. As he said, "and who made the ultimate sacrifice for you?" He nodded to Mrs Cartwright.

"Jesus!" Bert cried as his wife jabbed him in the leg with the pin. "Yes, you are right Bert," said the Rev'.

As Jeff continued, Bert eyes were starting to weigh and again he nodded off. Again, the Rev' noticed. "Who is your redeemer?" he asked the congregation, motioning towards Mrs Cartwright.

"God!" Bert cried out as he was struck again with the pin.

"Right again," said the smiling Rev' Jeff.

The congregation looked on puzzled by Bert's unusual enthusiasm. The pain started to wear off and poor old Bert, chin getting closer to his chest, again sloped off to sleep. However, this time the Rev' Jeff did not notice and as he picked up the tempo of his sermon, held his Elvis style cape up with his left hand and made a few motions that Mrs Cartwright mis-took as signals to bayonet her husband with the pin yet again. The Rev' Jeff asked, "And what did Eve say to Adam after she bore him his 99th son?"

Mrs Cartwright, lips bitterly stiff, poked her husband again, who yelled, "You stick that \*\*\*\*\*g thing in me one more time, I'll break it off and shove it up your ass!"

Mr and Mrs Cartwright now use another Church in nearby Wing.

# The Glen Miller Story

Starring

**Tommy Steele**

We were very pleased to be nominated for two tickets to see The Glen Miller Story at the Waterside Theatre In Aylesbury on it's opening night so we decided to make an evening of it and treat ourselves to a 'nosh up' beforehand at our favourite downmarket eating hole, namely at good old Wetherspoon's 'THE SHIP' just opposite the theatre.

The problem was, so did just about everyone else who was attending the theatre that evening! So things got a very busy and somewhat rushed by the time we had waited 50 minutes for our food.

We duly collected our tickets on time from the press stand and seated our selves in two excellent seats with a clear view of the stage.

The show started off with a scene from inside an aircraft hanger which really set the theme for the rest of the show, cataloguing the life and times (and loss) of Glen Miller with some superb Miller style band music throughout the show. The supporting actors were very professional and also talented dancers as well.

We would question the choice of actor for Glen Miller, as although Tommy Steele is undoubtedly a very talented singer/actor etc. He is seventy nine years old and starting to show his age (even older than me!). Glen Miller was just forty years old when he went missing over the English Channel on the fifteenth of December 1944. As much as we enjoyed the show, and it was very good, we just didn't see Glen Miller, instead we just saw good old Tommy Steele who looked more like his stage wife's grandfather than her husband.

All in all, a good entertaining show, but Glen was badly cast in our opinion, although this didn't detract from the quality of the show or the enjoyment of the evening.

Pete & Jean Newens  
87 The Green



## AYLESBURY WATERSIDE THEATRE - SPRING 2016

The Waterside Theatre is kindly continuing to offer pairs of Press Tickets for the following shows. The tickets are free and you will usually be given a programme and a drink at half time

If you would like to enter the draw for any or all of the shows then send me an email to [johnhardcastle@me.com](mailto:johnhardcastle@me.com) the draw will take place two weeks prior to the show date

Show	Date & Time
<i>REHEARSAL FOR MURDER</i>	MON 22 FEB 7.30PM
<i>END OF THE RAINBOW</i> Starring Lisa Maxwell	TUE 1 MAR 7.30PM
Noel Coward's <i>PRIVATE LIVES</i>	MON 7 MAR 7.30PM
<i>ANNIE</i> Starring Lesley Joseph	MON 14 MAR 7.30PM
<i>SUPERSLAM WRESTLING</i>	SAT 26 MAR 6PM
<i>TAP FACTORY</i>	WED 30 MAR 7.30PM
Ellen Kent Opera <i>DIE FLEDERMAUS</i>	FRI 1 APR 7.30PM
<i>TOM: A Story of Tom Jones. The Musical</i>	TUE 5 APR 7.30PM
<i>GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM</i>	TUE 12 APR 7.30PM
<i>Richard O'Brien's ROCKY HORROR SHOW</i>	MON 18 APR 8PM
<i>BARRY STEELE &amp; FRIENDS</i>	THU 28 APR 7.30PM
<i>ILLEGAL EAGLES</i>	FRI 29 APR 7.30PM
<i>LET IT BE</i>	MON 2 MAY 7.30PM
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**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
February 2016**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Revd. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Peter Binns</b>
<b>21<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Roger Hale</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Team Eucharst - Soulbury</b>	

**We look forward to seeing you**

**100 Club Draw January 2016**

**1st Prize, £50: Andy Bystra**

**2nd prize, £10: Roger Delooze**

## Church Matters



The diary of St. James's

Snowdrops came out on the last day of the year which is not unusual but the fact that the first daffodil also bloomed showed what a mild winter we are having. Everything seems to be growing.

The Bellringer's Quiz and Supper on the 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success as a social occasion and a fundraising event for the Bell Fund. See Peter Knight's article.

The Breakfast Service on 17<sup>th</sup> January saw continued success of the new format. Other Parishes who hold similar events refer to them as 'Messy Church' but I could not possibly comment!

The Race Night (postponed from last year) will now take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March (see advert elsewhere in this month's Chronicle for details). Come along and enjoy the thrill of the races.

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday falls on April 21. Having insisted she did not want a "fuss" when she became our longest-reigning monarch in September 2015, the Queen has agreed to the birthday celebrations, which will also be the official recognition of her place in the record books. The first big event of the year will come in May, with a pageant at Windsor featuring 900 horses from all over the world, celebrating the Queen's lifelong passion for equine pursuits. It will run from May 12-15.

The following month there will be a three-day celebration beginning with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on June 10, which also happens to be the Duke of Edinburgh's 95th birthday.

The traditional Trooping the Colour parade will take place on June 11, then on June 12 the Queen will attend the Patron's Lunch, one of the biggest street parties the country has ever seen, as she is joined on The Mall by representatives of the more than 600 charities of which she is Patron

Villages are being encouraged to join in these celebrations and Colin is organising a flower festival in the Church over the weekend 10-12th June. Other possibilities being discussed include an exhibition of the history of the village over the last 90 years. Colin cannot quite cover it all!!

Don't forget to put the date of this year's Fete (23rd July) in your diaries and if you can help then go to the first meeting for this year's Fete at Church Farm House on 15th March.

Thanks to those allotment holders who have paid their rents and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet filled in the form and returned the fee to the PCC Treasurer at Church Farm House.

#### The Novice

### Church Duties February

	Cleaning	Flowers
6 <sup>th</sup>	Colin & Caroline L	Donated
13 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon & Ann	no flowers in lent
20 <sup>th</sup>	Alex & Anita	“
27 <sup>th</sup>	Colin & Gay	

Dear friends,

"Thirty days hath September, April, June and November.  
All the rest have thirty one excepting February, which  
has twenty eight.  
And in a leap year twenty nine".

That is (more or less) a rhyme which millions of us grew up with until recent times. Like so many things it was learned by heart and recited whenever we needed to remember where we had got to in the year. Of course the leap year occurred every four years (except at the start of a century!)

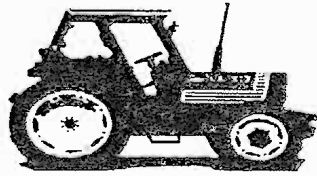
Yes we really had to carry all sorts of stuff round in our heads---times tables, spellings, how many wives Henry VIII had (and what happened to them) etc. It probably took up quite a lot of space but somehow left room for thinking also.....

Albert Einstein had no time for information storage (he once said the only thing you needed to remember was where the library was!) Claiming that he kept all his brain free for thinking. I think he might have exaggerated a bit but certainly one of the great pluses of modern electronic storage is, as long as we can remember the retrieval process, we can actually free up a lot of brain space. The down side could be that we might lose an awful lot of our folk knowledge/mothers' wisdom. Still, who knows one day in the future somebody might stumble upon some dusty old book and rediscover it?

Some people in our society would wish God, faith, Church etc. similarly consigned to the dustbin of history but I suspect that, in a reworking of those famous words: "the rumours of(God's) death are much exaggerated"!

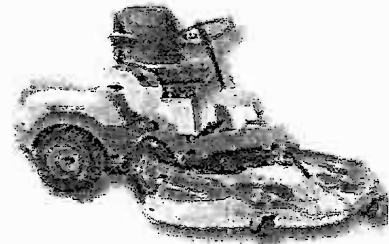
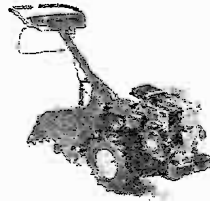
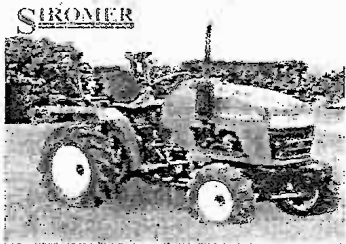
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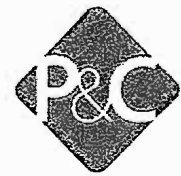
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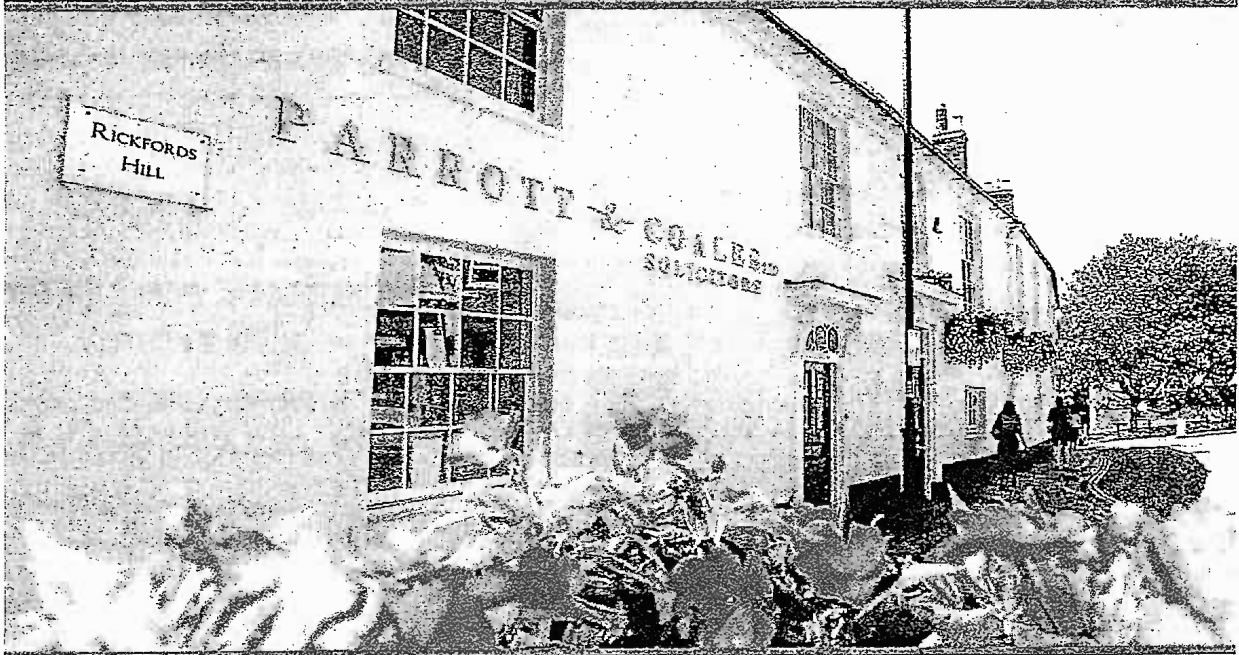


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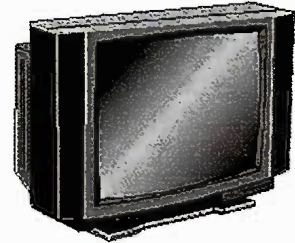
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