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Well here's the March edition, the usual rush to get it finished with the paid employment getting in the way.

Still playing with the type sizes but are getting there. I think some strange layout issues in this one especially the race night & mothering Sunday ads, please no attachments in power point!

Thanks to all the usual contributors, keep it coming, as ever any comments / criticisms welcomed.

Due to the school holidays a fairly early deadline for the April issue, around 18/19 March would be good.

Phil

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ORCHARD REPORT

The Pear trees in the orchard have given me cause for concern – they haven't grown very well. I have however been slow to realize that the growth they have made was, in several cases, not the grafted on pear, but the Quince rootstock which the pear graft grows on. The trees are grown in 4' protective tubes to guard against damage by deer and looking down the tubes it was not easy to see where the growth originated – above or below the graft. At last I recognised the problem and have inspected every pear in detail. Two trees had to be replaced where the pear shoot had died and 6 trees had to be pruned back to free the live pear from the quince rootstock growth.

A new tree has also been planted – a Bakers Delicious Apple in memory of Ev. Allen sponsored by her son. Mrs Allen was born in the Black Country near Dudley and the tree, Bakers Delicious was developed by a Mr. Baker from Codsall near Wolverhampton so, again we are able to plant a tree with definite connections to the person we wish to remember. It is a rare variety with few examples in Bucks, if any.

As soon as the weather allows I need to harrow the orchard to rake down the mole hills. Then the grass needs cutting A.S.A.P. to allow the cowslips to see the light. Then, please may we have a good growing year!

ALLOTMENT DIARY

The word “allotment” does not do justice to the spirit and entrepreneurial effort that goes into the 10 rods (or poles or perches) which traditionally comprise the standard allotment. In modern money, for the benefit of younger reader, that amounts to about 250 square metres, or the size of a doubles tennis court. The word of course means something allotted to a recipient, and the word goes back to the Allotment Acts at the end of the 19th Century and early 20th Century; by which parcels of land were “allotted” to villagers to use for growing crops, to compensate them for the land they had lost as a result of the common land of the village having been enclosed under the General Enclosure Act.

However, the idea of land being shared out in this way has a much longer history. There are some small Celtic fields in Cornwell which are still used as allotments today; and in Anglo-Saxon times we discover the first “allotted” pieces of land. When a community cleared the woodland that surrounded a settlement, the land thus liberated was then shared out. Again, in Elizabethan times, manorial common land was enclosed, and commoners (i.e. those who had had a right to use the common) were compensated with allotments of land attached to their cottages.

It was the fear of a peasant revolt which led to the 1845 General Enclosure Act, and commissioners travelled the length and breadth of the country authorising land to be enclosed, only on condition that land was set aside for commoners, to compensate them for the rights they had lost. Nevertheless, the full weight of the law was often required to ensure there were enough plots of land available to keep the working classes happy and fed.

In 1887 the Allotment Act provided that local authorities were obliged to provide allotments, if there was a demand. Even that was not enough, and a further Act in 1908 imposed responsibilities on councils to provide land for cultivation, provided it was not needed for commercial purposes.

Nowadays, of course, we are all better off, and allotments are more a source of pleasure than necessity, and are tended by people who garden as a hobby, or because they enjoy fresh produce, or vegetables which have been produced organically. Perhaps as a result, councils are becoming more ingenious in finding reasons for selling off allotment land for development - although in many parts of the country, allotments are as popular as ever, and there are frequently long waiting lists for those wanting an allotment.

Meanwhile, in other news, I read that there is a cauliflower bubble right now in the USA. Demand for cauliflowers has been hit with a double-whammy of people on low-carb fad diets searching it out, and supply being reduced because of a cold snap in California and Arizona; so that prices have rocketed. Some shoppers have reported paying \$8 per cauliflower - about three times the usual price!

For years the vegetable has languished in the shadow of broccoli, but it has now become the trendy vegetable to eat. A food industry trend analyst (who knew such jobs existed?) called Christine Keller has proclaimed cauliflower "*the kale of 2016*".

The Washington Post suggested that the transformation was "*as though the kid you ignored through elementary school and middle school grew up to be the Jennifer Lawrence of cruciferous vegetables*"!

Peter Shorock

Spring

Whether you appreciate it or not we are fortunate to live in an area rich in wildlife. A few days ago when the sun was shining with a promise of Spring, from our front window I could see in the Sycamore on the Green all at the same time:-

A Long Tailed Tit

A Great Tit

A Great Spotted Woodpecker

A Jackdaw

A Wood Pigeon

A Collared Dove

AND in our hedge:-

House Sparrows

A Wren

A Robin

I went out into our back garden where there were Blackbirds , Starlings and Blue Tits - what a lovely place to live. You must all be aware of the Rooks, paired up and repairing their nests in the Abbey trees and I have been lucky to see a pair of Goldcrests looking for a nesting site in a fir tree in our wild piece. Down at Lower Burston I have watched two Water Deer prancing round each other in a mating dance and today whilst working down there heard a Vixen give vent to that weird mating call - half scream, half bark. That puzzles many people until they know what it is.

Blackthorn blossom is showing in the hedge rows, white flowers, and so as usual we are going through that traditional Blackthorn winter which all country people know about. The winter, till now, has been so mild that grass, cereals and rape have all kept growing - everywhere looks so green, but this is not without its drawbacks. Pests and diseases have survived well - slugs are rampant in our garden. Although the sheep have had plenty of grass to graze they have been infested with stomach worms and have not been as healthy as one might expect. Minerals too have been lacking in the soaking wet grass. I suspect, too, that there will be a huge carry-over of fungal diseases in the cereal crops which will have to be combated with sprays, all adding to the costs. Yes, on balance, most gardeners and farmers would like some winter weather in the winter to clean things up a bit.

Last year we had an exceptionally cold dry Spring - we don't want one of those again. But - what a wonderful country this is, every year we get a harvest and we know for sure that Spring will soon be here bringing us all that beauty and joy.

Peter Knight

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Village Stuff. From our new gossip columnist

Birthdays

Belated congratulations to all those who celebrated birthdays in January and February, including: Dave Lewis, Carol Spooner (a special one?), Anita Parker and Phil Corrigan.

March

19th Francesca Bean (53) I'm saying nothing Ed
30th Bob Bean

EVELYN (EV) ALLAN

23rd September 1920 - 21st January 2016

John and Leslie and all the Family would like to thank everyone for their help and support to Mother over the years especially Pam and Jon, Joe and Alan , Tracey and Lol, Sheila and Percy, Kate and Jacky, Sue and Peter Ayriss, Jenny and Colin, Wynn and Stan, Ivy and Brian, Peter Knight, Margaret and Tony, Sharon, Christine, Deborah, Owen and many many more past and present

Mother looked on the village as her extended family and she will be commemorated with a tree in the Vic Scott Memorial Orchard (thank you Peter Knight)
Thank you All

THIS IS A SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE
COFFEE MORNING ON THURSDAY, 17th MARCH
FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON

REMEMBERING MRS EVELYN ALLAN

EV CAME TO ASTON ABBOTTS IN THE 1940s, AND LIVED HERE UNTIL JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS WHEN, FOLLOWING A SHARP DECLINE IN HER HEALTH, SHE MOVE TO STAFFORD TO BE CLOSE TO HER FAMILY.

SADLY EV'S FUNERAL RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN STAFFORD.

EV'S FAMILY HAVE ASKED IF A COFFEE MORNING COULD BE HELD IN ASTON ABBOTTS SO THAT HER FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TOGETHER TO REMEMBER HER AND CELEBRATE HER LIFE OVER A CUPPA AND CAKES AS SHE WOULD HAVE WANTED.

AS EV WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANY MONEY COLLECTED AT THE COFFEE MORNING WILL BE DONATED TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN HER MEMORY.

VILLAGE FETE 23rd July 2016

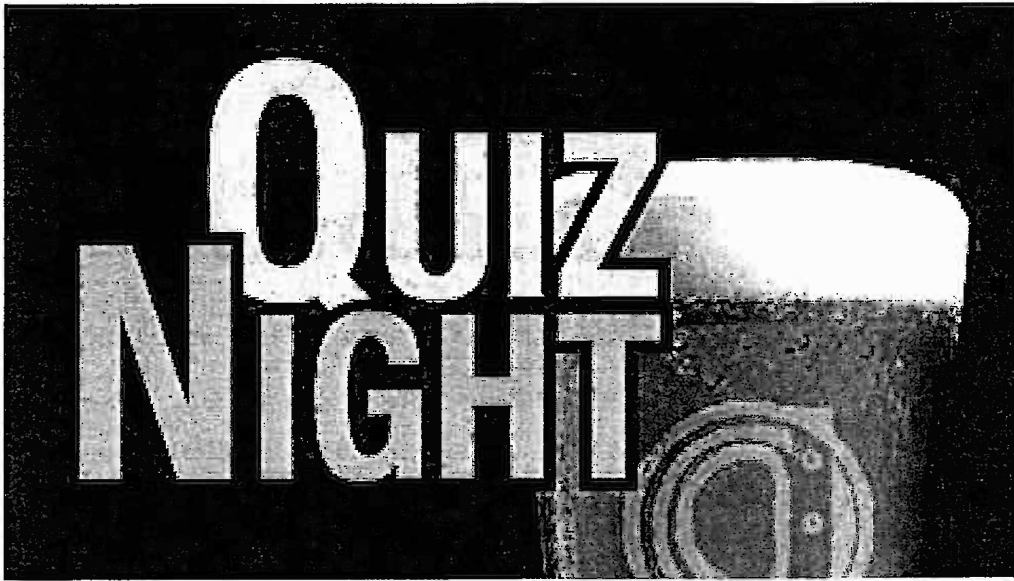
The Aston Abbotts Village Fete will this year be held on Saturday 23rd July

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 15th March at 7pm, Church Farm House.** Or give me a call on 681952 or email ukdavidgray@gmail.com Thanks David

Royal Oak Aston Abbotts



Sunday 13th March at 7.30pm

With the enjoyable success of the Royal Oak 'Pub Aid' Quiz Night on Sunday 7th February, regular monthly quiz nights are to be a feature of the Royal Oak's diary. The quiz nights will support a different charity every month and a prize awarded to the winning team. So get a team together or join an existing one and come and join us for a fun packed evening on Sunday 13th March at 7.30pm.

ASTON ABBOTTS

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SUMMER BALL

IN AID OF

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

SATURDAY 9th JULY 2016



Aston Abbotts Good Samaritans Bingo
Next Meeting - Thursday 10th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Donations totaling **£1,204** were made in 2015 as follows:

- £100 - The Whitby Lifeboat Appeal
- £100 - Parkinsons' UK
- £280 - Florence Nightingale Hospice
- £200 - British Horse Society Welfare
- £100 - The Admiral Nurses @ Dementia UK
- £134 - Multiple Sclerosis Society
- £190 - The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- £100 - The Village Hall Fund

What's on in March :

Thurs 3rd	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12 pm
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sat 5 th	Clean for the Queen	Village Hall	10 am
	Sacks & Pickers provided, please wear High Viz Jacket		
Sun 6 th			
Mothers Day	Breakfast Service	Village Hall	9.30 am
	Followed by a short service in Church		10.am
	Rambling Club	meet Cublington X roads	2pm
Tues 8 th	OAP bus trip Aylesbury - Buckingham - Bicester bus @ 10 am		
Thurs 10 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12
	Bingo	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 11 th	Race Night	Village Hall	7pm
	+ Fish & Chip Supper Contact April 707833		
Sun 13 th	Royal Oak Pub Quiz		7.30 pm
Tues 15 th	Mobile Library	The Green	10.30 am
Wed 16 th	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thurs 17 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 -12
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 20 th	Palm Sunday		
	Village Footpath walk	The Green	2pm
Thurs 24 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12
Thurs 31 st	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm

RACE NIGHT

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.

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Bring your own drinks



Please contact April Curnow 707833
aeicurnow@googlemail.com



11-12 June: Queen's 90th Birthday weekend

We're planning to work with the Church and others to celebrate the Queen's birthday, have some fun and raise some money the weekend of 11-12 June. The village hall part will be to organize a display of photographs and items relating to the last 90 years in Aston Abbots. Please let us know if you have anything you could lend us to display.

Other things happening: flower festival in St James's church; and hopefully an event at the village orchard. It should be a great weekend so please save the date and keep your ears open.

Otherwise, not much news until we hear the result of our major grant application (WREN) at the end of April. We'll be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 April, so come along then if you want to hear more from us and other village groups.

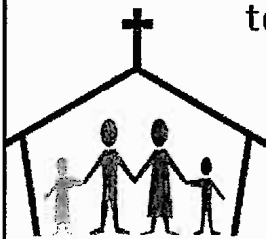
Caroline Lane - Aston Abbots Village Hall trustees

MOTHERING SUNDAY



Village Hall 9.30am Sunday 6th March

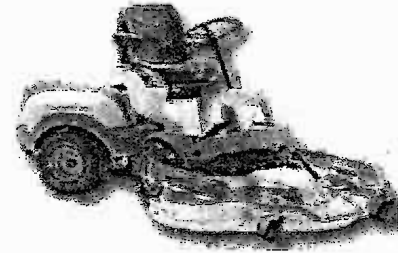
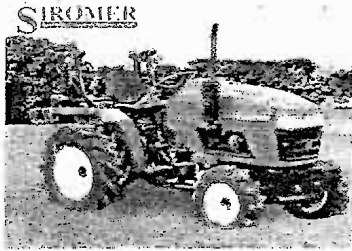
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The Arty BitsBooks....Music...Theatre...Travel & Food....
and the bits I'm not sure where to put!

Book club

The Book Club met at Deirdre Whyte's house on Wednesday 13 January to discuss the novel 'Brooklyn' by Colm Toibin.

Toibin introduces us to small town Ireland in the 1950's and in particular to Eilis Lacey who lived with her older sister and widowed mother in Enniscorthy, Co Wexford. Her family manage to persuade Eilis to leave her friends and familiar surroundings and start a new life in America. Although not terribly keen, Eilis is too timid to reveal her true feelings and reluctantly agrees to start a new life in Brooklyn.

Accommodation and employment are secured and though initially homesick, Eilis settles eventually and finds romance in the shape of Tony who is (shock, horror) not even Irish. All seems to be going well until she is unexpectedly called back to Ireland and her life gets a little more complicated.

Toibin's characters were very believable and there were many humorous episodes. The general consensus was that we found the book well written, easy to read and very enjoyable.

It will be interesting to see how the film compares.

Letter (s)

Just recently my car was off the road for a week. Now they have withdrawn the 7.35 bus into Leighton Buzzard getting to work is a nightmare. I had to leave home at 7am walk down to the crossroads to get the 7.40 bus into Leighton Buzzard. Coming home they have changed the times of the last bus through the village from 17.40pm to 17.10pm which meant I had to get the 18.10pm service to the crossroads and walk up. So for a journey that takes me 15 minutes by car it's over an hour on the bus. Perhaps the councillors assume everyone who works lives in a household with 2 cars.

One evening I was allowed to finish work at 4.30pm so I could get the 17.10pm bus, the driver said since they had changed the times - I was the only passenger he had all week!!! So no doubt that bus will be the next to go.

Apart from being out of the house for 12 hours using the bus I worked out the cost of petrol is £60 a month to get the bus every day would be around £150 a month. Next time the government say leave the car at home and use the bus they should come and live in our village and do the journey.

I was very lucky and after 3 days a very kind neighbour found out I was without a car and very kindly took me to and from work. I am seriously considering moving somewhere that is on a decent bus route. As I have to work for another 10 years before I retire and if there was a reason I could no longer run my car or had to give up driving I wouldn't be able to work where I do. I would like to see the councillors who sit in their highly paid jobs and decide to withdraw buses in rural areas use public transport in the middle of winter. Walking to and from the crossroads in the freezing cold and pitch black is no joke. If they have to cut bus services then why not some of the services that run every 15 minutes to estates in Aylesbury I have often got a bus around Aylesbury and been the only passenger using it so they can't say that our bus service is the only one not used enough. They are making it now that if you live in a rural area and work you have to have access to a car.

Thank you
Lyn

The Astonians

A drunken ghostly experience. Aston Pete

Well a funny thing happened to me the other night. I was pissed on the side of the road hitch-hiking in the middle of the storm on my way to the Aston Abbotts Arms from Wingrave. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong I could hardly see a few feet ahead of me. Suddenly, I saw a car slowly coming towards me and stopped. I was desperate for shelter and without thinking I got into the car and closed the door only to realise there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

The car started moving slowly. I looked at the road ahead and saw the curve approaching. Scared stiff, I started praying. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window and turned the wheel. I was paralysed with terror. I watched as the hand came through the window, but it never touched or grabbed me in anyway.

Shortly after that, I saw the lights of the pub appear up the road, so, I made a jump for it, out of the car and ran to the pub. Wet and out of breath, I rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience I'd had just had. A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realised I was shaking. Then suddenly the door opened and two other people walked in from the dark night storm. They, like me, were also soaked and out of breath. It was Bob Tax and Richard Clarke. Looking around and seeing me shaking at the bar, Bob said to Richard, "There's that bloody idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!"

Dick Whittington

Starring X Factor Winner - Sam Bailey

Well, I bet December seems a long time ago to most readers?! However, it is still very clear in my mind as I was the lucky winner of four tickets to the Pantomime, Dick Whittington, at the Waterside Theatre on 14th December.

I took my grandson in the village, Archie, together with a friend of his from Cublington plus his mother and we had the most wonderful evening. It started off with a free programme which was full of fun puzzles and colouring pages for children. We were then all given drinks, sausage rolls and mince pies in the Second Space before finding our seats in the theatre. We had marvellous central seats about eight rows back in the stalls which made it a bit scary to begin with for the boys as it was incredibly noisy! Once the show got going they were jumping up and down with excitement and ready with all the usual responses a pantomime calls for!

Sam Bailey as Fairy Bowbells, with her amazing voice, ended the first half with a rendition of Whitney Houston's 'One Moment in Time'. The rest of the cast were good especially Rachel Louise Miller as Alice and Aylesbury's local funny man, Andy Collins as Idle Jack. Although *X Factor Finalist* Melanie Masson belted out a song or two there was much hissing and booing for her as Queen Rat! It was a very lively colourful performance to suit all ages and we were close enough to the stage to get sprayed with water etc which all makes for a fun evening. In the interval were more drinks and the boys had been given flashing swords which added to their excitement.

All in all an excellent production of Dick Whittington and thank you John, and of course, Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, for giving us the opportunity to see it 'for free'!

Caroline Abel Smith
The Old Vicarage

Rambert

We were so lucky to win the draw for the press tickets to see the Rambert Ballet Company at the Waterside Theatre on 11th February. Rambert is Britain's oldest dance company, who gave their first performance in 1926, when Marie Rambert and her students presented the ballet *A Tragedy of Fashion* by Frederick Ashton as part of a revue at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith. It is said that this event marked the birth of British ballet.

On arrival at the Waterside we were greeted in the foyer by a young lady who gave us our tickets and free programme, and explained that tonight the 'press' were being treated to a reception on the top floor during the intervals - yes, there were to be two intervals, and I have to say we felt very important going up to the 'private function', where we were treated to canapés in the first interval and chocolate brownies in the second, along with drinks of our choice and the chance to chat to members of the Rambert organising committee. What struck us was their enthusiasm and commitment to the dance.

On to the actual performance: We saw three separate dances. The first was called 'The Three Dancers', inspired by a Picasso painting of the same name. It was performed to music by Elena Kats-Chernin, played on violin, cello, double bass, saxophone, accordion, piano and percussion; an interesting ensemble. I have not seen much modern dance, but this was mesmerising. You could hear a pin drop in the theatre (considering there were 5 school parties in, this was amazing!). The second dance, called 'The Strange Charm of Mother Nature', was performed to music by Stravinsky and Bach, an unusual mix. The dance represented elements such as gamma ray bursts, said to be the brightest, largest and most colourful explosions in space. Wow! It certainly was colourful and explosive! The final dance, accompanied by music by Schoenberg and called 'Transfigured Night', told a love story.

This was a marvellous entertainment, real quality, and we will not hesitate to book see the Rambert again in the future. Thank you John Hardcastle for continuing to make theatre tickets available in this way.

Kate & Peter

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 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 & 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
<i>AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE</i>	THU 12 MAY 7.30PM
<i>THE SOUND OF MUSIC</i>	WED 18 MA 7.30PM

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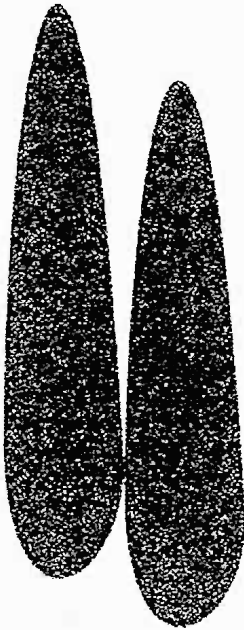
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**Services at
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts
March 2016**

6th March.	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Breakfast Followed by Church Service	
13th March	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
20th March	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
27th March.	10.30am	Easter Sunday Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale

We look forward to seeing you

100 Club Draw February 2016

1st Prize, £50: June Cox

2nd prize, £10: Dennis Knight (Stanley)

Church Matters



The diary of St. James's

Karen Gorman was made Archdeacon of Buckingham in 2007. On 26th November 2015 Number 10 Downing Street announced that the Venerable Karen Gorham, Archdeacon of Buckingham, was to be the 36th Bishop of Sherborne. In this new post she will work in the Diocese of Salisbury Wiltshire with overall responsibility mainly for parishes in Dorset. This makes her the eighth woman to be made a bishop in the Church of England.

As a Bishop she is entitled to carry a crosier, a stylised shepherds crook, symbolising her position as "shepherd of the flock of God". The hook comes in handy for pulling people back into the fold and the pointed tip for prodding people who err.

The crosier is conferred upon a bishop during their ordination, so a local wood carver, John Killman of Newton Longville, decided to make her a crosier and it was presented to Karen last month. Beautifully carved, with an English brown oak head (oak representing strength) and a twisted hazel staff (representing wisdom), Karen was delighted with her crosier and we will keep an eye out for her in future Church processions.

Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the fourth week of Lent which is three weeks before Easter Sunday. During the sixteenth century, people returned to their 'mother church', the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

This year Mothering Sunday is on 6th March and in Aston Abbots we will meet in the Village Hall for Breakfast at 9.30am followed by a short Service in Church. So come along and join in this truly family occasion.

The Race Night on Friday 11th March (7pm in the Village Hall) includes a Fish & Chip supper. Contact April Curnow (aejcurnow@googlemail.com) for tickets. . Proceeds to Church funds.

The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in the village are taking shape. The plan is to have an exhibition in the Village Hall over the weekend 10, 11, 12th. June organised by the Village Hall Trust Group, with refreshments sold in aid of the Hall fund. Next door in the Church Colin is arranging a flower festival and there may even be a picnic in the Orchard over that weekend.

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 at 7pm.

Thanks to Allotment holders for paying there rents there is now just one outstanding.

Dear friends,

March this year is very full: Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week---Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally Easter Day.

Each resonates with importance in the Christian calendar and have featured a great deal in the lives of both rural and urban communities in former times when the practice of faith was more central to them than it is now. Palm Sunday reminds us of the time Jesus and His disciples entered Jerusalem. He was seated on a donkey and the crowds waved Palm branches and laid their coats on the floor like a 'red carpet' for a star/celebrity. By Thursday the plotters are closing in and Jesus eats a last meal, following which He was arrested

Good Friday brings Jesus to the point of His destiny when He offers up His life once for all and He dies on the cross for our sins.....and then EASTER and He is RISEN. We are called to put our trust in Christ and for many millions both in the past and now that is precisely what we do to make sense of the craziness of our world. I pray that you might find some of the joy of these glorious events. God Bless and take care,Philip.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

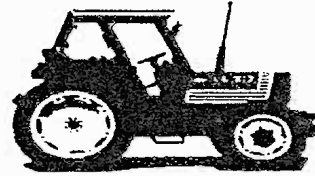
As in previous years, there will be an arrangement of lilies behind the altar dedicated to the memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily, they will be £2.50 each. Please give cash and names to Caroline Abel Smith (681001) or put through The Old Vicarage letterbox by Palm Sunday (20th March).

The names of those to be remembered will be read out by the Revd Roger Hale at our Easter Day Service on Sunday 27th March at 10.30am.

Church Duties March

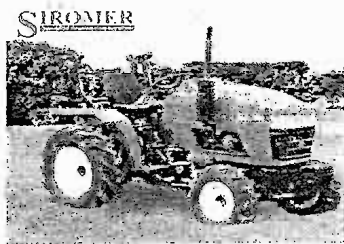
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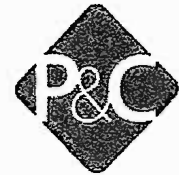
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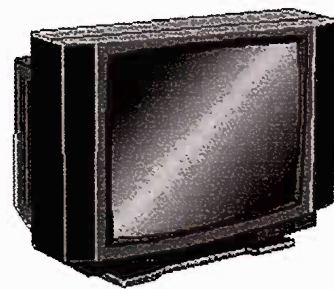
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A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.

There are three kinds of people: Those who can count and those who can't.

Have you heard about the evil group of men who control all the world's cheese? The hallouminati

I was given some Sudoku toilet paper. It didn't work. You could only fill it in with number 1s and number 2s

I used to think an ocean of soda existed, but it was just a Fanta sea

I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

I like birthdays, but I think too many can kill you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 % of their body... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

Politicians and nappies have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

Nothing is fool proof to a sufficiently talented fool.



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