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Here for your enjoyment the July Chronicle.

Firstly some sad news, John Hardcastle who edited the Chronicle for several years passed away on 23rd June, our thoughts and condolences with Judy and their family. I took over the editing of the Chronicle from John (his second stint) when he was extremely helpful and also served some excellent beer.

Surprisingly somebody has answered my call to take over the editing of the Chronicle from the new run in September, although I may make a guest return due to the new editor's holiday arrangements. But just think no more shouting and swearing at a computer when several hours work goes missing as it just has!!

I have enjoyed doing it over the last three years, but feel it is now time for a change and I know I am in for a very busy few years at work, about time some may say!

I will not steal the new Editors thunder and will let them introduce themselves to you in September. In the meantime if you continue to send any contributions to me I will forward them on.

It's been fun and a final thanks to those contributors, both regular and occasional without who there would be no Chronicle.

Phil

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Grass has been occupying my mind recently. It is obvious that all the rain we have experienced so far this year has led to rampant grass growth - anyone with a lawn will know that, so at the risk of being a total bore I'll write about grass!

We are fortunate, in this village, to be bordered on three sides by fields of grass - permanent pasture, and it is these fields that we can thank for the prolific and varied wildlife that we see round the village. Several of these fields may well have been grass for three hundred years or more thereby building up a rich and varied sward or pasture with possibly 50 or so varieties of plants giving home to vast numbers of insects - the earth worm population is also enormous and this provides food for varying wildlife from Badgers to Buzzards, Blackbirds to Foxes.

In the days before artificial fertilizers or Bag Muck, as an old friend called it, rich and varied permanent grazing grass was extremely valuable. The pastures of Windmill Hill, Lines Hill and Lower Burston could support far more stock per acre than the leys or temporary grass that was sown as part of a cropping rotation. Years ago we had Lines Hill pasture analysed and the natural fertility was equivalent to four hundredweight of nitrogen fertilizer per acre. That wonderful mixture of clover and ryegrass was the perfect feed for cattle or sheep and the various herbs or non-grasses with their deeper roots provided the essential minerals and trace elements that are so essential to healthy livestock.

In the past, with smaller family farms, farmers knew their fields as intimately as they knew each of their cows. Most farmers could tell you that "the milk always goes up when the cows go into Bottom Meadow" or "There's something lacking in the Top Close, it never fattens lambs like the Bottom Close does". Forty years ago Mr. Jack Parrot, Butcher and Farmer, told me how he liked to buy lambs off four local farms all in close proximity and all with permanent pasture - lambs from those farms, and Lower Burston was one, gave his experienced view, better meat than other local farms.

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So I say to anyone who is still reading this - it's not just a grass field you see or walk through - it's a living community of plants, animals and insects, in its own way as precious as a rain forest and it was once truly valued because it contributed so much to the wealth and well-being of the country for 200 years or more.

It is such a pity their potential is wasted now with so much bad grass farming all around.

Peter

ALLOTMENT DIARY

My apologies for the absence of an Allotment Diary in the May Chronicle. I wrote this out just before disappearing to Paris for a week, but then forgot to e-mail it to your editor! This edition incorporates both the May diary and some further stuff for June.

When I left these shores in late April, the allotments had been a hive of activity, as the arrival of April had brought the allotment gardeners out of hibernation. Most arrived on the scene quicker than me, and for a time my patch was looking the poor relation. However, my son Adam, attacking the patch with his Rotavator, wrought his usual miracle, and by the middle of April he had double-rotavated half of the allotment, which enabled me to plant my first early and second early potatoes, my onions, leeks, beetroot and the first sowing of mangetout peas.

When I left for Paris this half of my patch was a picture of beautiful brown furrows; and markers, indicating what had been planted. When I returned, the other half had been dealt with for the second time, and I planted the vegetables which need to be planted in late April/early May. Every year I offer a blessing to the inventor of the Rotavator: without it I do not think I would still be running an allotment.

There was no muck heap this year, but again I enlisted Adam's assistance in bringing a trailer of compost from our garden down to the allotment, and I then wheelbarrowed it to my patch (all 21 barrows of it), and spread it out ready to be rotavated in. I hope the vegetables are appreciative!

I have now planted out all my vegetables, apart from the courgettes and a pumpkin, which have been slow to germinate - a combination of my starting them off late in the greenhouse, and the cool weather in May. I grow a lot of sweet-corn, since Adam likes it, and it freezes well. This year I have had one disappointment: a variety called Mirai, which I bought from Thompson and Morgan. I usually hedge my bets, and start about half of the sweet-corn off in the greenhouse; and sow the rest direct into the ground in mid-May.

None of the Mirai seeds started off in the greenhouse germinated; and so far (I am writing on 8th June) none of the seeds planted in the allotment have germinated either. If these fail too, I shall be writing a strong e-mail to T & M.

I had decided I would give up growing brassicas this year, because of the work involved in building and netting a cage to keep the cabbage-white butterflies and pigeons out. Then my other son, Piers, gave me some packets of seed for Christmas, including several member of the brassica family! So I have one more year of cabbage-cage labour ahead of me.

Following my Paris trip, I also had a two-week holiday in Corsica in the middle of May. This was very enjoyable, but you can imagine how my allotment suffered. The beautiful brown furrows described above had totally disappeared, to be replaced by a sea of green - mainly nettles and other early season weeds. After several days of hoeing and weeding, I have just about got on top of it, but I can see why serious gardeners take their holidays in the winter!

In vegetable-related news, I read that kale is not only the trendiest vegetable of the moment; it is being advocated as the best thing to feed to ducks! Apparently they prefer it to the traditional lumps of bread, and it is good for them to boot! If you can't get hold of kale, then pea shoots were the second most popular vegetable with the duck family. They are also happy with other members of the brassica family, but turn their noses (beaks?) up at lettuce and watercress.

I have also read that the old adage that *"an apple a day keeps the doctor away"* does have some validity. Researchers from the Western Australia School of Medicine & Pharmacology tracked a group of older women for 15 years, and found that those who ate an apple every day had a reduced risk - some 35% - of early mortality. It is suggested that apples provide dietary fibre, flavonoids (whatever they are), vitamin C, potassium and magnesium.

The scientists conceded, however, that women who regularly ate an apple a day were probably also maintaining a healthier lifestyle than those who did not, which does compromise the research somewhat. The same researchers also found that eating bananas was associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease.

I can also bring you news of the latest super-food - broccoli leaves. Yes, leaves! For years they have been left to rot in the fields, but scientists commissioned by Asda say that they are the healthiest part of the plant, far better than the florets we are accustomed to eating, and contain masses of vitamins A and C.

Finally, I have discovered an area where I have been ahead of the trend! According to a survey commissioned by Wyevale Nurseries, it seems that 45% of vegetable growers are so passionate about their tomato plants, that they enlist the help of a "tomato sitter" when they go away, to water the plants in their absence. I have been doing this for years! If Adam is not around I call on my kind neighbour Pete Newells to do the necessary, and my tomatoes have always flourished under his attention.

Happy gardening and eating!

Peter Shorrocks

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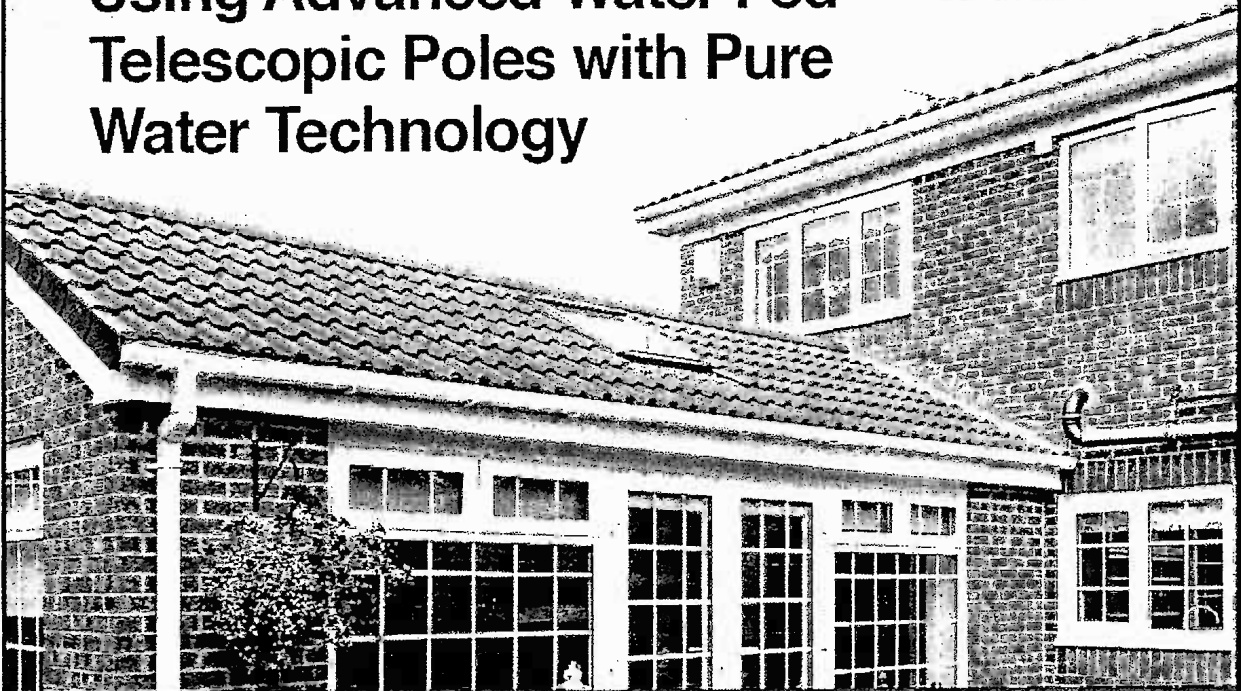
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Village Stuff

Speedwatch June 2016

The Aston Abbots Speedwatch team were again in action last month monitoring the traffic on the three approach roads to the village. Those of you who were caught exceeding the 30mph limit in April will have received suitably worded letters from the Police.

The data we provide is logged, together with offences recorded in other villages, on a central database, so that offences in other villages are evident to the authorities who will take stronger action against habitual offenders. So please pay attention to the limits within all villages.

In this our second week of monitoring this year we recorded more than three times the number of speeding vehicles as we did in April. This is probably as a result of making ourselves less conspicuous; although the 'Community Speedwatch' signs still give all motorists fair warning of our presence. The 'favourite' stretch of road for speeding also changed from Moat Lane to Wingrave Road where on each of two 2 hour sessions in June we recorded nearly as many speeding vehicles as in the whole of the village in an entire week in April.

The headline statistics for the week were:

Location	Monitored hours	No. Incoming vehicles	No. Outgoing vehicles	No. over limit
Wingrave Road	5½	669	503	41
Cublington Road	6	266	268	8
Moat Lane	7½	519	608	9
TOTAL	19½	1454	1379	58

As before, we monitored incoming vehicles but not outgoing during the peak traffic periods, morning and evening.

Please observe the speed limits on our roads both for your safety and that of others.

Thank you

David Gray. Speedwatch Co-ordinator.



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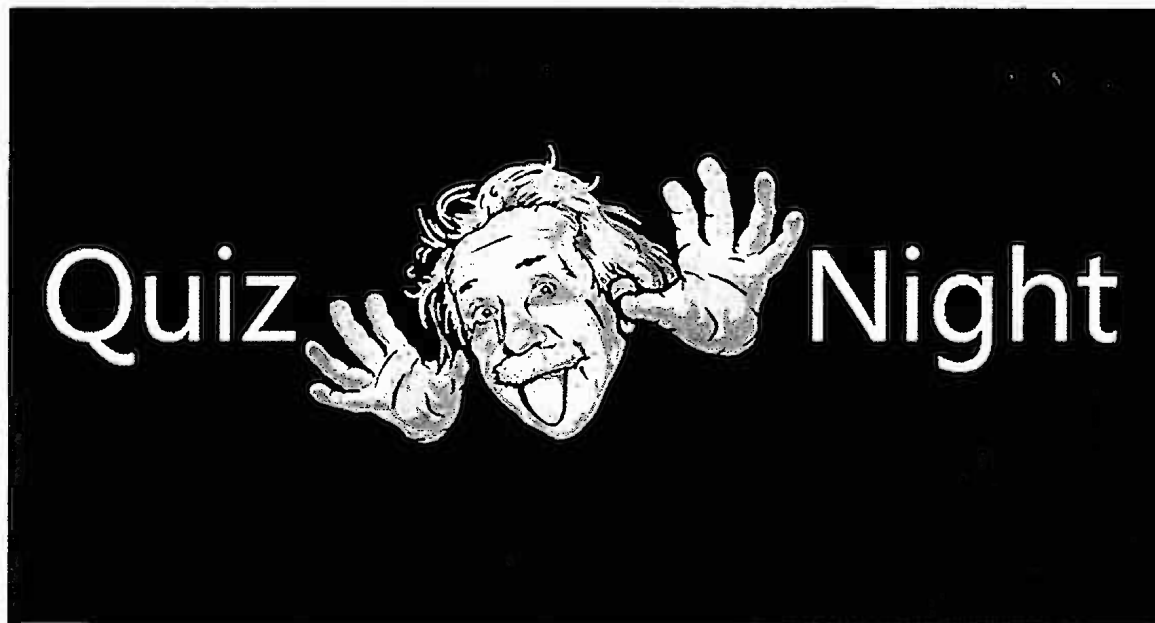
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Aston Abbotts Village Hall news – July 2016

Update on refurbishment

So, where are we? Giving final information to our funders, plugging the gaps in funding, and by the time the next Chronicle comes out in September we hope to have a start date if the builders are not already in. The hall is OK to book through August, but between September and the New Year it will (we hope) be closed. We will keep regular bookers informed.

Help still needed

If you can help with a monthly or one-off donation (for furniture – still £3,000 short of our £5,000 target - or the building funds), please contact any one of us (do ask for a Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer), or email astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com

Vale Lottery

Two villagers have now won free tickets for the next week – and the cash prizes are growing. Far better chances of winning than the national lottery! If this is your thing, please buy your tickets from our page and we get 50%:

www.valelottery.co.uk/support/aston-abbotts-village-hall-trust

Village History book back in print!

Aston Abbotts 1000-2000: A village history is back in print at £10 per copy, proceeds to the village hall. If you'd like one please email us or give me a ring on 681373.

History exhibition

See separate item – thanks to all who contributed to the exhibition for the Queen's birthday weekend.

Caroline Lane – Aston Abbotts Village Hall trustees

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

VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW, 23rd JULY

Your local co-ordinators will be coming round with raffle tickets for the Fete early this month.

Remember that the proceeds support your Chronicle, The Village Hall and the Church.

If you have not already done so now is the time to sort those books you will not read again, the bottles that have been in the cupboard for a while, the gifts and knick-knacks that have been cluttering up your drawers and anything else that is surplus to requirements and might sell on the day (but no husbands, clothes or electrics please). Your co-ordinator can arrange for items to be taken to Dave Lewis's barn for sorting.

There are still vacancies for helpers at the stalls during the afternoon, even if only for an hour or two. If you are interested in helping please email or ring me to discuss further.

This year the Fete will be opened by Neil Rees at 1pm. Neil has a long association with the village and researched and compiled 'The Czech Connection' a beautifully illustrated book on the war years when the Czech Government resided in London and Aston Abbots, a few copies of which are still available in support of Village Hall funs.

The usual (free) entertainment will be provided by the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Aldbury Morris Men. So bring all the family to enjoy this traditional village event.

David Gray, Fete Co-ordinator, Tel: 681952 or email ukdavidgray@gmail.com

What's on in July & August

July

Sun 3rd	Rambling Club Meet & Willen Kake		2 pm
	Evensong St James		6pm
Tues 5 th	Mobile Library	The Green	10.30m
Thurs 7 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10- 1
Thurs 14 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12pm
	Bingo	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 24th	Church open for floral displays		2-5pm
Wed 27th	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thurs 28 th	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 - 12 pm
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30 pm

August

Sun 7 th	Rambling Club meet @ Cublington X roads		2pm
	Evensong	St James	6pm

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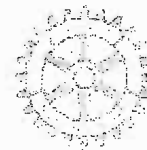


Save the Children

and

other Rotary Charities

Rotary
Rotary Club of Wendover and District



Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th May 2016

Present: - Cllrs. Mrs K Curry (Chair), C Higgs, R Clarke, P Shorrocks, Mrs J Hardcastle, P Spooner, B Carvey, Mrs Z Ayres (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1/4/1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance:

- 6
- County Cllr N Glover and District Cllr P Cooper

2/4/1 Declarations of interest:

- 6
- None declared

3/4/1 To elect a Chairman and sign acceptance of office.

- 6
- It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Mrs K Curry as Chairman and the acceptance of office form was duly signed

4/4/1 To elect a Vice Chairman:

- 6
- Cllr Higgs was unanimously voted Vice Chairman.

5/4/1 To elect Members to Committees:

- 6
- Street Lighting Officer: Cllr Higgs.
 - Planning Committee: Cllr Shorrocks, Cllr Mrs J Hardcastle, Cllr Carvey, Cllr P Spooner, Cllr Mrs K Curry.
 - Transport: Cllr Higgs.
 - Highways: Cllr Mrs K Curry, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Higgs.
 - Recreation Ground: Cllr Clarke and Cllr P Spooner.
 - LAF Representatives: Cllr Mrs K Curry, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Mrs J Hardcastle (Substitute)

6/4/1 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2016

- 6
- Minutes of the last meetings were signed as approved.

7/4/1 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

- 6
- The Cherry trees: It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to the resident in question explaining that they are the responsibility of Transport for Bucks - Highways. Action: ZA
 - The Clerk reported that she had spoken to someone at AVDC re: the cleaning of dog bins and would check to see if they had been done. Action: ZA

8/4/1 Chairman's report

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- To be available on the website under 'Reports':
<http://www.aston-abbotts.co.uk/pcdocuments.htm>

Action:
n: ZA

Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reported that she had received a request from BALC for their annual subscription it was RESOLVED to continue membership.
- The Clerk informed the Council that there was Councillor induction training available for anyone interested. Cllr P Spooner expressed an interest in any future sessions, but was unable to make this date.
- The Clerk informed the Council about her recent training.

County Council, district and Police Matters

- None in attendance.

Planning

- CRTBO: The issues relating to the CRTBO were discussed and it was AGREED to meet with Jean Fox and Hastoe ASAP to give everyone a clearer idea of the options available to the Village. It was RESOLVED to suspend the CRTBO steering committee for the moment, to be reviewed at the next PC meeting.
- 11 The Green: It was RESOLVED for Cllr P Shorrocks to write to AVDC to follow up a letter of complaint regarding a possible deviation from the original plans.
- Standing Orders: It was RESOLVED to give the Clerk responsibility to respond 'no objection' to planning applications on the Council's behalf as long as no member of the Planning Committee wishes to comment.

Council Matters

- Copyright LTN - It was RESOLVED for Cllr P Spooner to put a short disclaimer on the website.
- Laptop: It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to purchase a laptop from PC World and claim the money back from the Council. It was also RESOLVED to apply for funding from the 'Openness and Transparency' Fund.

13/4/16 *Highways*

- Feedback from SWARCO. Cllr P Spooner stated that there was no further data since the APM. He also informed the Council that the MVAS would soon be moved - either to Cublington road or back to Cheddington.
- Feedback from Tranche 2 devolution presentation: Cllr K Curry shared the key points including the need to report any incidents via an 'accident report card' to TfB. The risk assessment must be site specific and suitable safety wear should be worn. Cllr K Curry suggested it would be useful for the Clerk to attend the next TfB meeting should it be possible.

14/4/16 *Recreation Ground*

- Discuss possible addition to children's play area: The Clerk shared the responses from the playground questionnaire. It was AGREED for the Clerk to get quotes for the two favourite items, including the appropriate safety flooring required.
- Quote for repair to Cargo net: The Quote was discussed and it was RESOLVED to order the Cargo net and Trapeze rings. It was AGREED to ask Adam Shorrocks to remove, measure and refit the damaged items.
- Safety Check - playground maintenance area reports - have been completed with no matters of concern.

15/4/16 **Accounts**

- **Online Banking:** Was discussed and it was AGREED for the Clerk to bring the relevant paperwork to the next meeting.
- **AVALC donation:** It was RESOLVED to pay the contribution this year.
- **Financial Risk Assessment and Report:** It was AGREED to discuss this further at the next meeting

- The following were approved for payment:

	Date	Purpose	Expenditure	Amount Pd
EON	11/4/16	Street Lights	£90.91	£95.46
Mrs AK Ayres	26/4/16	Clerk's Salary/ Training and Expenses	£312.09	£312.09
AVALC	4/5/16	Annual Contribution	£25	£25
RGC	4/5/16	Rock Salt	£19.80	£23.76
Village Hall Trust	4/5/16	Use of Hall	£114	£114
Cheddington PC	4/5/16	MVAS maintenance	£40	£40
Buckland Landscapes	4/5/16	Grass Cutting	£107.63	£129.16
BALC	4/5/16	Subscription	£74.29	£74.29
			£783.72	£813.7

16/4/16 Date of next meetings

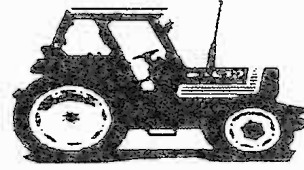
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- It was confirmed that the next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



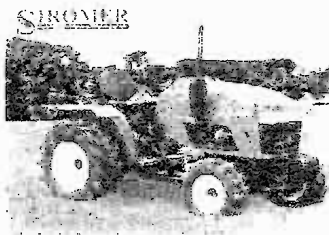
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and the bits I'm not sure where to put!

No book club or theatre reports this month but a deluge of letters, (well relative to normal Ed)

Letter (s)

Editor

May I congratulate the organizers and villagers who attended the birthday celebrations held in the village orchard on 12th June. Despite the distinctly poor weather there was an air of celebration and that unique British feeling that no-one can enjoy a picnic in the rain like we can.

There were memorable moments - the deep sadness experienced by seeing Andy Bystra's magnificent tractor getting rained on: the snail race won by a runner who must have been doped: the enthusiasm of the children's races and the glorious optimism of Liz Barlow in the steeple chase: the amazement of a contestant when told that knowledge of French would be useful in the Quiz (what, Frog talk!!)

A most enjoyable afternoon, many thanks to the organizers but most of all thanks to all those hardy villagers who turned out to support another village success and were determined to enjoy themselves

Name and Address supplied

Dear Editor,

I read with amusement the article in the June edition of the Chronicle regarding pasture ants and one of our most shy birds the Green Woodpecker.

We were recently delighted to have numerous visits, with this beautiful bird spending long enough on our back lawn for me to find both my camera and zoom lens before taking the enclosed picture (one of several and a video).

Why we thought was the bird staying so long and what was he doing...Ants was the answer and because of our not so manicured lawn, yes we have a few nests, the bird was taking advantage and having a good feed. This is after all how nature works.

The ants do us no harm but have attracted one of the rarest visitors to our back garden.

So for all you Bunny T.V viewers, delight in wildlife and maybe not get too stressed about the odd ant hill.

Best regards,

Martin & Heather

The Blues Session & Roots Collective
Longmoor Farm Studio



It's a shame we don't publish in colour.. Ed

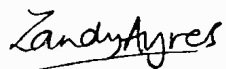
24th June, 2016

Dear Residents,

As you may be aware the Parish Council have been looking into the possibility of affordable housing being built in the Village. To that end a Steering Committee was put together to conduct a pre-feasibility study and establish whether there were any suitable sites in the village.

For a variety of reasons, not least the imminent publication of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, the Parish Council have decided not to pursue this option at this stage. However, they would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone involved with the Steering Committee. This group have given up their precious time and worked very hard to see whether this project could be delivered, and the Parish Council are most grateful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zandy Ayres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs Zandy Ayres, Parish Clerk
On behalf of Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Dear Editor

July 1st 2016 will be the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. Across the nation branches of the Royal British Legion are encouraging all residents to join in an act of remembrance for the 58,000 casualties killed or wounded on the very first day of the battle and the greatest single day loss of life in the history of the British Army.

The signal for the troops to 'go over the top' were the whistles sounded along the front after the artillery barrage stopped. At 7:30am on July 1st this year this will be remembered by the sounding of whistles at war memorials across the country.

Richard Clarke and I have been asked to be present at the Aston Abbotts memorial on Friday 1st July at 07:30 am when we will join in with the act of remembrance.

We will be remembering especially Walter Paxton (b Aston Abbotts 1888 d. Somme, France 23rd July 1916)

I would appreciate it if you could 'post' this so that as many people in AA are aware

Many thanks

Simon

The Astonaians

Mincey Bumgardner and the potting shed. © astonpete.

All characters are fictional and hold no association to anyone

On the allotment the other day potting some plants in my rickety shed, I tripped and accidentally collapsed the shed. The wreck of wooden bits was all over everything underneath.

Mincey Bumgardner, who lives in the house at the back of the allotment watching the farmer culling the Rooks, heard the noise and called out: "Are you okay, what's your name?" "It's Pete and I'm okay thanks," I replied as I pulled myself out of the twisted pile.

Pete, "she said, wearing her white silky robe, "forget your troubles. Come to my house, rest a while." "That's very nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on now "Mincey insisted.

Mincey is so very pretty, very sexy and very persuasive. I was weak. "Well okay," I finally agreed but thought to myself, "My wife won't like it."

After a couple of restorative Jack Daniels and coke, I thanked Mincey. "I feel a lot better now but I know my wife is going to be really upset. So I'd best go now."

"Don't be silly!" Mincey said with a smile, letting her robe fall open slightly. "She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still under the shed, I think" I said.

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

3rd July	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
10th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Peter Binns
17th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
24th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
31st July		tba	

We look forward to seeing you

100 Club Draw June 2016

1st Prize, £50: Christine Scott

2nd prize, £10: Christine Fox

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The PCC would like to thank everyone for their generous donations placed in Alex's milk churn for teas and cakes. £185 was received and, as you will no doubt read elsewhere, this has been shared between the Church and the Village Hall Fund.



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

7th August	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
14th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
21st August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Bob Wilmott
28th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd Roger Hale

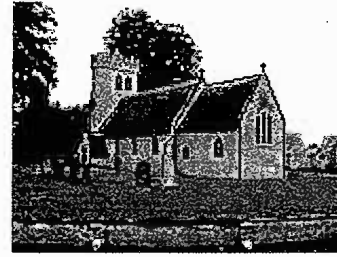
We look forward to seeing you

Breakfast Services

Breakfast Services will resume, after the summer holidays, on Sunday, 18th September. This will be a special combined Breakfast and Harvest Festival Service for all. Do make a note of the date now.

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's



First a big thank you to all of you who subscribed to the 100 Club last month. The proceeds from this and the Fete go a long way to keeping our finances in the black. For those of you who meant to join but did not get around to it, there is still time to submit your membership before the first draw at the end of July.

In spite of the less than summery weather, the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations brought many villagers out to visit the exhibition in the Village Hall, the flower display and organ recitals in Church and the picnic and events in the Orchard,. There is a long list of people to thank for their time and effort in making the weekend a success. Sally for organising the Orchard activities along with Caroline and the PCC in Alex's gazebo (Teas and Cakes), Peter (mowing), Val & Les (Orchard Quiz and races) , Caroline, Stuart, Andy (Tractor rides);. Caroline and Liz for the exhibition & teas in the Hall; Colin for the beautiful flower displays, Nigel & Gavin our organists and many more.

The Harvest celebrations this year involve a Breakfast Service on the 18th September. If the Hall is under refurbishment we will look for another venue for Breakfast. Then on Monday 19th we will have our usual Harvest Supper and Auction. Again if the Village Hall is not available we will consider holding the supper in the Royal Oak.

The Novice



Ride+Stride in Buckinghamshire takes place on the second Saturday of September and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination. This year, it takes place on Saturday 10th September 2016.

The Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches Trust's (BHCT) Sponsored Cycle Ride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists. It takes place between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The majority of Buckinghamshire's churches will be open, some with a welcome party on duty and others with forms for visitors to sign. Participants can plan their own routes, on foot, by bike, or even on horseback, from lists of open churches.

Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half to a general fund administered by the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, to which applications may be made for grants for this purpose.

St James's Aston Abbots will be open, as will the churches in most local villages (with refreshments). If you would like to join in on a bike, a horse or your feet and visit a few of our lovely local churches I can let you have a form, or follow links online at

<http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/buckinghamshire/>

Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row, 681373 carolinelane@btinternet.com

Dear friends,

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Synod (Church parliament for Oxford Diocese) we had a look at various interesting topics and also the contrast between urban and rural ministry. In towns and cities there are the pluses of numbers of people to help and therefore probably good income. By contrast there can also be real poverty and negativity towards the Church.

In the country we have much smaller numbers and therefore pressure on the loyal few. By contrast there are often very good inter-connections within the community.

Buildings are a real worry wherever especially with many of our Churches being grade 1 or grade 2 listed. This puts them in a par with stately homes, castles and other historic buildings. These don't come cheap and whilst we should be spending most of our efforts on the mission of the Gospel we have to worry about the mundane issues of roofs, walls and faculties (permissions to do things) and fundraising. All this is a far cry from the actual purpose of the Church which is to be a sign pointing to Jesus as the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

God Bless you in this turbulent world. Philip.

Church Duties July & August

	Cleaning	Flowers	Mowing
July			
2nd	Colin & Caroline L	Colin	Andy
9th	Gordon & Ann	Caroline AS	Adam
16th	Alex & Anita	Caroline AS	Mark
23rd	Colin & Gay	Festival	Phil
30th	TBA	Festival	Peter
August			
6th	Colin & Caroline L	TBA	Caroline L
13th	Gordon & Ann	TBA	Nigel
20th	Anita & Alex	TBA	Gordon
27th	Colin & Gay	TBA	ANdy



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Final Words

Goodbye from me; I'm sure the Chronicle will continue to entertain & inform the village as it has for many years.

A final thanks to the contributors & distributors who get it through your doors every month, and to Phil Spooner for providing the front & back covers.

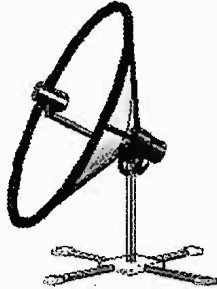
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I look forward to reading future issues.

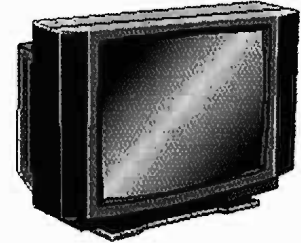
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So much for flaming June !!!

Q: What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks?

A: Foul weather.

Q: What did one raindrop say to the other?

A: Two's company, three's a cloud

Q: What goes up when the rain comes down?

A: An Umbrella.

Q: What do you call two straight days of rain in Aston Abbots?

A: A weekend.

It rains only twice a year in Aston Abbots. August to April and May to July.

Q: What do you call a months worth of rain?

A: England

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight. Blue sky at night, day.

Q: What do you call dangerous precipitation?

A: A rain of terror.

Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it. (Mark Twain)

Q: What did the lightning bolt say to the other lightning bolt?

A: You're shocking!

Q: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

A: You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

Q: What is the opposite of a cold front?

A: A warm back

But who wants to be foretold the weather? It is bad enough when it comes, without our having the misery of knowing about it beforehand. (Jerome K. Jerome)

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