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Village Quiz Night

Sunday 18th March 7.30pm

So much fun and laughter. So get a team together or join one and come to the Royal Oak for the fun & frolics.

Full Cash Prize to the winning team

and Free Draw for the Super Sunday

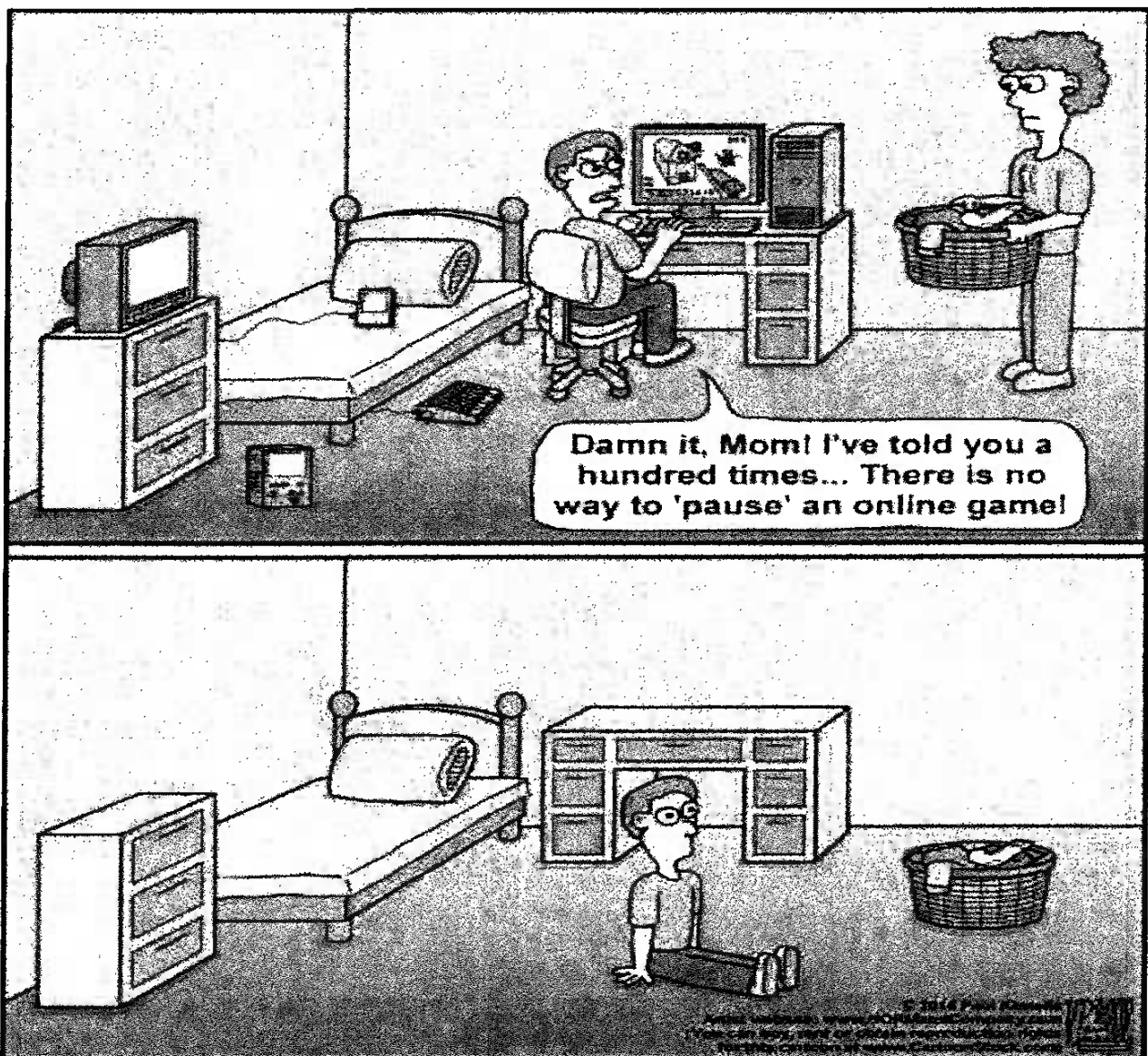
Dinner for 2.

From the Editor.

New look Chronicle.

Every effort is made to ensure information is printed accurately. However from time to time the print may suffer from slippage in text which occurs when sending from IT to the printers. So I do make the effort to go through the magazine article by article with the printer in person at Waddesdon each month.

Recreation Area. Following the resignation of Richard Clark from the Parish Council, he did continue to oversee the recreation ground maintenance. However Richard told me that this has been difficult to do outside the Parish Council so any future issues with the Rec' should be forwarded to Councillor Phil' Spooner.



Council tax in Aston Abbots will rise by 5.99%, an increase of £1.40 a week for Band D homes.

The increase, agreed by full council on February 22, includes a 3% adult social care precept proposed by the government. The Cllr Steven Lambert *Said* "The real problem for me is not that we are spending on protecting some of the more vulnerable people in our community, because that is absolutely the right thing we should be doing, but it does mean the services that the vast majority of our population looks to us for and uses everyday - decent roads, decent pavements, decent schools, decent libraries - keep being squeezed.

"We just don't have the money to maintain those services in a way that the average person expects. The reality is that council tax is going on adult social care and children's services."

There will also be £26.7m investment in the county's highways infrastructure, including an extra £14m for road resurfacing and £36.6m on providing enough school places.

State of our Roads

I recently wrote the following to our County Councillor Netta Glover regarding maintenance of our local roads. I had separately reported the worst hole in the centre of the Aston Abbots to Weedon Road that was dealt with quite quickly. She replied promptly with the usual facts about financial constraints but did send the following Pothole FAQs that may be of interest. It really is in everyone's interest to report the worst holes as BCC do seem to act on this and also to keep complaining as Netta seems to have intervened to get the shoddy work redone.

Dear Netta

As a tax payer I feel I must express my exasperation at the state of our roads. Not only are we in the Aylesbury area forced to endure the results of a total lack of planning and investment in local roads to match the

massive increase in development but we have to suffer the wastage of time and money caused by substandard and totally ineffective maintenance.

I am well aware of the financial constraints on the council but that does not absolve the council from their duty to spend whatever is available wisely.

The repairs carried out on any number of local roads e.g. in Wingrave and between Aston Abbots and Weedon are frankly a joke, the holes that have been filled have already got holes round them and others were not filled at all.

As our local councillor I would urge you to take up this matter with the relevant departments and try to get a better standard of work achieved in the future. I am sure that other councillors will be receiving similar complaints and your compensation bill to motorists will be rocketing so this matter need some URGENT action.

Yours Sally Palmer resident of Aston Abbots

Pot hole FAQ:

· **You fixed one pot hole, why didn't you fix the one next to it while you were here?**

Pot holes are prioritised according to risk – if they are on very well used roads, they are more of a priority. Size and depth are also factors. Resources have to be used responsibly, and cannot be used up fixing a more minor road surface defect when there are more urgent defects needing attention just up the road.

· **Why can I only report one pot hole online at a time?**

Our online reporting system works on an interactive map, so that each individual defect can be risk assessed and dealt with on a case by case basis. The map allows for accurate pinpointing, which saves time when it comes to inspections. There is an option to add a few words to each report, so customers can mention if there's more than one defect in the near area and when the inspector attends any pot holes requiring repair will be fixed.

· **Why do you make temporary repairs that don't last?**

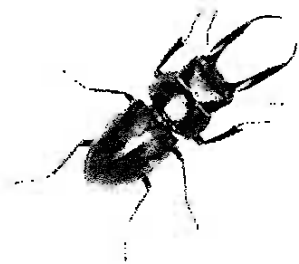
Temporary repairs, where the pot hole is filled in with hot material and made smooth, are often carried out as a safety measure when a permanent repair cannot be carried out at that moment, likely due to the location of the defect. That is to say, where a

larger area of road needs to be cut away to make a full repair, likely requiring a road or lane closure, a temporary or 'make safe' repair is an effective way of keeping the road safe in the meantime.

How do I report a pot hole?

You can report pot holes, as well as any other road issue, using the Report It forms on the county council website <http://www.transportf>

orbucks.net/Report-It-Pothole.aspx in an emergency, for instance a severe road defect, a flooded road, or a tree in the road, you can always call Transport for Buckinghamshire on 01296 382416 or 486630 (out of hours).



The ever popular and hilarious

BEETLE DRIVE is coming to the village hall Aston Abbots on Fri. 6th April commencing 7.00pm.

Tickets to include a hot meal.

Any profits go to St James Church Aston Abbots.



Waterside Theatre Aylesbury 26th February to 3rd March

ASTON ABBOTTS THEATREGOERS *Lucky Lottery*

If you would like to be included in the raffle for these tickets then please email me or drop a note judyhardcastle@me.com or at

Marloes, Lines Hill. The draws will take place two weeks prior to the day of each show.

Judy Hardcastle

Show	Date & Time
THIS IS ELVIS	MON 26 FEB 7.30PM
SON OF A PREACHER MAN	TUE 6 MAR 7.30PM
THE BARRICADE BOYS Tickets limited	MON 12 MAR 7.30PM
STRANGERS ON A TRAIN	MON 19 MAR 7.30PM
WOMEN IN ROCK Up to 4 tickets available	THU 29 MAR 7.30PM
LA VOIX'S ONE NIGHT ONLY 18+ only	FRI 30 MAR 7.30PM
CILLA THE MUSICAL	TUE 10 APR 7.30PM

Aston Abbotts Theatre Goers: The Case of the Frightened Lady

On Monday, 19th February Sondra and I went to Waterside Theatre to see The Case Of The Frightened Lady, which is a play set in 1932. It

was written by Edgar Wallace and was adapted by Antony Lampard. Among the cast were some well-known faces, including Rula Lenska (Coronation Street, Dr Who etc) playing Lady Lebanon, and we also recognised Philip Lowrie (Denis Tanner in Coronation Street), and

Charlie Clements (Bradley Branning in EastEnders) among the players. All the action on stage takes place in a hall at Marks Priory, which is the seat of the Lebanon family. As the story unfolds it shows a family trying to maintain a high social standing but at odds with each other and a retinue of servants and friends, all hiding dark secrets. It was a very wordy play with the characters giving lots of information, talking about previous times in India and hints to blackmail and murder etc. There was a lot of walking on and off

stage in a variety of costumes but, though Sondra and I were kept intrigued trying to work out it all out to find the murderer, we felt, except for the occasional dramatic lighting and sound effects, it could have benefited from more props and actual action on stage.

It was a pleasant evening even so and we were made very welcome at the theatre.

Thanks to Aston Abbotts Theatre Goers. **Pam Dixon**



Good Samaritans Bingo!

£111 raised in February for:



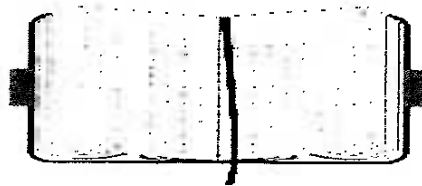
Join us on Thursday 8th March

Aston Abbotts Village Hall

7.30pm start

In aid of: Motor Neurone Disease Association

What's on in March?



Morning cafe	Thursday 1st .10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 1st . 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club	Sunday 4th . 2pm	Startops Marsworth
Morning cafe	Thursday 8th . 10-12	Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 8th . 7.30pm	Village Hall
Mothering Sunday Breakfast Service	Sunday 11th . 9.30am	St James Church
Mobile Library	Tuesday 13th . 10.30	The Green
Parish Council Public Meeting	Wednesday 14th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting (Bus/Train issues to Colin Higgs	Thursday 15th 10-12	Community Centre Buckingham
Morning Café	Thursday 15th . 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 15th . 7.30pm	Village Hall

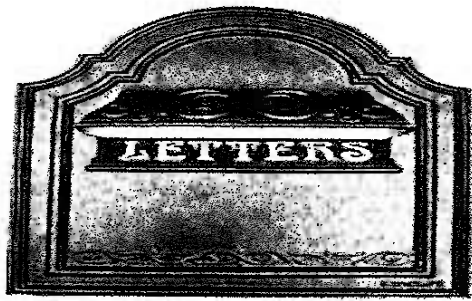
Quiz Night	Sunday 18th 7.30pm	Royal Oak
Morning Cafe	Thursday 22nd 10-12	Village Hall
Litter Blitz	Saturday 24th 10am	Village Hall
Chronicle contribution deadline	Saturday 24st. 4pm	<u>editor@aachronicle.co.uk</u>
Clocks go forward	Saturday Night 24th	
Palm Sunday	Sunday 25th	
Good Friday	30th	
Easter Day	Sunday 1st April	
Easter Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd April	

Book these dates.

***Annual Parish Public Meeting. Wednesday 18th April, at 7.30pm
Village Hall. Come along and have your views voiced as to what
goes on in the village.***

Bucks county Show Thursday 30th August

Aston Abbotts Horticultural Show Saturday 1st September



Hedge Cutting Damage to Car

I received a call today from Lesley from Stewkley. She was driving through Aston Abbotts down Cublington Road when she saw hedge cutting taking place using a large tractor. She said there were very large branches over the road and due to cars behind her, she had to drive over the branches when one of them got caught under her car which she couldn't release

Dear Editor,

We live in Cublington Road and have been appalled at the lack of care used in trimming back the vegetation. There was large amounts of cuttings, some very large left in the road. The quality of work is very poor mainly due to the way machinery has been used inappropriately. I would hope our Parish Council would step in and make a complaint.

despite having assistance from a former policeman who advised the operative that he should have signs displayed warning the public as to what is going on.

The operative was said to have said F*** O** to the former policeman who replied I will phone your boss to inform them.

Lesley was inquiring whether anyone else has had trouble with driving through or after hedge cutting has been conducted.

The Chronicle and postie might like to hear from anyone who has, and we have..

Maybe if it had not been left so long it would have been easier to cut back. Martin & Heather. Surely a more pertinent observation.. driving in the country is subject to current ads on the radio about driving safely on country lanes by being both observant defensive and anticipating the potential for danger.. driving over hazards in the road is surely questionable on each issue raised.

Jeff Bannister.

Dear Editor

I have noticed that a large part of The Chronicle is now taken up with articles about Aylesbury and quite a lot of alerts issued by Thames Valley Police. While I can see the value of the police alerts I am not sure we really want to hear all about criminals in Aylesbury. It is a shame we do not have more local news and articles. It would be lovely if everyone in the village

Dear Pete

At last we had a great weekend with good weather and what did we have down near at the allotment? Fire! Why do some allotment people start fires when the weather is sunny? It swamps gardens south of the allotments. Please people, if you do need to start fires please leave it until late afternoon or evenings so we residents can enjoy the sunny weather we are rarely given.

Richard

think about writing a short item every so often about anything they have done and enjoyed locally or even further afield eg a local walk or local meal (good or bad).

Perhaps also the ladies club and other local groups could send in a short report about what they have been doing.

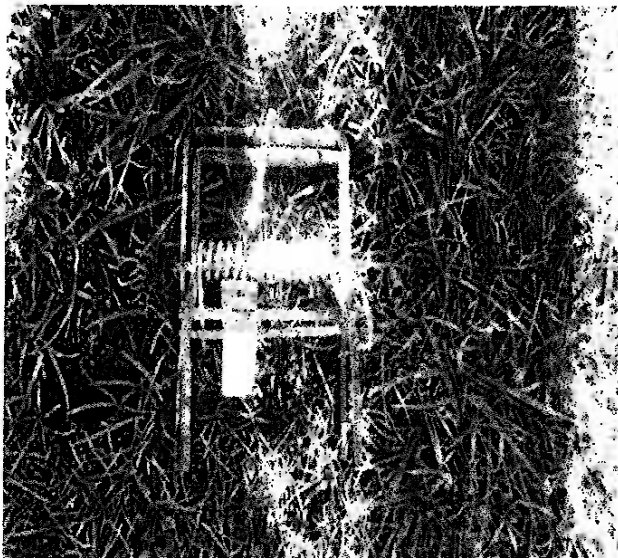
Regards **Sally Palmer**

Hi, I am looking for a room to rent in Aston Abbotts or within 15 minute drive. I am a 20 year old horse rider, working just outside of Aston Abbotts/Cublington, I work 6 days a week, with a day off during the week, when I usually go home to my parents'. So I just need a place to sleep, prepare food, share a bathroom and spend occasional evenings.

Is there a way that you can help me to connect with people who might be interested in helping me find a room? I'd appreciate any help you can give me,

Thanks, **Lillie Bailey**
lillie792@gmail.com

Horror find. Not our park but not far away



This afternoon I took my four year old son to Stone Recreation Park. We were playing in the park together for about 15 mins and then he picked up something from the ground and held it up to show me. He said "Mummy what's this?". I couldn't make it out immediately, but it looked nasty, I yelled at him in fright to "Drop it!" which fortunately he did. I went to look at it and it was a 12-15cm strong spring loaded animal trap! It was all set up and left to activate in the middle of a children's play park. My son's fingers were literally 2-3cm away from setting it off, it could have caused a serious injury! I have reported it to the police and have a URN. Please can I urge all parents to check over parks thoroughly before letting your children play. I always have a good look around

and always supervise my child closely and yet this incident still happened, fortunately I was there to tell him to drop it immediately otherwise I dread to think what could have happened. I have set the trap off and disposed of it. Please be careful.

Dear readers.

A bracing walk up lines hill. Aston Abbott's. Amazing what you see. Long tailed and blue tits. Squirrels (I like them) 2 fabulous red kites just above me and a buzzard. Can't beat the English countryside. **Diana Shillingford.**

Please Note



Dangerous position for sheep.

If you ever see a ewe like this stuck on their back and farmer not around then please gently roll them right side up as they can die in such a position. This time of year when they are heavy in lamb it is easy for them to get stuck.

Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Synopsis of Council meeting 24th January 2018

Present: - Cllrs. Mrs K Curry (Chair), C Higgs, P Spooner, Cllr P Shorrocks, Cllr N Glover (County), Cllr L Clough, Mr F Post (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:

- It was NOTED that the hedge cutting requirement for one resident was still outstanding.
- It was NOTED that the broken street signs for Humphrey Close and Hunters Way are being addressed by AVDC.
- It was NOTED that the cable issue with Abbey ash tree had been resolved.

Clerk's Report

- Faulty light at Bricstock now resolved – faulty lights within Wingrave jurisdiction need to be notified.
- Play around the Parishes date confirmed for 25th July 2018.
- Additional installation cost for runway seat approved at £40.00.
- Potholes temporary repairs quickly implemented due to speedy action from Cllrs Higgs and Glover. Further potholes becoming apparent.
- Registry of Electors has been published on notice board

County Council/ District Council Updates:

- Report from Cllr Glover was delivered to Councillors and the following highlights duly noted:
- An update on broadband developments was provided informing the Council that Aylesbury Vale Broadband (AVB) had sold their assets to Gigaclear which will enable seven villages to be connected through AVB and provide the benefits of ultrafast fibre to the premises (FTTP) network across the Vale.
- Cllr Glover also highlighted the publication of the National Infrastructure Report which incorporated some radical suggestions for the Vale including the impact of the Expressway through the Oxford – Cambridge corridor and the growth of more housing within Milton Keynes.

Council Matters

- The Council resolved / agreed to co-opt **Mrs Lesley Clough** as the new Councillor for the Parish Council effective from today.
- Bin Lines Hill: Overflowing litter has diminished with adverse weather probably being a contributory factor.
- Grass mowing 2018: It was AGREED to approve the quotes from Buckland and Lynch Garden Services, previously circulated. Cllr Clough requested that Buckland would ensure that grass cuttings were removed from the playground during the growth season.
- Czech celebrations: It was AGREED to contact April Gilbert to determine her involvement and consider the participation of Wingrave PC by engaging with Neil Rees. Cllr Shorrocks agreed to progress communication with all stakeholders.
- Public footpaths: It was NOTED that Cllr Spooner was collating data of existing and “lost” footpaths to ensure that details were available for review and consideration before 2026 deadline.
- Footpath access: It was NOTED that the footpath behind Norduck farm was difficult to access. It was therefore AGREED to contact Joanne Taylor from BCC to determine whether improvements for access could be applied.

Planning

- It was NOTED that the planning application 17/04299/APP (Norduck Farm) had been withdrawn.
- A meeting has been arranged with senior managers from AVDC Planning and Enforcement on 8th February to discuss how the Parish can contribute to more effective planning and enforcement processes.

Recreation Ground

- It was AGREED to provide a sign for the gate for the play area that states “no dogs allowed in this area”.

Meetings

- The next **Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm Village Hall, Aston Abbots.

Please note that this is a synopsis of the meeting solely for publication in the Chronicle. The full minutes of the Council meeting are published on the website

Flight Ticket Fraud

Fraudsters are attempting to entice victims who are looking for cheap flights abroad.

Victims have reported booking tickets via websites or a “popular” ticket broker, only to discover that after payment via bank transfer or electronic wire transfer, the tickets/booking references received are counterfeit. In some cases, all communications between the company or broker and the victim have been severed.

Fraudsters are targeting individuals who are seeking to travel to African nations and the Middle East, particularly those wishing to travel in time for popular public and religious holidays.

Prevention Advice:

- Pay safe: Be cautious if you're asked to pay directly into a private individual's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money is very difficult to trace and is not refundable. Wherever

possible, pay by credit card or a debit card.

- Conduct research on any company you're considering purchasing tickets from; for example, are there any negative reviews or forum posts by previous customers online? Don't just rely on one review - do a thorough online search to check the company's credentials.
- Check any company website thoroughly; does it look professional? Are there any spelling mistakes or irregularities? There should be a valid landline phone number and a full postal address so that the company can be contacted. Avoid using the site if there is only a PO Box address and mobile phone number, as it could be difficult to get in touch after you buy tickets. PO Box addresses and mobile phone numbers are easy to change and difficult to trace.
- Be aware that purchasing tickets from a third party, particularly when initial contact has been made via a social media platform can be incredibly risky.
- If tickets to your intended destination appear cheaper than any other vendor,

always consider this; if it looks too good to be true, it probably is!

- Look for the logo: Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA or ATOL. You can verify membership of

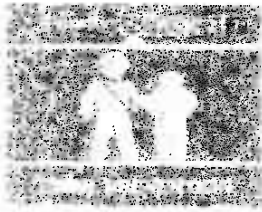
ABTA online,
at www.abta.com.

- If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

- ***Revealed: The Aylesbury Vale worst food hygiene ratings. These Aylesbury Vale restaurants, cafes, takeaways have been given a one or less hygiene rating by the Food Standards Agency.***

- All but one of the businesses with a hygiene rating of one or zero were inspected in 2017. Some of the businesses listed have since closed. Each business is given their hygiene rating when it is inspected by a food safety officer from the business's local authority. The inspection criteria include:
 - - How hygienically the food is handled - how it is prepared,
 - - cooked, re-heated, cooled and stored

- - The condition of the structure of the buildings – the cleanliness, layout, lighting, ventilation and other facilities
- - How the business manages and records what it does to make sure food is safe. At the end of the inspection, the business is given one of the six ratings from 0-5.
- Below are our local Nil or 1 star ratings.
- **Wings in Wing Fish and chip and Chinese takeaway Wing - 1 Star**
- **Top Friars Fish and chip shop (Nr Sainsbury's) 1 Star**
- **Greek Taverna Aylesbury - 0 Star**
- **The Chadnis Indian Cuisine 0 Star**



Help keep your children safe online

The internet is a fantastic place for young people to learn, play and socialise but it's vital that they're aware of its dangers and how to stay safe. Here's a few tips to help your child stay safe online:

- Make sure your child knows what personal information is and that they're share aware
- Ensure you understand the social media your child is using. If you don't know your *Roblox* from your *Snapchat* or are getting in a *Twitch* trying to keep on top of the social media networks your child is using, visit the Net Aware website
- Follow the NSPCC's TEAM approach:
 - **T**alk – to your child/children about staying safe online, what worries them and you about them being online, the emotional aspects of social media (jealousy, self-esteem etc.)
 - **E**xplore their online world together
 - **A**gree rules about what is ok and not
 - **M**anage parental controls on all your family's devices.
 - **R**epeat – make it part of everyday life

If you need help setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings or need advice on social networks call the free O2 & NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5002.

If you fall victim to cyber crime or experience an attempted scam report it to **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.

For more information and advice visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/pyw.

Tools recovered from Thieves

A large number of tools have been recovered from containers as part of a Thames Valley Police investigation.



The tools were recovered at locations in Aylesbury on Friday (2/2) and Milton Keynes on Saturday (3/2).

Five people have been arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods including one person who has also been arrested on suspicion of theft by finding.

Officers are working to reunite owners with their property.

Superintendent Tim Metcalfe, LPA commander for Aylesbury said: "The theft of tools is a serious and organised form of criminality that is on the increase. It impacts on the ability of honest tradespeople to

work and, as a consequence, can undermine the reputation of individuals and businesses.

"The seizure of stolen tools presents an opportunity to bring those responsible to justice and return the items to their rightful owners. This will be made significantly easier in cases where the tools have been marked.

"We believe that a yellow van may be connected to these incidents and ask storage container businesses and members of the public to remain vigilant. If you have any information please call 101 quoting reference 43180036066."

Notes to Editors:

A 38-year-old man from Milton Keynes, a 16-year-old boy from Luton, a 20-year-old man from Milton Keynes, a 23-year-old man from Milton Keynes have been arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods. They have been released on bail to appear at Milton Keynes police station on 2 March.

A 21-year-old man from Milton Keynes has been arrested on suspicion of theft by finding and handling stolen goods. He also has been released on bail to appear at Milton Keynes police station on 2 March.

The Astonians

Up to old tricks again - astonpete

I have to tell you about the week I've just had. I met a beautiful young girl of 25 last Monday and wined and dined her at my favourite restaurant in Oxfordshire. It was great and we spoke about many things including our past, being a gentleman to ladies and wealth. She was impressed.

We met at neutral locations through the week but it was on Friday evening I took her to a jewelry shop in Bond Street. I told the Jeweler I was looking for a special ring for my girlfriend. The jeweler looked through some trays and brought out a £5,000 ring. I said 'No, I'd like to see something more special. Price is immaterial.

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over. 'Here's a

stunning ring at only £80,000, it's the famous Azure Blue."

Well my girl's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. Seeing this, I said, 'We'll take it.'

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and I told him by cheque as I only had some cash and no cards on me at the time.

'I know you need to make sure my cheque is valid, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds; I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon.'

On Monday morning, I received a stern call from the jeweler informing me that there was insufficient funds in that account!

"I know,' I said... 'But let me tell you about my weekend.'

Hedgehog numbers have declined by half since 2000



The State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2018, published jointly by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), is the only comprehensive review of the status of Britain's hedgehogs.

Counting the nocturnal animals is difficult but the data that exists shows the hedgehog is in long-term decline. There are perhaps just a million left, representing a 97% fall from the 30m estimated to have roamed in the 1950s.

Andrea Small, of leading wildlife hospital St Tiggywinkles in Haddenham, said: "At Tiggywinkles over the past couple of years, our intake of hedgehogs has increased.

"Especially the quantity hedgehogs that have been too small to hibernate, our intake over this

period has seen over a 100% increase.

"However, this is not necessarily a reflection of their population and survival in the wild, it is entirely possible that as people have become more aware of the plight of the hedgehog, and they know how to identify whether a hedgehog is in trouble and that it needs taking to a wildlife hospital.

"Additionally, we see hedgehogs who sadly are brought in sick or injured from situations that can be easily avoided.

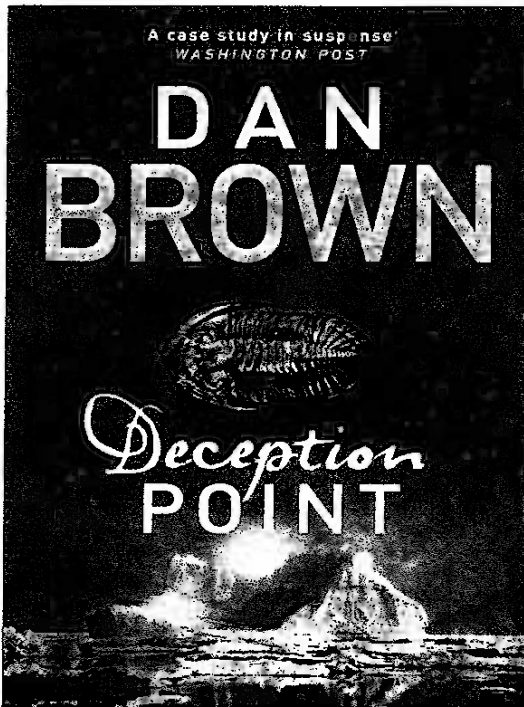
"Lifting up football goal netting overnight and when not in use, providing a ramp in garden ponds, hedgehogs are good swimmers, but steep sided ponds can be fatal for them.

"Being careful and mindful when gardening, every year we see hedgehogs with injuries from garden forks, strimmers and also very sadly their nests that have babies in being destroyed."

For more information on the work of Tiggywinkles go to www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk

February Book Club

The book for February was



'Deception Point' by Dan Brown. With the background of a US presidential election, NASA make a find that will change the future of the planet. This fast moving, meticulously researched thriller keeps the reader in suspense till the end. For a book written in 2001 it is amazingly 'current' with fake news, surveillance drones, ground penetrating radar and other technology which has matured in the intervening years so that the story is eminently believable. The author also points out that the clandestine government organisations involved are all real. Unusually everyone had read the

book and there was much discussion lasting over an hour (a record I believe). A good read – keep an eye out for copies on the Fete bookstall in July.

David Gray

ukdavidgray@gmail.com).

MOTHER GOOSE

As a member of the Vale Music Society, Nigel knew some of the people involved in Long Marston's annual panto this year. It turned out to be the 31st production organised by Long Marston's Horticultural Society which apparently organises several village events each year. The show was specially written by the ubiquitous Neil Gurney who is famous in the area for writing and directing amateur productions around the Vale.

I have to say it was a very enjoyable evening with all the ingredients expected of a panto. The sets were particularly impressive and beautifully painted. Usually in amateur pantos there are one or two weak characters but I thought

all the acting was well done and there were very few forgotten lines. Pat Daniels, who many of you will know, was funny as Flush the toilet duck, helper to Fairy Ida Down. Her costume featured toilet mats, toilet rolls and she generally appeared carrying her toilet brush. Squire Suet and his son, Spotted Dick, spoke with broad Yorkshire accents that they successfully maintained throughout and Sally Smith was hilarious as Mother Goose's maid, Moppit. Alan Munt was in his element as Mother Goose. Several children were involved and their songs, written and choreographed by Neil Gurney, were well done. It was certainly one of the best amateur pantos I have seen, even if it was nearly 3 hours long including the interval! We were warned at the start when the welcoming remarks included the joke that breakfast would be served during the interval.

Audience participation was positively encouraged and eagerly entered into by the packed and appreciative audience of mainly friends and family and included unsolicited banter from the back row. Even though we are not from

Long Marston and I certainly knew very few of the cast, it was a lovely community evening.

Sally Palmer

PS Tickets are now available for Vale Musical Society's production of My Fair Lady at the Court Theatre near Tring which runs from Tuesday 8th May to Saturday 12th May at 19:30 (Matinee on Saturday at 14:00). Contact Nigel on 01296 681152 for tickets.

For Sale

Brand new 'Orlando Top Changer' Cot.

Still in box unused.

£115 or nearest offer.

Call Elaine on 01296681116

Church Duties

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Mowing</i>
<i>3/3</i>	<i>Colin/Caroline</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>As per Gordon 681763</i>
<i>10/3</i>	<i>Gordon/Anne</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>""</i>
<i>17/3</i>	<i>Alex/Anita</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>""</i>
<i>24/3</i>	<i>Colin/Gay</i>	<i>Lent</i>	<i>""</i>
<i>31/3</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Easter decorations</i>	<i>""</i>



Mothering Sunday 11th March,

A date not to be missed.

No doubt you've already planned to treat your 'Dear old Mum' and of course sent her a nice card. If your plans for the day involve being in, or near to Aston abbotts, why not ask her if she'd like to come along to our lovely village church and join other families in a short, informal service celebrating this special occasion and giving thanks for all 'Mums'. She's certain to be pleased that you asked!!!

It will start at 10,00 with a breakfast served by the 'chaps of the church', followed by a short service at 10.30 during which all Mums will receive a posy; should leave plenty of time for you to perhaps take her out to lunch or afternoon tea.

A word from the Vicar

Dear all, Here goes for this month:
Dear friends, Yet again the clocks go forward one hour during March:

"Spring---forward Fall (Autumn) back" so goes the old wisdom. The changing of the time of course is all to do originally with the needs of the farming community and the journey to and from school by our younger children.

Most people now seem to argue that this needs to come to an end and we should just settle down and leave the clocks alone! I guess there are arguments for and against, but whether we'll actually do anything is another matter.

Changes occur quite organically in many cases, others need much discussion with many different angles being considered before any change should occur.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter we are given the opportunity for change which is real and constructive, life-giving and nurturing both personally and also for society as we consider the claims made two thousand years ago by a most remarkable man, Jesus of Nazareth. I wish you all a blessed Lenten build up to Easter.
God Bless, Philip.

FLOWERS of Remembrance FOR EASTER SUNDAY

As in previous years, there will be an arrangement of arum lilies behind the altar dedicated to the memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily, they will cost £2.50 each. Please give cash and names to Caroline Abel Smith (681001) or put through The Old Vicarage letterbox by Palm Sunday - 25th March latest.

The names of those to be remembered will be read out by the Revd Roger Hale at our Easter Day Service on Sunday 1st April at 10.30am.

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's Anglian Water did eventually turn up to connect the supply to the Church on Friday 2nd February but when they finally turned on the tap their pipe leaked and they gave up and went home at midday. We must apologise to the wedding party who were not able to christen our new facilities the next day as planned. On the following Monday the water was finally connected and four days later they did even manage to fit a water meter. However we do now have a

working toilet and kitchen thanks to the generosity of the late Len and Doris Scutchings.

The Family service on the 18th February included the usual enactment of episodes from the life and times of Jesus. This month was 'walking on the water'. Illustrating the fragile faith of the disciples. The holly hedge running along two sides of the 'new' graveyard has been reduced in height to help future maintenance and there is still plenty of good compost, free to collector, in the corner bin.

Future dates for your diary are the Breakfast Service on Mothering Sunday (11th March) and our famous Beetle Drive evening on Friday April 6th. On Sunday 24th June we will host another concert in the 'Music in quiet places' scheme. The Village Fete will be on Saturday 28th July and the Horticultural Show will be on Saturday 1st September in the Village Hall.

Thanks to all the Allotment holders for paying their rents for the year. We have one full plot available and Bob Carvey is looking for someone to take over part of his plot. Anyone interested please talk to Bob, Colin or myself.

David Gray



Services at Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

March 2018

4th March	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
11th March	10.00am	Breakfast in Village Hall	
	10.30am	followed by informal Service	
		on Mothering Sunday	
18th March	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Cannon David Holloway
25th March	10.30am	Palm Sunday	Revd. Roger Hale
		Parish Communion	
1st April	10.30am	Easter Day	Revd. Roger Hale
		Parish Communion	

100 Club Draw February 2018

1st Prize, £50 Cate Waite

2nd prize, £10 Jon Nicol

Who's Who when you need them. Important numbers

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Councillor	Peter Shorrocks	681260
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Councillor	Simon Guy	681319
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Vicar	Phillip Derbyshire	01525240287
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Church Mowing	Gordon Kemp	681763
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Friday 23 March Lego Club 15:30 - 16:30



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Don't forget we "Spring" forward one hour on 25th March

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Aston Abbotts Village Hall news – March 2018

The first year

Nearly a year after re-opening, and the hall is getting lots of use. Coffee morning, whist and bingo, yoga, fundraisers, private parties and meetings, and catering for St James's breakfast services, but there's still room in the calendar so if you want to hire our lovely hall, just ask.

Storage and chairs

There are now two storage sheds out the back for spare chairs, tables, and cleaning stuff, freeing up space in the main hall. We hope everyone is finding the new chairs easier to stack and move.

What now?

We still have a few things on the original wishlist, and some that are appearing as the hall gets used. Lettings income covers running costs but we'll do more fundraising as and when needed – next up are likely to be another heater, improved ventilation, and repairs to the turret.

Vale Lottery

We get a small amount of extra income from our supporters in the Vale Lottery. This is very welcome, so do sign up online if this is your kind of thing! You can join up at ValeLottery.co.uk, support us or other local causes and have a chance to win a cash prize.

Want to help?

If you would like to help out with anything – cleaning, maintenance, fundraising – just ask. You don't need to be a trustee.

Bookings

Liz Barlow manages the bookings. You can email bookings to astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com or ring Liz (01296 682605/07976 671701) or Nigel Palmer (01296 681152).

Caroline Lane – Aston Abbotts Village Hall trustees

Aston Abbotts Village Hall Trustees group: Caroline Lane (Chair), Liz Hall (Secretary), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer), Liz Barlow (bookings), Peter Shorrocks, John Whyte, Kevin Copping.

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Horwood Band Annual Concert

Dear friends of the Great Horwood Band

Just to remind you that the band's annual concert will on Saturday 10th March 7.30pm in the Buckingham Community Centre. Entry by programme at the door £7 and £5 concessions. Refreshments will be available. Regards. Beryl Band Secretary

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.

Volunteers offer a listening ear, reassurance and encouragement, playing and helping with the children, practical support or an extra pair of hands! This simple parent-to-parent help can have a positive and long-lasting impact on family life.

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.

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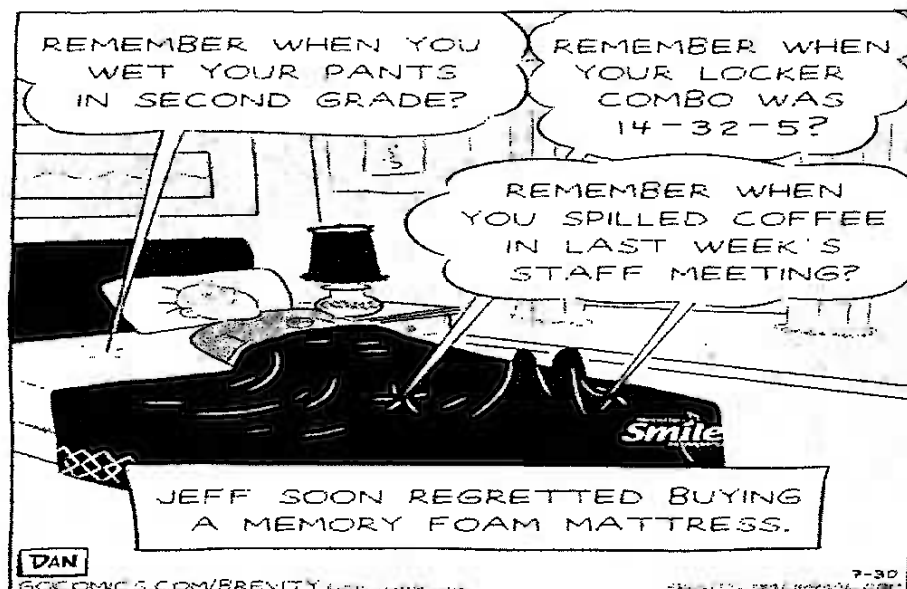
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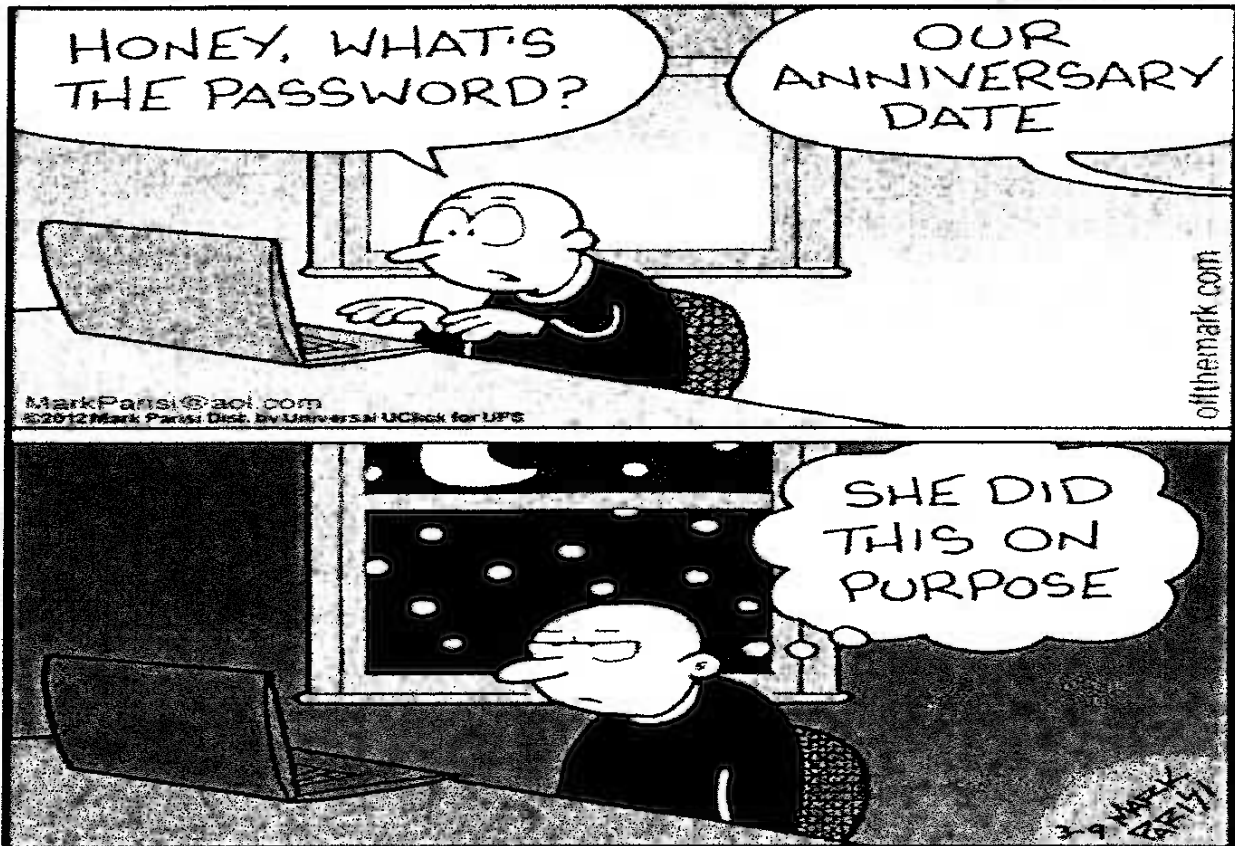




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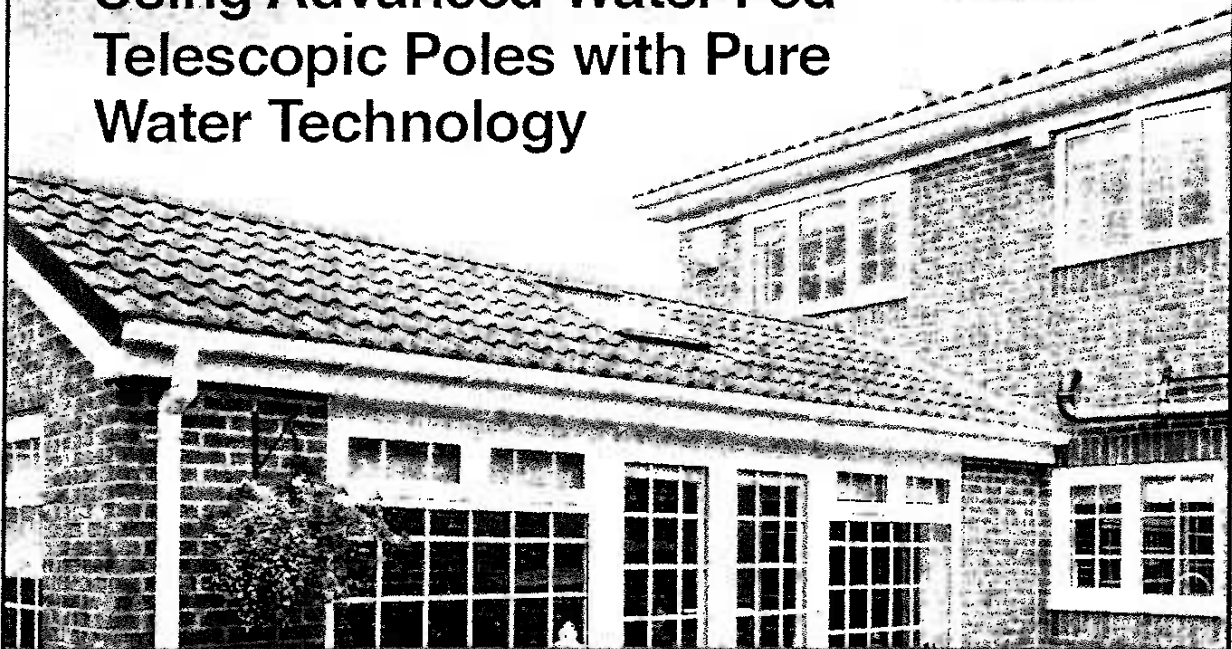
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For the Giggle

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

AttORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition

notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And the best for last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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