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Village Quiz Nights Sunday 15th July & August 12th 7.30

And the Village Fete on Saturday 28th July 1pm

From the Editor.

Lots going on this month so please check the ***What's On*** guide inside. Please remember this edition covers August too.

Concerns with speeding through the village gathers momentum. See ***Your Letters***. Plus many other stories, and, 10% off the menu at the Royal Oak this month. ***Ed***

News in brief

Monday 5th June. A van containing stolen goods was stopped and seized and 2 arrested on suspicion of Theft. The offence happened in Oving and the Wing Pcsos found it in Wing and had it stopped by Pc Gray near Wingrave.



A 20 year old male from Birmingham has been charged with driving a motor vehicle on

a road whilst uninsured in Wingrave, contrary to Section 143 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. He will appear at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on 19/06/2018.

He was also cautioned, along with another 21 year old male from Birmingham, for the offence of Theft on 04/06/2018 at Oving, for stealing 4 Alloy Wheels to the value of £2,000- Contrary to section 1 (1) and 7 of the Theft Act 1968.

The stolen property was recovered and returned to their owner 🙌🇬

Keep vigilant 👁️👁️ and report any suspicious circumstances to us where we will be happy to assist and investigate.



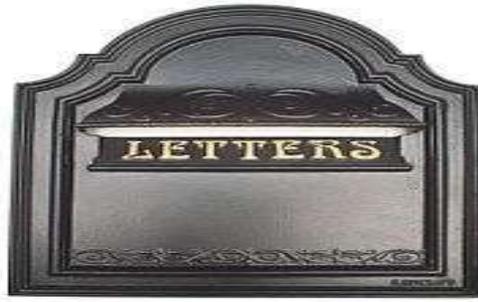
Sunday

15th July 7.30pm

**Full Cash Prize and Free Draw
Dinner for two.**

**Get a team together or join one
at The Royal Oak for fun &
frolics.**

Food available



Dear Pete,

Following your editorial in the June edition of the Chronicle, I am writing to clarify the position of Aston Abbots Parish Council with regard to speeding vehicles in and around the village.

There is no doubt that over the past couple of years there has been a massive increase in both volume and speed of traffic on all routes in and out of the village. The Berryfields link road between the A41 and A413 has created a rat-run from Weedon, through Aston Abbots, to by-pass Aylesbury. Sadly many of these drivers are trying to get from A to B as quickly as possible. I am sure many people sympathise with Lyn (letters page) in her plea for Moat Lane to become a quiet rural lane once more.

So what part can the Parish Council play in all this? In your editorial in the June Chronicle you

commented, *“The Parish Council must act to cease the speeding on The Green main road at the earliest opportunity.”* If only it was that simple!

Anyone who has attended Parish Council meetings over the past ten years or so will know what the Parish Council can and does do to try and address traffic issues. Here are some of the actions the Parish Council has taken:

- At least one Parish Councillor attends every meeting of the Local Area Forum (LAF), where local traffic issues are one of the topics regularly discussed. It is the LAF who have given us the grant to start our traffic calming by painting white hatching at either end of the inner Green, to try and slow up traffic in those areas, as well as a new HGV sign. Hopefully both these will be installed soon.
- The Parish Council is represented on the Transport for Bucks Traffic Sub-Group,

which looks specifically at local traffic and traffic calming issues, including HGVs.

- There is an active Speed Watch group in the village, which has the authority to send out warning letters to persistent offenders and to report them to the police. This group is in desperate need of fresh volunteers if it is to continue.
- We share a MVAS sign (the one which tells you your speed) with several other villages. As well as recording speed, this device gives us data about traffic flow, which may be useful as evidence.
- This year the Parish Council has funded the use of 'speed tubes' to monitor traffic on Lines Hill and in the centre of the village. It is possible we may be able to use the data as evidence to ask for reduced speed limits on these roads.
- Netta Glover, our County Councillor, has during the past few weeks funded the white 'gates' at each entrance to the village, asking drivers to drive carefully (this would have cost around £4000 if we had to pay, so thank you Netta).
- The Parish Council was the instigator of the 30mph limit being extended to the edge of

the village on Lines Hill, and also funded the 30mph 'roundels' painted on the roads.

- The pavement from the Royal Oak to Wingrave Crossroads was funded by the Parish Council, with the help of various grants over a period of years.

With an annual precept of around £14,000 per year, even with reserves in the bank, we are not in a position to implement the sort of major traffic calming this village seems to need. Only by massive fundraising and grant applications would any such traffic calming be affordable.

The Parish Council will not respond directly to random comments made in the Chronicle or other public media. If you would like to ask a question of the Parish Council there are two ways to do this;

1. Come along to a Parish Council meeting, where you can ask directly during the public comments part of the meeting.
2. Write to or email the Clerk, Frank Post. His contact details are in every edition of the Chronicle.

Finally, in 2019 there will be local elections. If you feel strongly about traffic calming, or indeed any other local issue, why not put yourself forward for election to the Parish Council? It would be lovely to have some new people and new ideas on how to manage some of the issues around the village – local government at its best.

Kate Curry

Dear Residents and Editor,

Cars, lorry's, vans all seem to think it's ok to sweep through our village, plenty above the 30 mph stated legal limit. I was walking through the village the other day and waved my arm using the 'slow down' signal to a speeder only to 'get the single finger' and verbals from a young girl in, I presume, the perceived safety of her car with the ability to escape. Of course, if someone in a vehicle stops to argue about this, you have no idea of the impending consequence from a situation not of your own making, I.e speeding - that is the drivers choice, not the informers, in my opinion.

Chairman, Aston Abbots Parish Council

Thank you for responding Kate. The action so far has been noticed. Residents living on the main road of the Green suffer the main brunt of speeders through the straight length of road. I note on entry to the village from Lines Hill to Moat Lane there is no less than five 30MPH signs including the illuminated speeding sign. On the main road of the Green where children play, nothing. (Ed)

With the impending extra HS2 traffic and the existing massive housing expansion in Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard, Aston Abbott's and its near neighbours seem to have already become a 24 hour a day rat run to both these places as well as Bicester to beat the traffic and its going to get worse. There is nothing the police can or will do, unless it is to pick up the pieces of the outcome of speeding, as they did with the drug and drink fuelled incident on the Cublington Road a couple of years ago. Since then the roads are busier, faster and our old little village and residents are the likely victims - I can see no

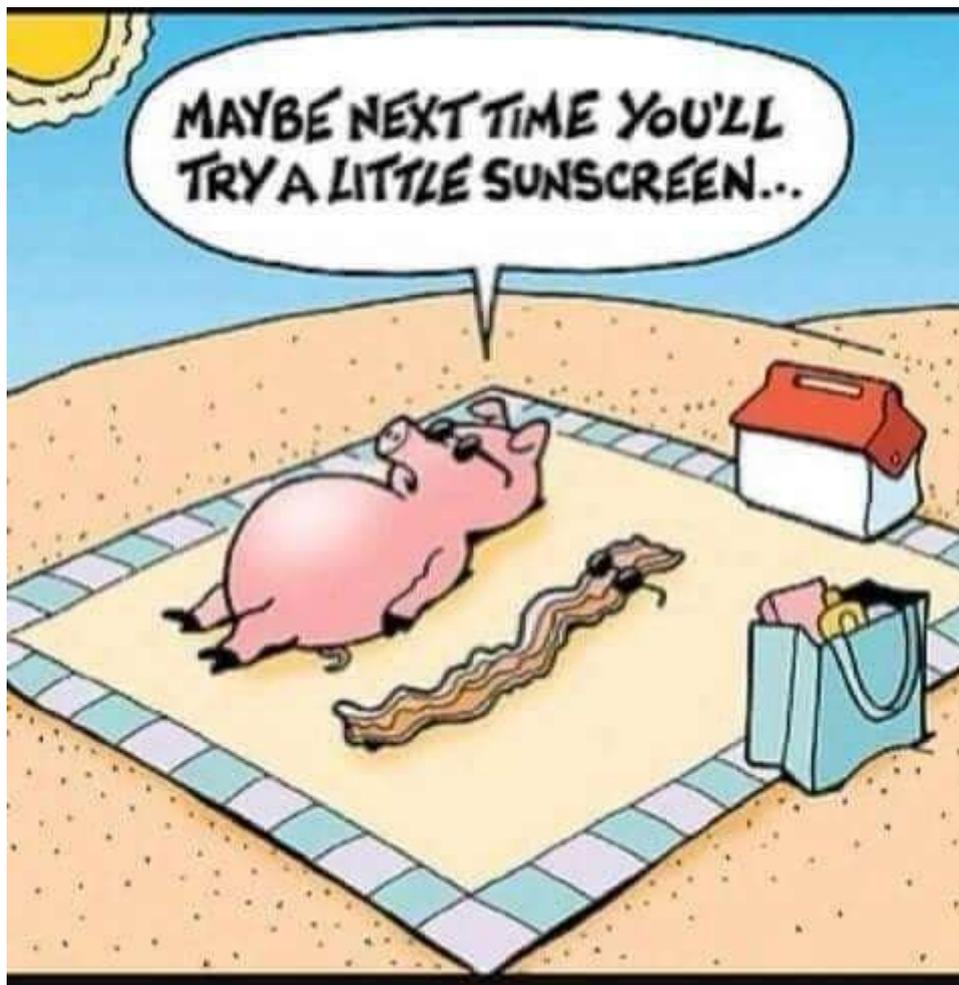
evidence of anything actually being done to curb this issue.

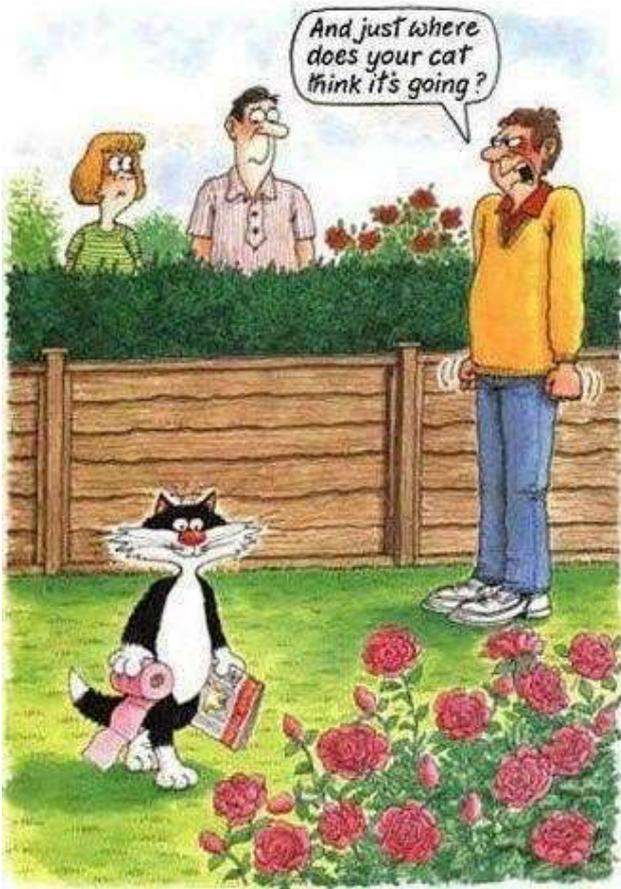
Why are there speed bumps in Ivinghoe and Pitstone - both served by AVDC - and not here? What makes them so special they deserve them and we don't? I'm jealous, to be honest, that they do have them. I absolutely want them but I'm a lone voice, or am I? I would really like to hear from the village residents if I am not, to impress the need to AVDC and our MP. Personally, I've had enough of track days though this village and would like to see an end to it.

Councillors, AVDC, do let me know that there are probably reams of rules/laws that have to be abided by and forms to fill in before something like this can be achieved - I'm not a lawyer. In the mean time we wait for another inevitable incident. Who's going to be the unlucky one? To try to not make it me and my family, I'm going to frequently park on the road now and if my car gets hit, it's a legally parked, insured lump of metal and it's not a human being. Sorry if it gets in your way.

Mark Davison

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The Astonians

Molly Proctor gets some of her own medicine. astonpete

I have to say this as I'm getting fed up with one resident Molly Proctor, the village gossip and self-appointed monitor of the village morals. She keeps sticking her nose into other people's business including mine.

Several residence do not approve of her activities but fear her enough to maintain their silence and distance. Well I've had enough.

She made a mistake the other day when she accused me of being an alcoholic after she saw my car parked in the car park of pub one afternoon last week.

She made no bones about it. She told me straight, and several others, whilst she walked past me putting my wheelie bin out. She raised her voice and said that everyone seeing my at the pub would know what I was doing!

Looking at her as if I had just been lectured to by a demented nun, I bit my tongue but stared at her for a moment, then turned and walked away. I didn't explain, defend or deny. I said nothing.

Later that evening, I quietly parked his car in front of Molly's house, walked home... and left it there all night and I'm going to do the same tonight.

ASTON ABBOTTS
VILLAGE
FETE
& Dog Show
SAT 28th JULY 1-4pm

Bric-a-Brac, Books, Bottles & Plants!

Please could you start putting aside any items that you would be kind enough to donate to the Fete. We would like the following:

Books - fiction, non-fiction and children's books for the Book Stall.

Bric-a-brac - quality items such as china, glass, small items of furniture, toys, pictures, in fact most things except electrical items or clothing.

Bottles - anything drinkable for the Bottle Tombola.

Plants - any plants that you could pot up and label for the Plant Stall.

We would also love any contributions to the Cake Stall, however for the purpose of storage

and keeping the cakes fresh, will be asking for these to be dropped off on the day.

Our fabulous team of Local Co-ordinators will be knocking on doors and popping flyers through letter boxes mid July detailing collection dates, which will also give you the opportunity to buy raffle tickets. This year's star prize is a flight for three people over the local area!

If you would like to get involved on the day, please get in touch!

Thanks,
Ali Carstens - Fete Co-ordinator
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FETE



& Dog Show



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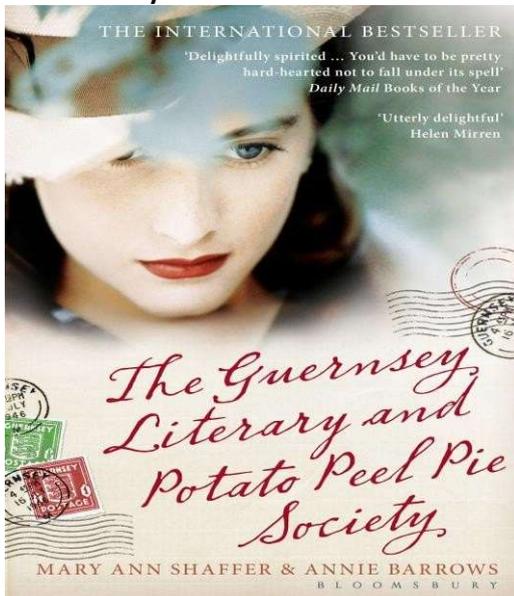
- SILVER BAND • MORRIS MEN • MAGICIAN • TRACTORS •
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- PIMMS • BOOKS • CAKES • BRIC-A-BRAC... and lots more!

**ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE GREEN
(HP22 4LX)**

Aston Abbotts Book Club

The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

Chosen by Francesca



Mary Ann Shaffer became interested in Guernsey while visiting London in 1976. On a whim, she decided to fly to Guernsey but became stranded there when a thick fog descended. All boats and planes were cancelled. Waiting for the fog to lift. She read all the books in the Guernsey airport bookstore, including *JERSEY UNDER THE JACK-BOOT*. This began her fascination with the German Occupation of the Channel Islands.

Many years later, persuaded by her writing club she wrote 'THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY', which was met with enthusiasm, by her family, then by her writing group, and finally by publishers. Mary Ann's

health began to decline and she asked her niece, Annie Barrows, to help her finish the book.

The novel does not have normal chapters, instead, the story is told through various correspondences between the characters.

The novel starts in January 1946, as London recovers from World War II and much of London lies in rubble.

Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. She receives a letter from a man she's never met, Dawsey Adams. Who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb.

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society - born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.

Juliet begins a correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey,

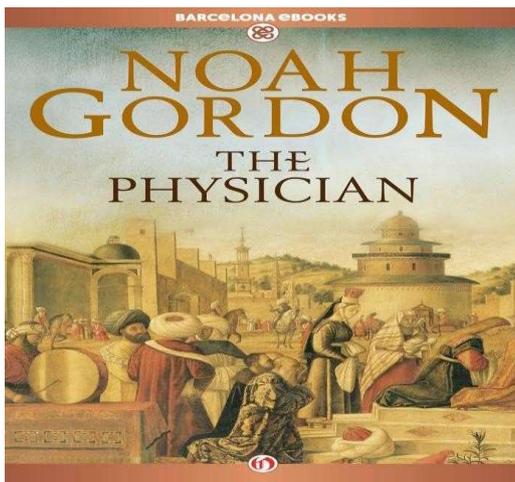
and what she finds will change her forever.

Those who saw the film and read the book found the book much

better, as the film left out several characters.

In general the book was enjoyed by most!

The Physician by Noah Gordon



I chose this book as it was recommended to me by my sister-in-law who said it was a good read. A different angle! It was a little difficult to source, however, once starting to read the part factual, part fictional story of Rob Cole's search to become a "physician" it was well told and easily read.

England 1020 an orphaned boy, with powers to anticipate death, is given to an itinerant Barber Surgeon. The first part of the story is dedicated to the travels all over the country. They eat well and he

learns many tricks of the trade as well and becomes "street wise".

When Barber dies Rob continues as a Barber surgeon, helping patients as best he can and selling medicine of dubious value, but he wants to learn more and tries to find training in England. He meets a Jewish physician who tells him he can learn more in Cordoba and further away in Persia.

Rob sets out across Europe heading for Persia and the city of Ispahan where he knows there is a training hospital. He travels via Constantinople slowly joining various "caravans" for safety. On the way he meets Mary Cullen who's travelling with her father (the tenuous love interest that brings the book together). On the way he gets to know a group of Jewish merchants and takes lessons in Persian from one of them. He soon learns that the Jewish merchants have a system of using Jewish Enclaves across the Middle

East to stay in during their long journeys and decides to pretend to be Jewish in order to take advantage of this system. The book describes the various Jewish rituals that he learns.

When he finally reaches his destination after 2 years, he is not allowed access to the school of Physicians as he is not deemed sufficiently scholarly or from the right background. He fights to be allowed to enter until finally the Shah of Persia intervenes and he is allowed entry.

He finds the training arduous as it includes religious and other studies as well as medicine and he is still not very good at Persian but he wins through in the end after many trials and tests. He is sent with some other trainees to deal alone with an outbreak of plague and is forced to accompany the Shah on some military campaigns. In this

part of the book we learn many interesting things about medicine in those days especially the lack of knowledge of anatomy as most religious considered dissection a sin.

Finally, he becomes a Physician and he is reunited with Mary who he secretly marries. After the Shah is overthrown by an invading army he and Mary travel back to England with their young son finally settling in Scotland.

Despite being a rather long book everybody really enjoyed reading the story. It had lots of insights of how the world was at that time.

If you see a tatty edition of the book at the fete I would recommend you buy it to read and enjoy all the little bits of information that are presented in this story. It is loosely historical.

Brigitte Gutierrez

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What's on in July

<i>Rambling Club</i>	<i>Sunday 1st 2pm</i>	<i>College Lake</i>
<i>Evensong</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>St James Church</i>
<i>Fish & Chip Van</i>	<i>Wednesday 4/11/18/25 8-8.30</i>	<i>Aston Abbotts</i>
<i>Morning cafe</i>	<i>Thursday 5th - 10.12</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Whist Drive</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Footpath walk</i>	<i>Sunday 8th – 2pm</i>	<i>The Green</i>
<i>Morning cafe</i>	<i>Thursday 12th 10-12</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Bingo</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Summer Ball</i>	<i>Saturday 14th 6.30</i>	<i>Wingrave Road</i>
<i>Village Quiz Night</i>	<i>Sunday 15th 7.30pm</i>	<i>Royal Oak Pub</i>
<i>Morning café</i>	<i>Thursday 19th 10-12</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Whist Drive</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Parish Council</i>	<i>Wednesday 7.30pm</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Village Fete & Festival</i>	<i>Saturday 28th 1pm</i>	<i>The Green</i>
<i>Church Floral displays</i>	<i>Sunday 29th</i>	<i>St James Church</i>
<i>Songs of Praise</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>St James Church</i>

What's on in August

<i>Rambling Club</i>	<i>Friday 3rd 11am</i>	<i>Globe Inn. Circular walk & lunch</i>
<i>Fish & Chip Van</i>	<i>Wednesday 1/8/15/22/29 8-8.30</i>	<i>Aston Abbotts</i>
<i>Morning cafe</i>	<i>Thursday 12th 10-12</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Village Quiz Night</i>	<i>Sunday 12th 7.30pm</i>	<i>Royal Oak</i>
<i>Bucks County Show</i>	<i>Thursday 30th</i>	<i>Weedon Park</i>

***Note Dates: Saturday 1st September – Horticultural Show Village Hall.
Schedules from Colin Higgs or Simon Guy***



ALLOTMENT DIARY

No change as far as potatoes and onions are concerned: all are thriving. When we had that wet spell in the spring, I read an article in my paper saying there could be a risk of potato plight: however the weeks of fine weather we have experienced in May and June have clearly knocked that on the head. (Indeed, I am expecting to read shortly that we will have the first hosepipe ban of the year!)

Sweetcorn is now also doing well; but after a second and third planting of part of the crop. The French beans are clearly happy in their new home next to my bean canes, and mangetout and beetroot are also flourishing. I did buy a couple of courgette plans, because I thought that none of the courgette seed I had planted was going to germinate: but then one

did, and I will now have 3 courgette plants.

When I was digging up nettles in my garden I dug up some in an area where we had once planted Jerusalem artichoke, and discovered a large number of artichoke tubers. They are a bugger to peel, (which is, I suspect why they are not more widely grown), but delicious, and I very much enjoyed them. I would recommend them as a vegetable to grow, but be warned: once you have planted them, you never get rid of them. The smallest tuber left in the ground will germinate the following spring.

My strawberry crop has been disappointing, but fortunately one of my neighbours on the allotment, Simon Guy, has kindly let me have some of his abundant crop. Remarkably my autumn fruiting

raspberries have started fruiting already – in mid-June – whereas my recollection is that, in previous years, they have not produced fruit until mid-July at the earliest. I imagine it must be the result of the unusual weather conditions this year, with a very wet spring, followed by a warm, dry, early summer.

Two disappointments at the moment are parsnips and carrots. None of my parsnip seed germinated, so I face a parsnip-free year. However, talking to Richard Clarke, I discovered that he had only had two plants come up out of all the seed he had sown. It may be that it is not just my incompetence as a grower of parsnips that is the problem this year.

My carrots are being very slow to germinate: less than a dozen carrots have so far broken the surface, out of the 3 rows I have sown. However, there is still time

for these to come good; and if necessary I will sow more seed in early July.

Meanwhile, in the greenhouse my tomato plants are growing well, and I picked the first tomatoes from one today. I have also succeeded in raising 4 pepper plants. And, most remarkably, I have already picked my first cucumbers.

This year I bought a plant which was advertised as having been grafted, and promised an early crop. They were right. I bought the plant at the beginning of May, and picked my first, enormous cucumber before the end of the month, and have since picked two more. There is clearly going to be a hiatus before the next fruit is ready, but that will suit me fine: I cannot eat the cucumbers fast enough!

Peter Shorrocks

Aston Abbotts Horticultural Society AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 1st September 2018 Village Hall

Staging of exhibits between 10.00 and 11.30am

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECTION 1 – Classes 1 – 9

1. Beans, Runner – 4 pods
2. Beetroot – 3, with 7.5 cm tops
3. Carrots – 4 with 5 cm stalks
4. Tomatoes – 4 with stalks
5. Potatoes – 4 any variety
6. Onions – 3 any variety
7. Longest Marrow
8. A plate of 10 soft fruits
9. Apples – 3 any dessert variety

SECTION 2 – DOMESTIC CLASSES

10. Signature Challenge - 4 Cheese scones
11. Technical Challenge – Fruit & Pineapple Cake (made according to the [recipe](#) overleaf)
12. A Jar of Marmalade (labelled with fruit used)
13. A Jar of Jam/Jelly (labelled with fruit used)
14. A Jar of Chutney
15. A Lemon Drizzle Cake - own recipe – Men Only!
16. Floral arrangement: in a tea cup
17. A Pot Plant
18. A Photograph - "A Garden Visitor"
19. A bottle of home-made wine

SECTION 3 – JUNIOR CLASSES up to age 14
(Age up to 8 for classes 20 & 21 must be given on entry form)

20. An animal made out of vegetables

21. A Garden on a plate

22. 3 small decorated cup cakes

21. A Greeting Card

AWARDS

Aston Abbotts Coupe de Légumes – Most points in Vegetable Section – Classes 1-9

The Aston Abbotts Domestic Trophy – Most points in Domestic Section – Classes 10 – 14 and

Rosettes for Winners and Runners-up in each section

REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING

1. All classes are open to all persons.
2. All exhibits, unless provided in the additional regulations, must have been grown or made by the exhibitor.
3. Only one entry per person per class.
4. There will be an entry fee charge for sections 1 & 2 of £1 per class.
5. Entries must be staged between **10.00 and 11.30 am** on the day of the Show.
6. Exhibitors should collect Show Cards from the Show Secretary. Cards to be placed face downwards in front of the exhibit. It is helpful if varieties are labelled.
7. No exhibitor is permitted to move another exhibitor's entry. A show steward must be contacted.
8. Exhibitors should consult members of the Committee present at the staging of exhibits on any queries as to the correct class for particular exhibits.
9. Property is displayed at the exhibitor's risk.
10. Judging will take place between **11.45 am and 12.30pm**.
11. Points will be awarded: 1st – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point.
12. There will be monetary prizes for Junior Entries only: 1st - 50p, 2nd -40p, 3rd -30p. Prize money may be collected from the Show Secretary from 3.00pm onwards.
13. Any disputes will be settled by Colin – you have been warned.

19. Members of the public will be admitted from 12.30pm. Entry will be free. Donations accepted towards costs.
20. Trophies, medals & certificates – presented at 3.30pm.
21. Exhibits must not be removed until 4.00pm.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in class 16 and Junior Class 20 need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. Class 16 – accessories will be permitted. Exhibits to depict the title.

RECIPE

Fruit & Pineapple Cake

For the **cake**:

- 2 large eggs (beaten)
- 225g (8 oz) self-raising flour
- 175g (6 oz) demerara sugar
- 115g (4 oz) butter or margarine
- 115g (4 oz) Glace Cherries
- 350g (12 oz) Mixed dried fruit
- 280g (10 oz) crushed or pieces of pineapple (can be tinned)

You'll also need:

1 x 2lb loaf tin, greased and lined with non-stick baking paper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 150C, gas 2.
2. Put the sugar, butter, cherries, dried fruit & pineapple into a pan
3. Heat until the butter has melted
4. Add the beaten eggs and flour
5. Stir into the mixture
6. Place mixture into the loaf tin
7. Cook Gas Mark 2 (150 electric) for between 2 ¼ and 2 ½ hours
8. Leave to cool

Letter from the Vicar

Dear friends, The beginning of July brings a brief respite in the life of students after GCSE and A level exams are over and before the long process of university/vocational/professional training or just getting down to the beginning of a life of work! It also marks the time when we remember 'doubting Thomas' in the Church.

Poor old Thomas forever lumbered with this title and all because he missed the risen Jesus when He appeared to the other disciples in the upper room and showed them the scars in His hands and side. Why wasn't Thomas with them? Was he too upset, confused or just in a sulk having felt he'd been misled in some way? Whatever the truth of the situation it doesn't make him an atheist or a pseudo-scientist as some have tried to say.

He was a very ordinary man trying to deal with the reality of his world

in pieces after such an amazing three years on the road with Jesus and the others. He'd seen people healed, heard phenomenal teachings and seen the conflict of Holy Week leading to the sadness of Good Friday. Is it that surprising that he had a momentary glitch when confronted with the fact that Jesus actually did what He always said He would rise from the dead in the third day.

I have a personal affection for the 'doubter' because it was on his feast day 36 years ago that I was ordained a Priest in the Church of God and still find him fascinating to ponder upon. God bless, **Philip**.

Church Duties July

Date	Cleaning	Flowers	Mowing
7th	Colin/David	Donated	David
14th	Ann/Caroline	Donated	Mark
21 st	Alex/Anita	TBA	Andy
28 th	Colin/Gay	Festival	Caroline

**Services at
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts
July & August 2018**

1st July	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
8th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
15th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
22th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
29th July	5.00pm	Festival of St. James	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
		Songs of Praise	
5th August	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
12th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
19th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
26th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale

100 Club Draw June 2018
1st Prize, £50 Caroline Lane
2nd prize, £10 April Curnow

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

I have been a bit late with delivering the 100 Club application forms this year but hopefully by the time you read this everyone will have had one through the door. I have extended the deadline till mid-July accordingly. If you have not already decided to join please consider supporting the church in this way.

The Family Service on 17th June saw many fathers tucking into full English breakfast in the Village Hall followed by the popular informal service in Church. Nigel, as Saint Peter, was seen to break out of jail assisted by yours truly playing an angel!!

Not strictly a subject for the Church diary but two engineers have been

doing a survey of the village for Openreach, the wholly



owned subsidiary of BT. They were checking that they had a complete list of the addresses of each house that was currently served by copper telephone cables. This is a pre- cursor to installing fibre to each household which will replace the copper cables. Interestingly they said that there are already fibres passing underground through the village, they think to service the small businesses at Longmoor. They do not know when the domestic installations will happen but Peter Cooper's prediction of the end of 2019 is looking increasingly likely.

David Gray

Local Historic Places of interests

The **Natural History Museum at Tring** was the private museum of Lionel Walter, 2nd Baron Rothschild; today it is under the control of the Natural History Museum. It houses one of the finest collections of stuffed mammals, birds, reptiles and insects in the United Kingdom.

West Wycombe Hell Fire Caves

Cave network and former home of the Hellfire club within a separate National Trust property. The Great Lake and Temple of Music stands reflected in the still waters and Temple of Venus in the woods.

Speen

Home of rest for horses, donkeys, mules and where Sefton, the Household Cavalry horse went after his injury in the Hyde Park bombing.

Long Crendon

With unusual street names, the Lace Makers, Needle Makers, The Old Court House and a footpath from the Church to Notley Abbey.

Thornborough

14th Century medieval bridge 165ft long and 12ft wide arches burial ground village side of the brook. Excavations in 1840 revealed preserved Roman coins, a bronze lamp with its wick and an ornament with an engraving of Cupid. Various interesting footpaths.

Bletchley Park

Home of the code breakers – Churchill's ultra secret.

Stoney Stratford

Interesting alleyways off high street.

The Bull and Cock Inns 100yds apart said to be the source of the Cock and Bull story.

Ouse Valley Country Park. Watling St, once the main coaching route from London to Chester

Village Hall Diary

July

Please see below for all events going on in the month of July at the village hall.

< > July 2018						
Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
	18:45 Fete Meeting	9:30 Pilates 19:45 DANCE CLASS	17:45 NO YOGA CLASS 19:30 Village Hall Trust Meeting	9:30 Coffee morning 19:30 Whist		
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22	23	24 9:30 Pilates	25 17:45 YOGA CLASS 19:30 Parish Council	26 9:30 Coffee morning	27	28 9 VILLAGE FETE DAY

August

Please see below for all events going on in the month of August at the village hall.

August 2018						
Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		
5	6 Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland)	9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning	10	11
12	13	9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning	17	18
19	20	9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning	24	25
26	27 Summer Bank Holiday (England Wales and Northern Ireland)	9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning	31	1 10 Horticultural Show

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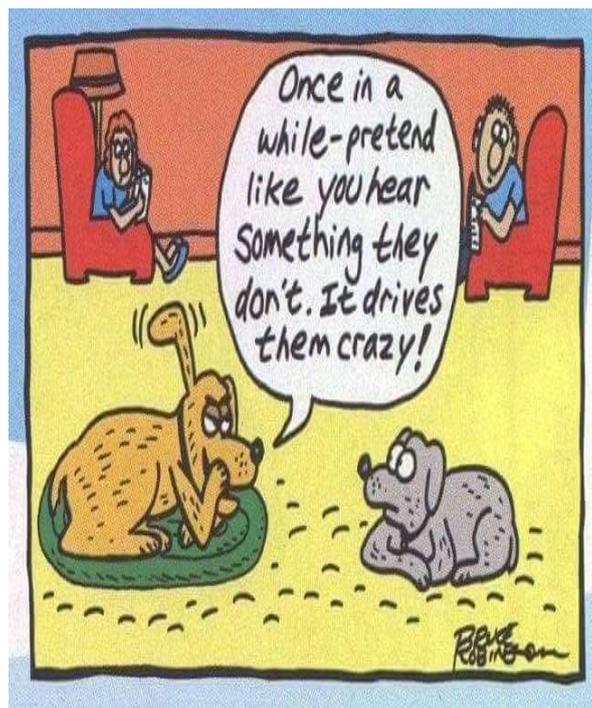
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Who's Who when you need them. Important numbers

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Vice Chair Parish Council	Judy Hardcastle	688070
Councillor & Rural Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Councillor	Peter Shorrocks	681260
Councillor	Phil' Spooner	681544
Councillor	Simon Guy	681319
Councillor	Lesley Clough	07841 519740
Parish Council Clerk	Frank Post	668206
County Councillor	Netta Glover	688357
Fete Co-ordinator	Ali Carstens	07825 751465
Vicar	Phillip Derbyshire	01525240287
Church Warden	Caroline Abel-Smith	681001
Church Secretary	Lesley Clough	07841 519740
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Ladies Club	Jackie Whyte	681624
Rambling Club & Whist Drive	Colin Higgs	681343
Baby & Toddler Group	Kim Gayler	681123
Royal Oak Pub & Restaurant	Teri Moults	681262
Milkman	Alan	07791885612
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SECOND: WHAT CAN I DO?

The great thing is that we all have the power to do something to change these current statistics. So how about having a go this July to dramatically reduce the plastic you and your family create? No new kit is required – the idea is to stop buying stuff, so use what you already have and don't create more waste.

Fancy joining in? How about you start with these 5 ideas:

1. Always take your reusable shopping bag with you – have them in the car, by the door, in your handbag – if you don't have one, don't buy anything!
2. Opt for loose fruit and veg – and put them straight into your shopping bag – bananas do not need their own plastic bag!
3. Use a reusable water bottle – take it with you everywhere, there are plenty of places willing to fill it up...for FREE!
4. Use a reusable coffee cup – some places offer you a discount (no fancy cup – got a thermos?!)
5. Take '3 for the sea' (or field/ river/ stream...) do a litter pick when you go out for a walk – you don't know where that litter will end up if you don't pick it up!

If you want to know more you can follow me on @my_hippy_adventure – on Instagram.

Good luck, Zandy

Famous Aylesbury Vale People

Al Murray is a popular English comedian. Born and raised in Stewkley.

BH Lynda Bellingham - actress and broadcaster best known for appearing in Oxo adverts. Died in 2014. Went to Aylesbury High School, grew up in Aston Abbotts

Andrea Leadsom - politician, who is currently minister of state at the department of energy and climate change.

Andy Collins - BBC 3 Counties presenter and regular in Aylesbury pantos. The former Family Fortunes presenter lives in Bedgrove.

Andrew Neate British racing driver and inventor who was born in Aylesbury Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild from the world famous family of bankers, collectors and politicians had Waddesdon Manor built for him where he died in 1898

Carolyn Seymour is an English actress, best known for portraying the role of Abby Grant in the BBC series Survivors. Born in Aylesbury.

Dave Lee Travis radio and TV presenter. He lives in Buckland.

Ellen White - England Ladies footballer who has played at the top level of women's football for various clubs, currently Birmingham. Born in Aylesbury.

Emmerson Boyce Barbadian footballer played Premier League for the likes of Wigan, who he captained to a memorable FA Cup win. Born in Aylesbury.

F1 legend Sir Jackie Stewart born in Scotland but now lives in Ellesborough.

James Buckland - Former England, Northampton and Wasps rugby player who is now head coach of London Welsh. Born and bred in Aylesbury.

Joanna Gosling is a TV news presenter on BBC News. She was born in Aylesbury and went to Aylesbury High School.

John Bercow - the MP for Buckingham is now best known for being the Speaker of the House of Commons, a role he has held since 2009.

John Hampden was an English politician famous for leading a challenge to the authority of Charles I of England in the run-up to the English Civil War and has his own statue in Aylesbury.

John Otway - singer born in Aylesbury known for his alternative rock music - musical partner was Wild Willy Barrett

Jonathan Dimbleby is best known for political radio and TV shows. Born in Aylesbury, he is the younger brother Question Time's David Dimbleby.

Ludwig Guttmann - neurosurgeon at Stoke Mandeville Hospital who is credited with establishing the Paralympic Games

Michael Apted - film director born in Aylesbury - his best known movie is James Bond film The World is Not Enough.

Nadine Samuels - Member of girl group M0 was born in Aylesbury and went to the old Quarrendon School.

Nigel Winterburn is best known for his brilliant football career with Arsenal. He lives in Weston Turville

Pamela Relph is a Paralympic rower who won gold at the London and Rio Games and had a postbox painted gold in her honour. Born in Aylesbury.

Paul Atkins is an English first-class cricketer. Atkins was a right-handed batsman who bowled right-arm off break. He was born in Aylesbury.

Rhoda Abbott was the only female passenger who went down with the sinking of the Titanic and survived. She was born in Aylesbury.

Richard Lee - former Aylesbury Grammar School pupil turned professional goalkeeper played for Watford and England U20s

Roald Dahl is arguably the most famous name on the list. Legendary children's author who lived in Great Missenden

Rob Hall is an English professional footballer who plays for Oxford United and formerly West Ham. Born and bred in Aylesbury.

Ronnie Barker of The Two Ronnies was born in Bedford but began his illustrious career in Aylesbury and now has a statue outside the theatre.

Rutland Boughton - 20th century composer of opera & choral music. Born in Aylesbury.

Sir David Jason the star of Only Fools and Horses, Open All Hours and A Touch of Frost, is one of the greatest actors Britain has produced. He lives in Ellesborough.

Terence O'Brien is a former New Zealand diplomat who led New Zealand in 1993 to a seat on the United Nations Security Council. Born in Aylesbury.

Tony Hadley - singer with Spandau Ballet. Lives in Ford.

Vernon Scannell was a British poet and author. He was at one time a professional boxer, and wrote novels about the sport. Grew up in Aylesbury.

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JULY 2018 Sun 1 1400 Swingrave tea dance Community Centre Mon 2 0930

Wingrave Weekday Walkers walk The Green Tue 3 1930 Parish Council meeting
Community Centre Tue 3 1900 Wingrave Art Club Wed 4 1000 WI: T.B.A. Methodist
Church Fri 6 NO WCA social evening Community Centre Sat 7 1430 WARGAS Flower
Show Community Centre Tue 10 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church Tue 10 1500
Friendship Group Baldway House, Ltn Rd Fri 13 1800 WCA Village BBQ Community
Centre Sat 14 0845

Men's Breakfast Talk: How should we prepare for the hundreds of thousands of new
cases of dementia in the next decades? Methodist

Church Sat 14 1830 Aston Abbotts Summer Ball The Firs, Aston Abbotts Sun 15 0930
Local ramble Nup End Lane Tue 17 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church Tue 17 1900
Wingrave Art Club Thu 19 1800 Copy date for Communique Tue 24 1200 Nup End Café
Methodist Church Tue 24 School term ends Wed 25 1200 Pub Lunch Club Rose & Crown
Fri 27 1800 WCA Village BBQ Community Centre Sat 28 Aston Abbotts Village Fête Aston
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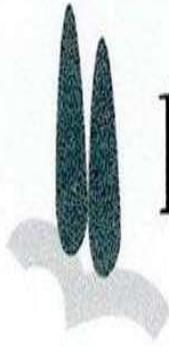


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