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## **From the Editor**

*I'm starting to feel my editorial begins with a break in every month. Unfortunately yet two more robberies were conducted on Thursday evening 18th October. This time two allotment sheds were robbed. One had a rotary cultivator, which was secured to the ground with chains, uplifted and stolen. Other tools were robbed too. Two strangers to the village were seen walking in and out of the allotment earlier that day.*

*If you have any information, please contact the police on 101. Extra security could be a 'Nature Cameras', Infrared cameras and padlock alarms, available on the internet.*

*On Saturday 21/10/18 I saw a suspicious large white, rough looking transit van being driven slowly around the village at least twice to my knowledge. Reg No. BY55YDE. Driven by white chubby male with thin dark hair. May be innocent. However with recent events occurring in the village*

*please keep vigilant. I reported it to the police 101. Ref URN 455201018. Please do the same if you see it.*

*On a brighter note, Pensioners discount lunches are beginning at the Royal Oak on Wednesdays from 7th November and Pie Nights on Thursdays from 15th November. The steak and stilton is to die for.*

*The Village Quiz Night is Sunday 4th November. Always great fun.*

### **Inside this issue:**

***Disturbing story of village toddler  
Deysel Carstens***

***The Garden bonfire nuisance***

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Plant***

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***The Astonians and more.....***

*Stay safe.*

***Pete***

# Aston Abbotts Toddler "could have been killed" by allergic reaction to dinosaur cake.

THOMAS BAMFORD



**A three year old child's birthday party was ruined after he suffered a huge allergic reaction to a professionally made cake.**

As a special treat for her son Deysel, Ali Carstens bought a custom made dinosaur themed cake from Sophie Amelia Creative Cakes in Aylesbury.

Because of his allergies, she specifically requested no egg be put in the cake - and the company confirmed that they could cater to his requirements.

Ali Carstens was left horrified after her son, Deysel who is allergic to egg began to projectile vomit at his birthday party in front of horrified children and their parents. His lips blistered very quickly and his face swelled.

Ali said: "Not only were we terrified, but the kids at the party must be traumatised. We rushed him away to A&E absolutely terrified and rang the bakers, who confirmed that despite their initial reassurances - they had put egg whites in the cake. "They could have killed him. The worst thing about allergic reactions is, you don't know how big the reaction will be nor where it will stop. We were terrified his airwaves would close up and he would go into anaphylactic shock. Luckily the staff at Stoke Mandeville A&E were very helpful, he was given antihistamines and steroids to try to control the reaction."

Someone from the Cake company came to Stoke Mandeville to apologise immediately. Sophie Amelia Creative Cakes said in a statement: "I had no idea how the

eggs could end up in an egg free cake, but unfortunately thinking of it once I learned about the reaction I realised it could be traces of egg white powder that

## ***Bonfires are a smoky pain***



If you decide to have a bonfire we advise you to follow these guidelines to reduce the likelihood of causing a problem:

- DO advise your nearest neighbours before you light a bonfire so they can be prepared for any minor inconvenience that may arise.
- DO choose the time of day and weather conditions that will cause the least inconvenience to neighbours and passing motorists. Having a bonfire on a warm day or evening when people want to enjoy their garden and tend to have doors and windows open will cause greater annoyance.

was used for other orders that day. The apologised if that was the cause.

- DO burn material quickly in small quantities so the minimum amount of smoke is created.
- DO be aware of where the smoke is likely to travel, consider your neighbours and roads.
- DO choose your bonfire site carefully, well away from trees, boundary fences and windows.
- DO NOT burn wet or green garden waste. This will create heavy smoke. Allow clippings to dry and turn brown for a couple of weeks before burning.
- DO NOT burn any oily rags, rubber, plastics or other materials that will create heavy smoke or toxic fumes.
- DO NOT light a bonfire when your neighbours have washing drying, or are out enjoying their gardens or have windows wide open.



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## ***Burglaries in Winter***



As winter draws ever closer, the frequency of home robberies typically rises, with thieves taking advantage of the dark evenings. Shockingly, as many as 74 per cent of thieves manage to walk in through the front door, according to new research. The study (carried out by MoneySuperMarket) found that 66 per cent of Brits fail to hide their valuables in their home, while as much as a third of Brits don't bother to double lock their back doors.

Christmas is a common time for robberies. Security risks are particularly high during the run-up to Christmas and thieves take advantage of weak security measures and dark evenings to break into homes.

### **Police advise**

“Dark evenings can provide perfect cover for a sneak-in

burglar who spots an open window in an unoccupied room, sees your valuables through open curtains or blinds, or tries their luck with an unlocked door while you're distracted by fireworks.

“Don't leave your house and vehicle keys in the lock or on a side table in view of a window making it easy for a thief to fish them through your letterbox.

“Don't leave items in open porches that could be used to enter your home, for example, curved-handled umbrellas to open doors or keys through letterboxes.

“Always lock your front door from inside – in particular UPVC front doors that have handles, as they are often left unlocked when people are in their house.

“Secure UPVC doors by fitting a snap resistant cylinder lock, certified to TS007 standard. Accredited locksmiths can advise on recommended products.

“Cancel newspapers and milk if you're going away for a few days and ask a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property, pushing post sticking out of the letterbox inside fully.”

## ***Sellotape concern***

Homeowners have been warned to look out for a new sellotape trick being used by thieves to mark vacant properties.

Those looking to break into homes have been placing the clear tape over keyholes, to identify which properties are empty or unvisited.



One resident, who did not wish to be named said, “It’s a tactic they use. They cover the keyhole with clear sellotape to establish if the house is being accessed. This is deeply concerning for residents.”

The idea with the trick is that if the tape is still there when the criminals check back, they deduce no one has gone in or out – and therefore believe the occupants are away.

Calls for caution Residents have been advised to remove any tape to prevent themselves from being targeted.

The police also suggest the following:

Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights and radios on when it goes dark.

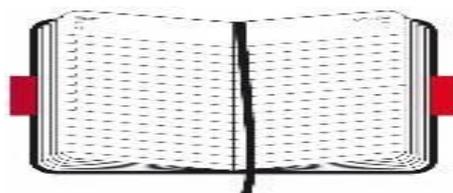
Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries

Use the Royal Mail’s ‘keepsafe’ service – they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you’re away – mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.

Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.

**Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites – burglars can use any information you post on there to their advantage.**

## What's on in November



Event	Date & Time	Location
Morning Cafe	Thurs 1/8/15/22/29. 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thurs 1/15/29. 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club	Sunday 4th 2pm	Dobbies MK
Evensong	Sunday 4th 6pm	Church
Village Quiz Night	Sunday 4th 7.30pm	Royal Oak
Plates	Tues 6/13/20/27. 9.30am	Village Hall
Yoga	Weds 7/14/21/28. 5.45pm	Village Hall
Fish & Chip Van	Wednesdays 7/14/21`/28. From 8pm	Various positions in the village. (Listen for the bell.)
Seniors Discount Lunch	Weds 7th/14/21/28th. 12-2.30pm	
Pie Night	Thurs 15/22/29. 5-8pm	Royal Oak Royal Oak
Bingo	Thursday 8th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Ladies Club	Thursday 15th. 2.30pm	Village Hall
OAP Bus Trip	Friday 19th	10am bus to Aylesbury
Chronicle contribution day	Monday 24th 4pm	
Parish Council	Wednesday 31st 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club Halloween Walk followed by Sausage & Mash Supper	Wednesday 31st 6.30pm Bring a torch or Lantern	Royal Oak
Church Yard Sweep Up	Saturday 10th 10-12	Volunteers welcome
Prayer Group	Every Thursday at 09.15-45	1 Brickstock

## **ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB**

The talk at our meeting on the 15th November is entitled “ALLO, ALLO, ALLO” so surprise, surprise we will be hearing all about the life of a policeman.

Also we will be having a “Bring and Buy” during the afternoon to raise funds to keep the club going. We would like food and drink items with maybe useful things for the Christmas season.

Please come along whether you are a member of the Club or not you will be most welcome for a sociable afternoon with tea and cake.

**April.**

### **Morning Cafe Police Visit**

PCSO Megan Harriett will be attending the coffee morning on the 6th of December to offer safety and security advice to people. This will also give residents a chance to have their say about any issues in the area. If

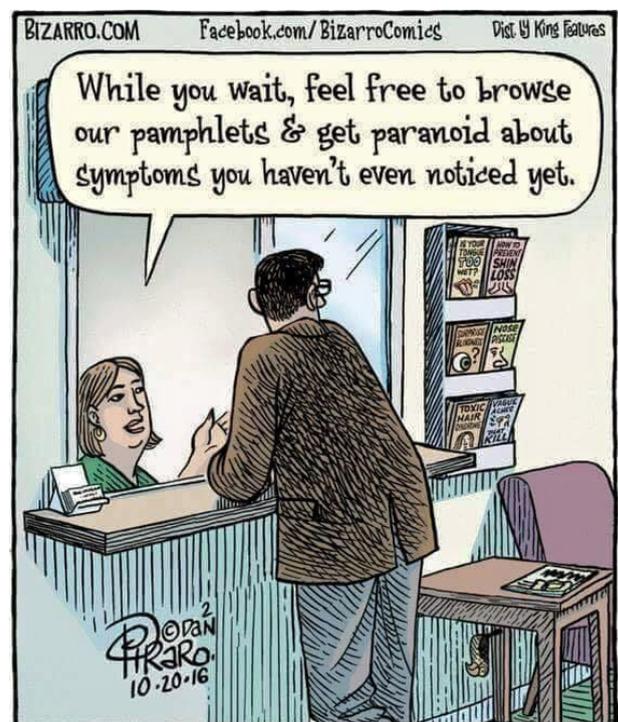
you would like to meet her then please pop along to say “Hello”.

### **TWO DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER**

**The Christingle Service - Sunday  
16th December at 4.30pm  
followed by festive refreshments  
in church.**

**Carols by Candlelight & Village  
Nativity Play - Sunday 23rd  
December also at 4.30pm in  
church.**

**Do make a note of these special  
services now!**



## **Your Letters**

*Dear Peter,*

Would it be possible to remind homeowners to please keep their hedges trimmed back so that people can use the pavements? The worst example is Ross Road where the pavement has been impassable all year and the hedge is now growing across the

pavement into the road. It needs not just a light trim but a severe hacking back. Mothers with pushchairs, the elderly with walking frames and friends with wheelchairs and mobility scooters live here and they all have to walk in the road which is so narrow a car can't pass. Thank you.

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### **Heat Logs & Christmas Meat**

*Hi Pete,*

Could you let the villagers know I have bought a bulk load of heat logs again to save us all money.

I have a few pallet loads of HeatMax compressed heat logs. ideal in log burners.

I can pass the savings on to villagers and they work out at just £7 per bag.

The cheapest I have seen them online is over £11 per bag so this is a big saving.

These are the large 20KG bags.

Also, we are sending off our last batch of pigs and are having a

selection of christmas joints made including gammons and smoked joints. If anybody would like to buy some just let me know what size and what joint by emailing [james.dell@abbottsvialpacas.co.uk](mailto:james.dell@abbottsvialpacas.co.uk) or call me on 07970692550

Meat should be ready by end of November/early December.

Thanks

**James. Abbotts View Farm**

**Dear Ed,** We currently have 3 vacant allotment plots. If you would like one please contact Colin 681343. **Colin**



## Good Samaritans Bingo!

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Aston Abbots Village Hall

7.30pm start

In aid of: **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**



## ***Young mum sat next to baby in back of her car threatened with knife***

A mother was left shaken after a man jumped into her car and drove it at speed into the centre of Aylesbury while she was sat in the back with her baby. The shocking incident took place in town on Tuesday October 2.

At around 8.40pm the victim, a 22-year-old woman, was sat in the back seat of her car, a white Seat Leon, with her young baby, in the Nisa Local car park on Buckingham Road.

While she was waiting for her husband to return, a man jumped into the driver's seat and threatened her with a knife.

He then drove out of the grocery store's car park, towards the town centre, at high speed and in a manner police described as 'erratic.'

The woman hit the man around his head and he stopped the car in

the middle of the road by the Whaddon Chase junction before running off down Whaddon Chase.

Detective Constable Carolyn Bailey said: "The victim wasn't injured.

A 17-year-old was charged after the incident. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons because of his age, was arrested on Friday October 5 and charged with false imprisonment, possession of a knife, blade or sharply pointed article in a public place, making threats to kill, taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, driving a motor vehicle dangerously, driving a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance of a licence and using a motor vehicle on a road/public place without third party insurance.

He was remanded in custody at a hearing at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court

"If you have to wait for someone in your car we would advise you to lock the vehicle and remove the keys from the ignition."

# Stoke Mandeville already under pressure

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## **Astonians**

I love old Moira Plummer, the village female thug. Moira tell a good yarn. She lives beside ramblers walking path.

She said one day she was walking down the street dragging two large plastic bags behind her. One of the bags ripped and every once in a while a £20 note fell out onto the pavement.

Noticing this, a policeman stopped her, and said, "Madam, there are £20 notes falling out of that bag."

"Oh, really?" Moira said. "I'd better go back and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me Officer."

"Well hold on" said the cop.

"Where did you get all that money? You didn't steal it, did you?"

"Oh, no, no", she said. "My back garden is right next to rambler's pathway. A lot of male rambles come and pee through a knot hole in my fence, right into my flower garden.

It used to really get p\*\*\*\*\* off. Kills the flowers you know. Then I thought, 'why not make the best of it?' So, now, I stand behind the fence by the knot hole very quiet with my pruners. Every time some man sticks his thing through my fence, I surprise him, grab hold of it and say, 'OK you git! Give me £20 or it comes off!'

"Well, I can't condone that but seems only fair," said the policeman, laughing. "OK. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

She replied, "Oh.... not everybody pays."





**Aston Abbotts  
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## ***Aston Abbots Village Hall Trust – Vale Lottery 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary***

Thanks to everyone who buys Vale Lottery tickets online and supports our village hall.

The Lottery is almost 3 years old and there's a special draw on 1 December – so if you were considering signing up, now is a good time. Special prizes:

- 4 VIP tickets to see Peter Pan at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
- 4 Weekend Grandstand tickets to Silverstone, July 2019
- Exclusive radio experience with Mix 96's Wes

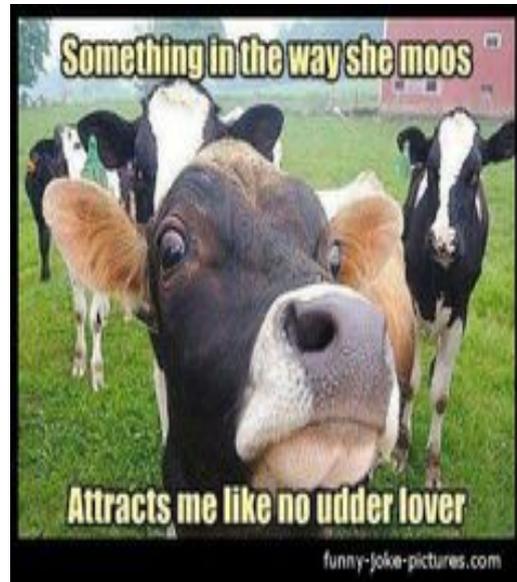
Usual weekly cash prizes (top prize £25,000). Still waiting for a big win

in Aston Abbots (several people have won £25, many of us have won 3 free tickets – but our village hall wins every time!)

Tickets cost £1 per week. Support Aston Abbots Village Hall and we get half the ticket money.

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## **New warning on pension fraud - £91,000 average loss**

A new campaign to tackle pension scams has been launched as the latest figures reveal that that pension scam victims lose an average of £91,000 each.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and The Pensions Regulator (TPR) have joined forces to urge the public to be on their guard when receiving unexpected offers about their pension and to check who they are dealing with. The two regulators have launched a new ScamSmart advertising campaign targeting pension holders aged 45-65, the group most at risk of pension scams. This comes as a new poll commissioned by the regulators reveals that almost a third (32%) of pension holders aged 45 to 65 would not know how to check whether they are speaking with a legitimate pensions adviser or provider.

Highly sophisticated scammers lure people into transferring their

pensions into fraudulent schemes, stealing an average of £91,000 per victim. Victims of pension scams can lose their life savings, and be left facing retirement with very limited income.

One of the most common tactics is to offer a 'free pension review'. Research reveals that one in eight 45 to 65-year-olds surveyed (12%) said they would trust an offer of a 'free pension review' from someone claiming to be a pension advisor.

Cold calling is currently by far the most common method used to initiate pension fraud. It is believed that only a minority of pension scams are ever reported. The FCA and TPR are urging anyone who believes they may have been targeted to come forward. Mark Steward, Executive Director of Enforcement and Market Oversight at the FCA, said: "The size of individual pension pots makes pensions savings an attractive target for fraudsters. That's why we're urging anyone who is thinking about transferring their pension to check who they are dealing with and only use firms

authorised by the FCA. Pension scams can cause victims significant harm – both financially and mentally.

If you are ever in doubt about a pension offer, visit the ScamSmart website.” The FCA and TPR are urging the public to be ScamSmart with their pension and always check who they’re dealing with.

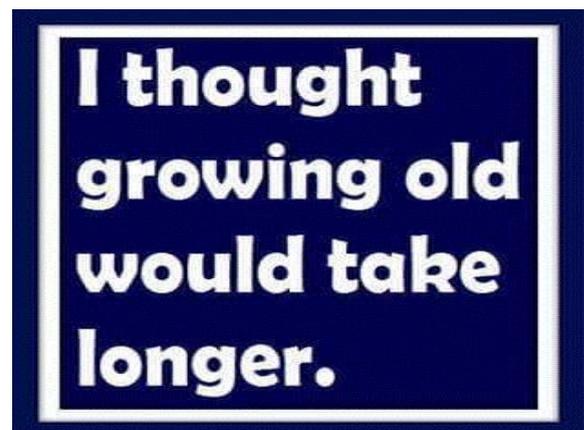
The regulators recommend four simple steps to protect yourself from pension scams:

1. Reject unexpected pension offers whether made online, on social media or over the phone
2. Check who you’re dealing with before changing your pension arrangements – check the FCA Register or call the FCA contact centre on 0800 111 6768 to see if

the firm you are dealing with is authorised by the FCA

3. Don’t be rushed or pressured into making any decision about your pension

4. Consider getting impartial information and advice. If you think you’ve been a victim of a pension scam, report it. Visit [www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart) to find out more.



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# ***Saturday Night Fever***

**Review by Ian Duffy**



Based on the 1977 hit film 'Saturday Night Fever', the audience knew what to expect from this dancing extravaganza.

The storyline revolves around Tony Manero played by Richard Winsor ( Most notably known for playing Caleb Knight in Casualty) is a paint store clerk by day but by night, he is swaggering his moves on the disco dance floor. Stephanie Mangano (Kate Parr) plays Tony's love interest and dance partner.

I was slightly disappointed with the first half performance, as I didn't feel there was any flare or enjoyment. At times everything

was hurried and the acting was below par.

Saying that, the second half performance was a vast improvement and everything clicked well together. The dancing was more energetic and the cast sparked more into life. At times you felt you were in a nightclub as glittering lights were dazzling around the auditorium at quick speed.

The main draw to the show was the music, played by the tribute Bee Gees who were hidden at the back of the set who sang various hits throughout the show including, How Deep Is Your Love, Night Fever and Stayin' Alive. Another song, ' Immorality' was touching too as you felt the audience captured this with their heart.

If you are a fan of the 70s music era and The Bee Gees, the show is definitely for you, bringing back good memories.

**Ian Duffy**

## ***Summer Holiday – The musical.***



### ***Reviewed by Pete Lucas for Theatre Ambassadors***

I don't usually begin reviews like this but I LOVED SUMMER HOLIDAY THE MUSICAL.

Based on the 1963 Cliff Richard film, Summer Holiday is an amazing, energetic musical made even better by the charisma of its lead, Ray Quinn

The once X-factor runner up to Leona Lewis provides the star quality as Don, (Cliff Richard) who, along with his nutty friends, head off on a Mediterranean adventure on a customised London RT Bus.

During their adventure they pick up some girls heading to Athens for a gig and another who is trying to escape fame and an overbearing mother.

Ray Quinn's voice belts out some great tunes sounding more like Michael Buble than Cliff. The only drawback for me is that he didn't do more solo songs.

His fellow cast members, Billy Roberts, Joe Goldie and Rory Maguire as his friends and Sophie Matthew as his to be wife Barbara, supported with such vocal and dancing electric energy.

Only one moan. I felt the closing joke of the first half was uncalled for and somewhat in bad taste. I'll let you judge for yourselves when you see the show.

Songs included the title song of course, On the Beach, Do You Wanna Dance, Bachelor Boy and Have your Heard the News with a few other Cliff hits thrown in too.

The talent was so evident in voice, comedy timing and choreography. With far more substance than the film, Ray and his crew worked hard and were rightly rewarded by the packed audience.

# ***November at the Royal Oak***

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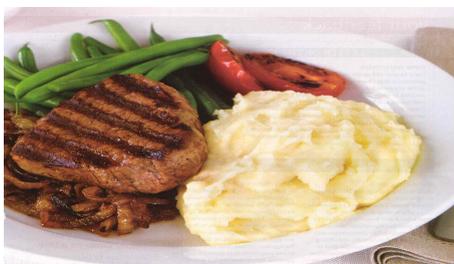
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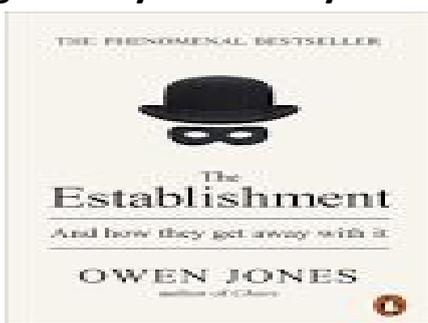
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**Aston Abbotts Book Club**  
**Review by Pam Hewitt**  
**'The Establishment and how they get away with it' by Owen Jones.**



In addition to being an author, Owen Jones is a columnist for The

Guardian and the New Statesman. His book is well researched and enables the reader to gain a fuller understanding of the political climate in the UK. Jones demonstrates ways in which a powerful elite exists in Britain and his arguments are supported by the provision of numerous references and examples (14 pages of references) which give the reader insight into those

whom he claims really hold power in the UK and the structures which are in existence that legitimise it.

The book is not a particular 'easy' or comfortable read and the reader is at times made to feel disturbed, depressed and also quite angry.

Jones makes the statement that 'those (*i.e. the bailed out bankers*) who shared responsibility for plunging Britain into economic catastrophe faced no sanctions or punishment'.

The following quotes and examples from his book provide examples of some of the consequences:

'Benefit fraud -costing an annual £1.2 billion, or 0.7 per cent of social security spending – is treated as a despicable crime, whilst tax avoidance – worth an estimated £25 billion a year – is even facilitated by the state, with staff from accountancy firms that promote such tax avoidance seconded to government to draw up tax laws' (*Foreword xv*). 'More than a third of English and Welsh land is owned by the aristocracy, and over 50% of rural land

remains in the hands of just 36,000 landowners ' (p 11). 'Once mighty trade unions are now treated as if they have no legitimate place in political or even public life' (p12). 'The bank balances of the wealthy have reached levels unprecedented in British history – in 2014 the combined wealth of the richest 1,000 Britons was nearly £520 billion' (p48). 'Politics has become a closed shop for the privileged. Today, those who benefit least from Britain's economic and social order are increasingly unlikely to penetrate the Westminster bubble' (p68). Jones cites that 'it's not just who owns the media that ensures newspapers toe the Establishment line. Media outlets have increasingly become a closed shop for those from privileged backgrounds. There has been proliferation of unpaid internships....also a rise of costly postgraduate qualifications which are often now prerequisites .... (p99). Media and political elites are more intertwined than ever before' (p110).

‘Nearly a million people have received aid from food banks: in the 6<sup>th</sup> richest country on earth, many of the nation’s poorest citizens can no longer afford to feed themselves’ (p243).

In conclusion, this book is challenging and does not make for happy reading. It did however result in the lengthiest discussion we can ever remember having in Book Club!

## ***WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH***

Or What happens to your waste Hidden away off the A41 between Bicester and Aylesbury indicated only by a small sign on one side of the Woodham Industrial Estate roundabout lies Greatmoor EfW. Over a mile off the main road past the industrial estate lies a large building on the site of what once was Calvert brickworks until it closed in the 1960s. After the brickworks closed the Council used it as a landfill site for years filling the large holes created by the excavation of clay for bricks with our waste.



Following a mention in The Chronicle about Tours of

Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility I booked one of the 2- hour Saturday tours that take place quarterly. There were 8 people on the tour and we were met by Jez who was to be our guide. The first thing that was obvious was that very few people actually work on the site. Apart from Jez, I think we only saw the engineer in the control room. Only about 40 people in total are employed there including engineers on call 24/7 but not necessarily on site. As we visited at the weekend it was very quiet as no waste was being delivered but the fire keeps burning 24/7. Our tour began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at the visitor centre where Jez explained the history of the building and how it works. We learnt that after filling the largest brickwork excavations, the Council carried on dumping waste on top until a significant hill was created that is now grassed over. As government policy changed and the cost of landfill rose Bucks County Council took the

decision to build an Energy from Waste facility which now burns all the non-recyclable household waste from Buckinghamshire plus some commercial waste as well as household waste from North London. The facility cost £180 million to build and is being run on a 30-year contract by FCC Environmental. The projected cost saving to the council is £150 million over the life of the initial contract in addition to covering the cost of construction. The facility burns 300,000 tons of rubbish each year (110,000 tons is from Bucks households) at a temperature of 850 degrees C and this incinerator (they call it a grate) is used to heat water from which steam is created and pressurised to generate electricity in turbines. The plant itself uses about 2.5 megawatts of electricity per year and sends 25 megawatts to the National Grid which is enough for about 40,000 homes (18% of homes in Bucks). We also learnt that our recycled waste is actually taken all the way to Cheshire for processing which seems a bit crazy the good news however is that the facility it goes to is very advanced and can process brown, grey and black plastic that many recycling plants cannot so it is ok to put all that in your blue bin. After our introductory talk we donned hi viz jackets, safety

glasses, hard hats and steeled toed boots to tour the facility which spreads over 6 floors. We started our tour at the bunker where the waste is delivered. Household waste from AVDC is taken by bins lorries direct to the site but for the rest of Bucks it is taken to a special transfer station near High Wycombe and loaded onto large articulated lorries with moving floors and false walls that carry 4 bin loads of waste at a time. These are sent via the M40 and A41 to Greatmoor. Waste is dumped into a huge concrete bunker the floor of which is 23 meters below the tipping level and whose walls rise well above this level with space at the tipping level for 6 lorry bays for unloading. When deliveries are made there are people there to monitor what is arriving because certain items need to be removed as they are too big or dangerous to go onto the moving grate for burning. Amazingly they routinely have to remove gas cylinders used in gas barbecues as these will explode in the fire (I would never have thought to put these in my dustbin). Then huge grabbers mix the waste up and then lift it over the top of the bunker walls onto the moving grate that burns the waste. The heat in the bunker is monitored and if it exceeds 90 degrees C water is sprayed onto it

to cool it. The waste is put onto the largest single line grate in the UK, it is 10mx12m and moves mechanically turning the waste during the 2- hour combustion cycle. The plant is shut once a year for maintenance and a huge amount of diesel is required to get it restarted. After this we visited the control room where all aspects of the plant operations are monitored before proceeding to view the grate through a small porthole and then the boiler room where the water is heated and steam pressurised before entering the turbines. Once it has gone through the turbines the steam is cooled by running it through many thin pipes and the water is returned via the pipes to the boiler thus reducing the amount of water used. During our introductory talk Jez had explained how the gases and fly ash from the fire are passed through a chemical neutralising process using ammonia, lime and activated carbon that clean the emissions. After this the gases are passed through the bag house filter containing nearly 3000 filter tubes before being put into the atmosphere from a 95 ft high chimney. The emissions from the plant after this cleaning are apparently 99.9% water vapour and are carefully monitored in the control room. Emissions readings

have to be sent half hourly to the Environment Energy. We were told that the maximum levels of Nitrogen Oxide emissions are much lower for the plant than for an ordinary diesel car. Interestingly though they do not have to measure CO2 emissions. I noticed that right next to the site is a farm and sheep were quietly grazing which I was definitely not expecting.

While we were waiting in the car park for everyone to arrive I noticed that there was a steady stream of waste being moved away from the facility on an overhead conveyor and then dropped into a pile. We learnt later that this is the ash from the fire. A large digger with a huge magnet attached where the digger should be picks up all the ferrous metal in the pile and this is sent for recycling, the remainder is used for aggregate, making breeze blocks or kerbstone. When we were walking round after our introductory talk we also saw large metal pieces that were extracted from the waste from the fire before the rest was sent outside. This metal is also recycled. The tour took 2 hours in total and was very interesting. The next tours will be in December and details can be obtained from the Greatmoor website. **Sally Palmer**



*That's a load off your mind!*

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## ***A word from the Vicar.***

***Dear friends,***

Memory is such an important faculty, although it of course has its up and down sides.

Memories of special places, loved people, pets, great concerts, favourite meals and so much more can truly enrich our lives. And of course the older we get the greater our store of memories is and possibly the greater benefit we gain from them.

Not all memories however are pleasant and nurturing or good for our well-being. Early traumas also stick with us and can make us vulnerable on occasion. I remember being rescued from a burning flat in Portsmouth when I was barely two years old and

being pulled out of the sea at Brighton at six years of age. The rest of my childhood was pretty quiet I'm glad to say!

This month we have a very special remembrance. One hundred years since the end of WWI. A war which was supposed to last four months in the end lasted four and a quarter years with the most appalling slaughter in Europe and the Middle East on no less than a dozen separate fronts.

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As you maybe take some time this November to remember those who have their all. May God bless you and yours. God Bless, **Revd. Philip.**

If you would like to decorate a church window for Remembrance Day (Red / Green), please let Colin Higgs know on 681343

We meet every Thursday morning from 9 15 to 9 45 at 1 Bricstock. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

## Church Duties

<i>Da te</i>	<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Mow</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Colin/David</i>	<i>Donated</i>	
<i>10</i>	<i>Ann/Caroline L</i>	<i>Rememb rance</i>	
<i>17</i>	<i>Alex/Anita</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>24</i>	<i>Colin/Gay</i>	<i>TBA</i>	

## Church Matters

### The diary of St. James's

Autumn in the Churchyard means that the grass is putting in its last growth spurt before the colder weather, the ground is covered with leaves and beech nuts and the hedges have to be cut and the gutters cleared. The plants in the wild area have cast their seeds so we can now strim the dying stems and clear the debris and the new grass in the refurbished area can be given a cut before the winter. If you would like to help with the mowing next year then please contact Mark Davison (07525 853929) to get on the 2019 rota.

The latest in our monthly Family Services saw an enactment of the story of the man who built his

house on sand (Matthew 7:24-27) complete with props and dramatic sound effects. My reputation took another knock being cast as the 'Foolish Builder'!!

Dates for your diary are the Christingle Service to be held at 4.30pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the Nativity Play on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December being organised by Zandy.

Most of the proceeds will go to the Children's Society so please support these Children focused events.

### David Gray

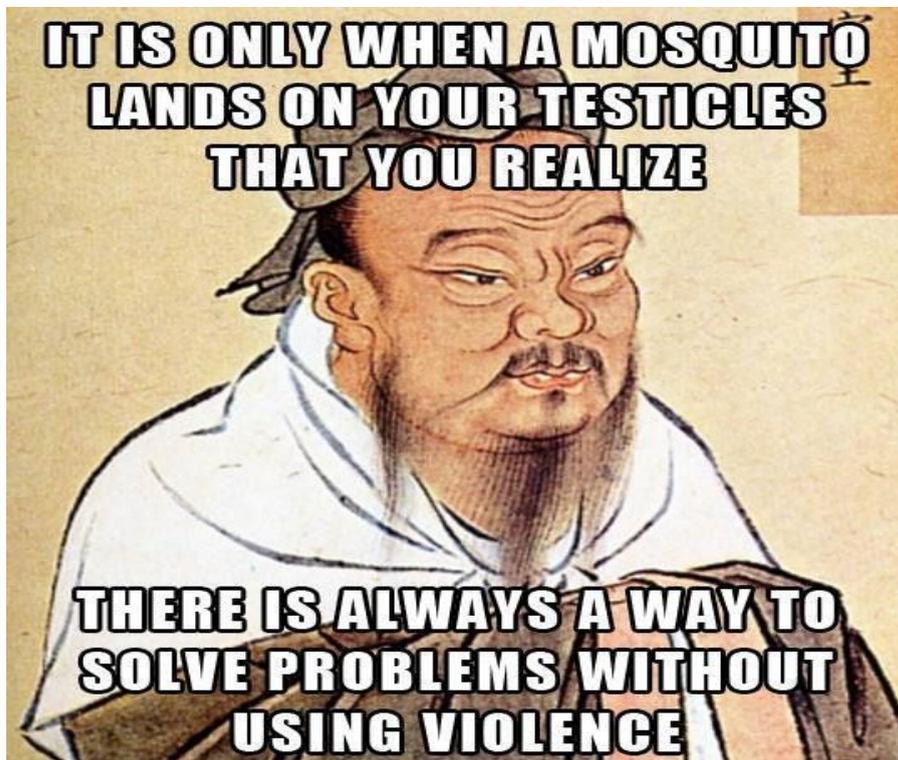
# Services at Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts November 2018

4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.55am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev. Peter Binns
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9.30am	Breakfast in Village Hall	
		followed by a short service	
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale

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- Tue 6 1930 Parish Council meeting Community Centre**
- Tue 6 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church**
- Wed 7 1000 WI: A.G.M. Methodist Church**
- Fri 9 1930 Community Choir Old Tyme Music Hall Community Centre**
- Fri 9-11 WWRHA Wingrave and Rowsham Remembers Exhibition Wingrave School**
- Sat 10 0845 Men's Breakfast Talk: Obesity is the most serious risk to health in our society, what action should we be taking? Methodist Church**
- Sun 11 1045 Remembrance Service War Memorial**
- Tue 13 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church**
- Tue 13 Garden talk Community Centre**
- Thu 15 1800 Copy date for Communique**
- Fri 16 1930 WCA Village bingo Community Centre**
- Sat 17 1500 Tea and Cake Fund Raiser Parish Church**
- Sun 18 Local ramble Nup End Lane**
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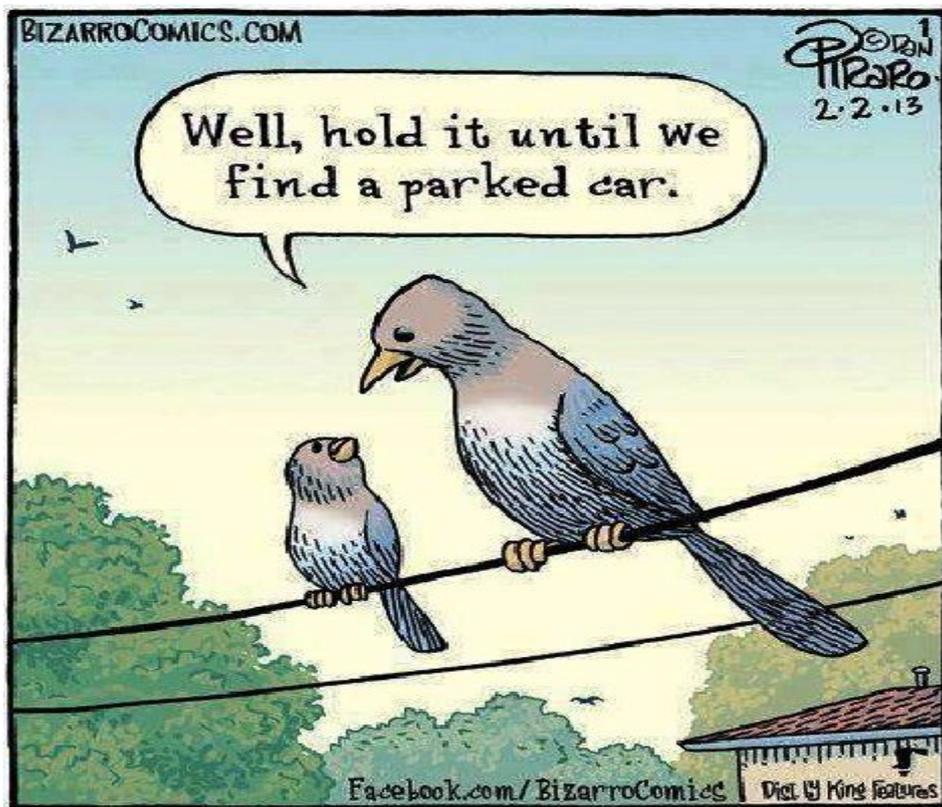


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