

For Sale



Editorial Pete Lucas

“It’s business as usual but eventually we want to take a backseat and do other things.”
Said Teri Moulton (Owner).

It’s been rumoured that the Royal Oak is closing. This is untrue. It’s up for sale.

I have had many conversations with Gary (Owner) and Teri about the pub’s future. The crux of the issue, it seems to me, is that they want the pub to be a community pub and although it has its loyal regulars, most of the business comes from outside the village.
(over)

The Royal Oak has it all for a country village. The welcoming atmosphere, real ale and a large selection of other drinks. The food is top quality and excellent value for money 7 days a week. The garden is large and includes an Avery.

The pub plays a big part within our village and supports most events that take place. It's also an employer.

The country pub is a great British institution, part of our national heritage and we are witnessing its fast extinction. There is no intention to close the pub but this is a real possibility if it isn't sold or rented. Our fear is that if the pub closes, our village will be a lesser place, property prices may fall and loneliness and boredom will increase.

The process for sale is as follows:

As an 'asset of community value' with the Parish/District council,

the vital first step in the Community Right to Bid process which came into force in October 12 through the Localism Act 2011 and will ensure that the community is given the option to bid for the pub/restaurant.

This gives the community 6 weeks to express an interest in bidding to take on the asset. If there is no official interest expressed from the community, the owner is free to sell the asset at the end of the 6 weeks. If there is an official interest expressed, the community have up to 6 months to prepare the bid and raise the necessary funds. Within that time the owner can only sell to the community group, but is not obliged to do so. At the end of the 6 month period, the owner can sell to whomever s/he chooses.

See the formal notification from page 5.

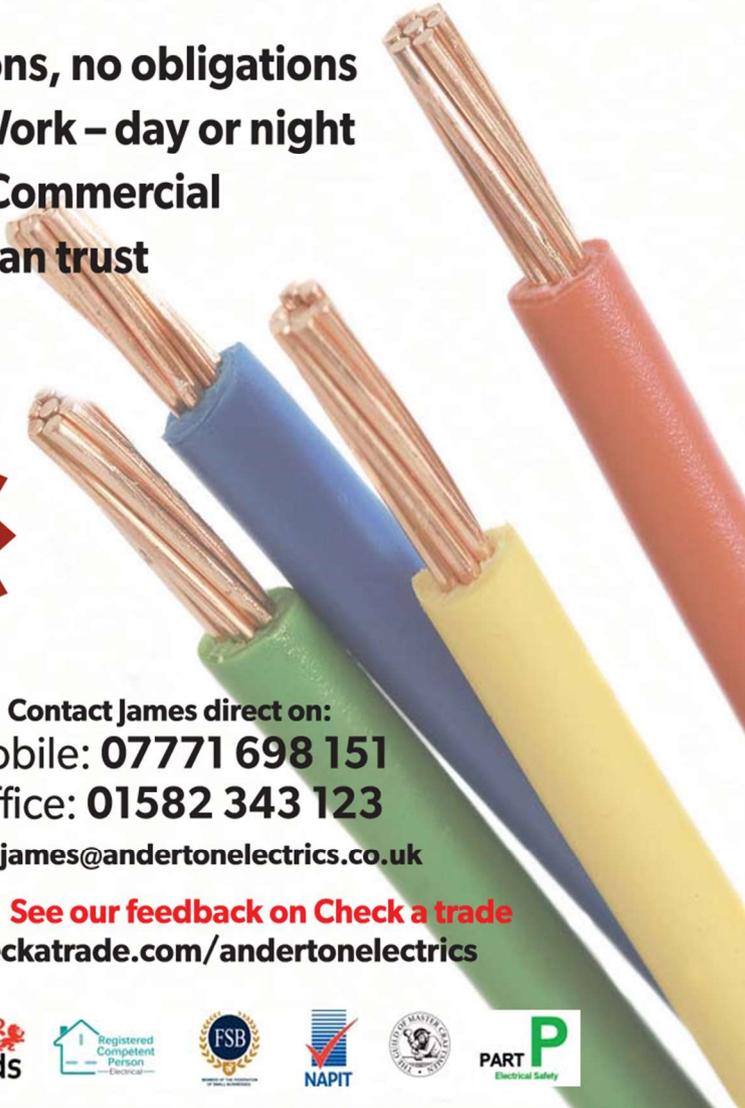


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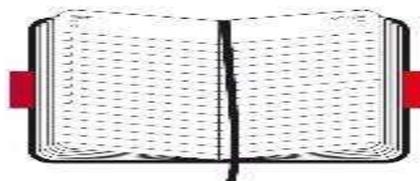
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What's on in February



Event	Date & Time	Location
Evensong	Sunday 3rd 6pm	Church
<i>Quiz Night</i>	<i>Sunday 3rd 7.30pm</i>	<i>Royal Oak</i>
Traffic Calming Meeting	Monday 4th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Pilates	Every Tues 9.30am	Village Hall
Yoga	Every Wed 6pm	Village Hall
Fish & Chip Van	Every Wed 8.30ish	Various
Whist Drive	Thu 7/21. 7.30pm	Village Hall
Valentines Night	Thu 14th from 7pm	Royal Oak
Bingo	Thu 14th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Ladies Club	Thu 21st. 2.30pm	Village Hall
Prayer Group	Every Thu 9.15am	1 Bricstock
Bus Pass Trip	Friday 15th 10am	Bus in AA

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To all parishioners of Aston Abbots:

The Parish Council has been advised by Teri and Gary Moulton that they are intending to put the Royal Oak onto the market.

The Royal Oak is currently listed as an Asset of Community Value, and this means that Community Interest Groups with a local connection may register an expression of interest in purchasing the pub.

Please find attached a letter received by the Parish Council on 8th January from the Aylesbury Vale District Council Monitoring Officer, which provides information for any group possibly wishing to express such an interest. The cut-off date for registering an interest is 13th February.

There will be an item on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting, due to take place on Tuesday 22nd January in the Village

Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Kate Curry (Parish Council Chairman)

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Our Ref: CRB/Royal Oak

The Clerk of Aston Abbots Parish Council. Mr Frank Post

The Royal Oak, Aston Abbots -
Aylesbury – Community Right to Bid

I write to confirm that the Council has received notice that the owner intends to proceed with the sale of the above property. As you may be aware this property has been listed as an Asset of Community Value pursuant to the Localism Act 2011. In the circumstances the proposed sale triggers the Interim Moratorium Period which is the 6 week period during which time Community Interest Groups with a local connection, may register an expression of interest to purchasing the property.

I confirm that the 6 week period has commenced and will expire on 13th February 2019. If you are a Community Interest Group with a local connection and you wish to express an interest to bid for the purchase of this property then you must provide us with an expression of interest form (attached to our web-page <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-right-to-bid/>). Please see the guidance notes attached to the form for the definition of a Community Interest Group. A body (other than a Parish Council) has a local connection with land in a Local Authority's area if the body's activities are wholly or partly concerned with:

- (i) the local authority's area, or
- (ii) a neighbouring authority's area.

Or if it is a company limited by guarantee or an Industrial and Provident Society and which any surplus it makes is wholly or partly applied for the benefit of the local authority's area or for the benefit of a neighbouring authority's area then it has a local connection.

Please note that this only entitles the Community Interest Group the right to bid for the property and not the right to buy. If a Community Interest Group

expresses an interest to bid for the property then the full six-month moratorium period will come into operation. The full moratorium period gives the Community Interest Group time to arrange finance for the potential purchase.

During the full moratorium period the seller can continue to market the property and enter into negotiations with interested purchasers but the seller can not exchange contracts for sale with anyone other than a Community Interest Group, until after the six month period has expired.

If you require more details about the process please refer to the Council's web-page on Community Right to Bid <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-right-to-bid/>

Alternatively The Secretary of State can offer advice and assistance to any Community Interest Groups considering or involved in bidding for property that is an Asset of Community Value.

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/advice-service/>

Yours sincerely,

Ifty Ali

Monitoring Officer

The Royal Oak

Community Right to Bid

When the Parish Council registered the Royal Oak as a Community Asset it was to create an opportunity for a community group to form and consider making a bid for the pub.

Now that the Royal Oak is to be sold the window for a group to register an interest with AVDC is open and this expires on February 13th.

Registering an interest does not make any commitment to buy. It just creates an additional 4 and a half months for the group to explore the possibility of purchase, without any obligation to make a bid.

It appears that there is no focus for such a group to form and some people may be thinking the Parish Council are organising a bid, which is not the case.

If you are interested in just discussing the possibility of the community buying the pub with

like-minded people then please send an email with your name and email address to oak@aston-abbotts.co.uk. If a number of people express an interest by the 28th of January I will put them in touch with each other by circulating the email addresses to all who have expressed an interest to that address. Your email address will be given only to others who have expressed an interest and will not be posted to the Postbox or revealed elsewhere. Again, expressing an interest or taking part in discussions does not involve any commitment, financial or otherwise, but the deadline for a group to register an interest with AVDC expires on the 13th February. When this deadline expires the Royal Oak can be sold to any bidder. The above letter is a copy of the formal notification of the Right To Bid from AVDC, which contains links to find out more about the Right To Bid process.

Your Letters



Our thanks to Pete Lucas and Bob 'Tax' Prouting for opening and working so hard at the Royal Oak for two hours on Christmas Day whilst Teri was busy helping Gary at The Dog House. It was very much appreciated by all those who enjoyed a pre-Christmas lunch drink together. Cheers guys!!!

Phil and Carol Spooner.

PS. I'm not too sure about Bob's Christmas 'hat' in the attached photo.

Many thanks Carol & Phil'. It was a pleasure. Bob had to do all the running around bless him. Ed.

Dear folks.

Fabulous new years eve at the Royal Oak. Shame on you village folk who didn't support your local pub. Don't complain when it's no longer here. You don't know how lucky you are to have a village pub still. Thanks Teri and Gary xx

Diana

Don't know how close you were on that one Diana. Ed.

Fly tipping on Lines Hill on 19/20 January. Blue carpet tiles, dolls house, car mats and cardboard. Any ideas?



Please could you add a reminder about the coffee morning in aid of Toilet Twinning in the village hall, Saturday 2 February, 10 am-12 noon? It was in last time. Many thanks. **Caroline**

House building in Aylesbury Vale at highest level for a decade.

Edited from Bucks Herald website

Industry experts forecast the upward trend will continue.



Local Government data shows that 920 houses were completed in the nine months to September 2018, the highest figure since 2008. This is nearly 6% higher than in 2017 when 870 new builds were put on the market.

This data only includes new homes and doesn't take into account conversions of houses into flats or changes of use from office to dwelling. In Aylesbury Vale, private developers funded 78% of all new homes. Housing associations paid for the rest.

Polly Neate, chief executive of housing charity Shelter, said the Government needed to increase its efforts to meet its target of 300,000 new homes a year. But the Government still needs to make giant strides. "To achieve this, it simply cannot rely on private developers alone – building social homes must be top of the agenda."

Nationally, new home completions were at their highest in a decade, with 116,670 built and 130,010 started



TRAFFIC CALMING IN ASTON ABBOTTS?



Are you concerned about the increase in both volume and speed of the traffic passing through our village?

Would you like to see some form of traffic calming implemented where you live?

Please come to a village meeting

Monday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The Parish Council are very concerned about safety on our

roads. We would like to hear what you think, tell you how we may be able to help, and hopefully enlist your support to tackle this growing problem, which is affecting us all.

Wine and nibbles will be available

Please come to put your point of view and to support your community.

QUIZ

NIGHT

Royal Oak

Sunday 3rd February

7.30pm

Big Cash Prize

Free draw dinner for 2

Hot Food available

Come and join the Fun and Frolics

First Sunday of every month

Believe – The Cher Songbook. Aylesbury Theatre Aylesbury



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

Another remarkable performer, Cher, was played out on centre stage tonight at the Aylesbury Theatre by Charlotte Talbot in the spectacular and dazzling production of 'Believe. The Cher Songbook'.

For 50 years plus Cher has stayed at the top of the Diva list recreating herself throughout her career with poetic Songs as, I got you babe, Gypsys, Tramps & Thieves, Just like Jesse James, If I Could Turn Back Time, Walking in Memphis, Strong Enough and the brilliant Believe.

Charlotte Talbot does the goddess of pop justice by far. Close your eyes and she's there for real it seems. I would even go so far as saying that Talbot has a stronger voice, so well demonstrated by her powerfully

high and lengthy note on 'Walking in Memphis'.

The show started at the beginning with an early Cher and Sonny singing 'I got you babe' and others.

Sonny, played by Darren Jones, doubled as guitarist later in the show.

The set was mainly a projection backdrop of the eras and was played out by Talbot and her tight band which, I thought, could have been more animated through the show.

The Second half was very much better than the first with a dazzling lighting show and a mixture of pop, ballads and rock thrown to the crowd along with stunning costume changes too.

Then the expected Abba cover of Fernando that seemed to be closing the show but turned into an Abba Tribute to celebrate Cher's latest album of Abba covers. Although very enjoyable, and increasing the audience participation of dancing in the isles and front of seat to capacity, I felt this was a production error as after the show, I for one, left singing Abba and not Cher. However this show is a must see. I loved it.

Less than good hygiene levels at Aylesbury Vale Food Outlets

From the Food Hygiene agency website for 2018.

It should be noted that improvements may have been made since.

Hygiene ratings

5 – hygiene standards very good

4 – hygiene standards good

3 – hygiene standards generally satisfactory

2 – some improvement is necessary

1 – major improvement is necessary

0 – urgent improvement is required

Al Kebabish

179 Cambridge Street Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP20 1BQ

Hygiene Rating (3) December

Aylesbury Tuck

12-13 Edison Road Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP19 8TE

Hygiene Rating (3) December

Coffee Station Ltd

Aylesbury Bus Station Great Western
Street Aylesbury Buckinghamshire
HP20 2PY

Hygiene Rating (3) September

Desire Restaurant

40 Kingsbury Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP20 2JE

Hygiene Rating (2) March

Malebon Cafe

21 Kingsbury Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP20 2LA

Hygiene Rating (3) December

Mendoza

30 High Street Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP20 1SF

Hygiene Rating (1) September

Sodexo Healthcare At Stoke

Mandeville Hospital

Stoke Mandeville Hospital Mandeville
Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire
HP21 8AL

Hygiene Rating (2) December

The Prince Of India

10-14 Aylesbury Road Wendover
Buckinghamshire
HP22 6JQ

Hygiene Rating (1) as of October 2018

Drug Dealing & County Lines

Drugs are the scourge of any community and eliminating the networks responsible for their distribution is a constant battle for Thames Valley Police.

But the individuals and gangs peddling the illegal substances across towns like Aylesbury and Buckingham are just the tip of an iceberg which starts in big cities like London and targets counties and towns for their activities.

Drug dealing

Now Thames Valley Police has released a fascinating video explaining the County Lines - the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

A police spokesman said: "They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

"OCGs often use high levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control them. One of these forms of control exploits vulnerable people by using their home as a base for dealing drugs, a process known as cuckooing."

Fans of TV shows such as *The Wire* will be all too familiar with the process. But now Thames Valley Police has released these lists of warning signs to watch for the activity in your area.



Police

Signs to look out for:

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in County Lines:

Persistently going missing from school or home and being found in other areas

Unexplained money, new clothes or electronic devices

Receiving high numbers of texts or phone calls, being secretive about who they're speaking to

Decline in school or work performance

Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

Cuckooing

Dealers often entice the vulnerable person into allowing their home to be used for drug dealing by giving them free drugs or offering to pay for food or utilities.

These OCGs are very selective about who they target as "cuckoo" victims. Often people they target are lonely, isolated, or frequent drug users themselves.

The OCGs often operate from a property for a short amount of time, frequently moving addresses in

order to reduce the chance of being caught.

Signs to look out for:

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is a victim of cuckooing:

Frequent visitors at unsociable hours

Changes in your neighbour's daily routine

Unusual smells coming from a property

Suspicious or unfamiliar vehicles outside an address

What to do if you are suspicious?

If you're concerned about drug-related crime in your area or think someone may be a victim of drug exploitation, please call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also **report online** or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Follow TVP's Stronghold activity on social media using #TVPStronghold and #countyines.

Buckinghamshire, Bercow & Brexit.

***An impartial look at where we
are as we go to print***

Did you know?

· The County as a whole voted to Remain in the EU, 50.5% to 49.5%, with Aylesbury Vale voting to Leave by the same margin.

· Arguably it was our MP for Buckingham and Speaker of the House, John Bercow, who set the wheels in motion for an EU referendum with his extra amendment to the Queen's Speech in 2013, regretting the absence of an EU referendum Bill.



· Since then Mr Bercow's impartiality has often been questioned amid reports that he voted 'Remain.'

· Mr Bercow, as speaker in the House, should be impartial but he was accused in January's Parliament, of having a 'B*****s to Brexit' sticker in his car window, but Mr Bercow clarified that the sticker was actually on his wife's car, not his own.

· The Prime Minister warned that the Speaker was at risk of making up the rules as he went along, when he tabled an amendment to the Brexit process which changed years of traditional rules.

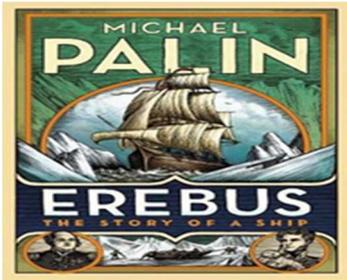
· According to the survey used by Buckinghamshire Business First, who describe themselves as “a business-focused community”, two-thirds of Buckinghamshire's business leaders reported that they thought Brexit would have a negative impact on their businesses. 51% of the 331 businesses who responded said that they were already undertaking activities to prepare for Brexit, including reducing staffing numbers, stockpiling supplies, and looking to relocate to another EU state.

I had to share this with you

The perfect photobooth picture



This Book review has local links - Erebus: The Story of a Ship, by Michael Palin



I was very pleased to get this book for Christmas. Michael Palin tells a good story. This story comes close to home, as Erebus and her sister ship Terror took James Clark Ross to the Antarctic and back, and these are the names of the islands on the Moat in the Abbey here. After his adventures in the Antarctic, Ross was asked to lead the expedition to find the Northwest Passage. He said no, and his friend John Franklin went instead, losing his own life, Erebus, Terror and 120 men. What happened to them all is still a partial mystery, but over 150 years later Erebus was found in shallow water in the Canadian Arctic in September 2014. (Terror was found in 2016.)

Michael Palin follows Erebus from her launch from Pembroke dockyard in 1826, to that extraordinary discovery of 2014. Built as a “bomb vessel” type of warship, she never fought an action, but was converted to a state-of-the-art

icebreaker (eventually, complete with central heating). Palin visited many of the places Erebus went to, and his reflections on then-and-now are one of the best things about this account. Most exciting bit? Captains Ross and Crozier getting out of a fine mess one dark night in the Antarctic, trapped in a line of icebergs with a narrow way through, and the ships colliding so violently that Terror’s anchor got stuck in Erebus’s planks and had to be left there. No wonder Ross’s hands shook after that and he preferred to stay at home, as he had to promise before marrying his fiancée and settling down... in Aston Abbots.

This is not fiction (or a horror story, as recently televised), but the characters leap off the page – and a very nicely produced page, too, with lots of old maps, portraits, and some stunning paintings by John Davis, who sailed on Terror.

Caroline Lane

P.S. There is more about James Clark Ross, and a much more recent resident’s family connection with Terror, in the Aston Abbots village history book published in 2000. If you are new to the village and would like to buy a copy in aid of the village hall, please get in touch: tel. 01296 681373 or email carolinelane@btinternet.com

ALLOTMENT DIARY



In my last article I mentioned the slug damage suffered by the potatoes I had dug up in November. It turned out to be even worse than I had thought: I reckon I lost about 75% of the crop. However, I'm happy to report that the next crops of potatoes that I have dug up, varieties called "Arran Pilot" and "Desirée", were relatively free of slug damage, so that it would seem that the slug damage I had suffered was not due to slugs being desperate for food because of the hot dry summer, but that it is the potato variety called "Rocket" which is especially tasty so far as slugs are concerned. Rocket is clearly the Hosta of the vegetable world.

There is no other news allotment-wise. I am busy collecting dead wood in order to make a bonfire on which to burn the dead sweet-corn stems; and am gradually taking compost down to the allotment each time I go there, to save me time and effort in

the spring; but otherwise have nothing to report.

Nevertheless, I have some vegetable news to share. A three-year study on England's biggest courgette farm has found that planting wild flowers in field margins attracted bees to pollinate crops, and increased yields by 40%. I am not sure that I want to increase the yield from my courgette plants: I usually find that I grow so many courgettes, I end up giving them away! But I like the idea that planting wild flowers has some commercial benefit. Perhaps one can justify not weeding one's allotment too industriously, on the basis that the weeds (= wild flowers) will be attracting pollinators to one's crop?

Secondly, researchers in Israel have found that when they played recordings of flying bees to evening primrose flowers, within 3 minutes the sugar concentrations in the flowers' nectar increased by 20% on average! It would appear that the plants could in some way "hear" the noise of what they thought were bees, and responded accordingly. Producing sweeter nectar would obviously entice the bees to visit that particular plant, and so increase the chance of its nectar being distributed. In addition, an experiment conducted

by the RHS in 2009 found that female voices seemed to speed up the growth of tomato plants! Perhaps gardeners who talk to their plants, like Prince Charles, have not been wasting their time!

Finally, my paper reported recently that a greenhouse has just been constructed near Ipswich which cost £15million, and will have a quarter of a million tomato plants in it – which

should produce 150million tomatoes a year! The plants are to be grown hydroponically, without soil, and will use rainwater from the roof, which flows into a reservoir. The project is only in its infancy, and the intention is to have 42 acres of production greenhouses, growing 1,566 tonnes of tomatoes each year!

Peter Shorrock

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Contribution Deadline Please remember that March Chronicle contributions must be with me by **24th February**.

editor@aachronicle.co.uk Many thanks. Ed.



Aston Abbotts Good Samaritans Bingo

Next Meeting - Thursday 14th February, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

All welcome

Donations totaling **£1,446.50** were made in 2018 as follows:

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£100	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
£170	Parkinson's UK
£70	Thames Valley Air Ambulance
£90	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
£171	Vertebral Tethering Surgery for Phoebe Williment

A big thank you to all those who continue to show their support.

Pam Dixon & Sondra Dickason



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Village Hall Diary

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Valentines Dinner at the Royal Oak

Thursday 14th February from 7pm

***Romantic Fire, Luscious food for lovers, Fine
Wines, real ales & Gin menu***

Valentines Menu £29.95 per person

(£10 per person when booking)

Menu for lovers

Roasted Camenbert for sharing, with Cranberry bread.

Smoked Salman & Cream Cheese Terrine.

Roasted Red Pepper Soup with Crusty Bread.

Ribeye Steak served with all the trimmings.

***Breast of chicken stuffed with Mozzarella and Cranberries
wrapped in smoked Pancetta.***

Wild Mushroom Stroganoff served with Garlic Rice.

Strawberry Cheesecake served with Clotted Cream.

Chocolate Cherry Brownie served with Ice Cream.

Selection of soft & hard Cheese with dry biscuits.

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From the Vicar

Dear friends,
By the time this is printed who knows where we are going to be re Brexit?
Two and a half years have flown by since the Referendum on 23rd June 2016 and there has hardly been any let up in the arguing/name-calling and generally bad behaviour in Parliament. Embarrassing goes nowhere near covering it.
The standing of politicians could hardly be lower than it is at present and yet these are the people we need to recover confidence in- in order to make sense of all that has been said and done over those 30 months.

The truly sad thing is that all those who have real fears around EU membership and everything it encompasses are quite likely to not be satisfactorily dealt with, certainly not for a long time to come.
In the front of my Prayer Book I have the motto: "Always we begin again" printed. This is the

philosophy of St. Benedict who was the founder of the Benedictine Order in the 7th century and he is seen as the father of monasticism in western Christendom. Although monks and nuns lived in cloistered religious houses they not only prayed and worshipped, they also acted as hospitals, schools and suppliers of employment for many hundreds of thousands of people. Where the wider society often failed people the faith of those like the Benedictines was there to catch the 'injured'.

Our society now needs that 'healing' and I believe all people of faith need to pray for our leaders that they put the good of our national community above other party and factional interests.

Richard III said "Now is the winter of our discontent". Let's pray that things work much better than that.

God Bless you all in these difficult days.

Philip.

Church Matters



The diary of St. James's

Following the very popular Christingle service on the 16th, December the Church was overflowing for the Nativity and Carols service on the 23rd; the latter was brilliantly produced and organised by Zandy Ayres. Thank you for all the hard work that went into the preparation and, as a result of the donations made at the two services, we were able to send £200 to The Children's Society on your behalf. Our thanks to all those who made the church look so special for Christmas and particular thanks to June Loader who donated the altar lilies in memory of Tim.

The theme for the family services this year is the life of Moses. The first episode involved Moses discovering the burning bush and being told by God to get Pharaoh to release the enslaved Israelites and take them to the promised land. No mean feat but anything is possible with God on your side!

A date for your diary is the Beetle Drive on April 5th; this is sure to be a popular event for young and old.

Finally thank you to all the Allotment holders who have paid their rents for 2019. There are still a few rents outstanding so please get the completed forms and fees to me asap. We have now allocated all the plots for this year but if you would like to get on the waiting list please let me or Colin know.

David Gray

**Services at
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts
February 2019**

3rd Feb.	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
10th Feb.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Peter Binns
17th Feb.	9.30am	Breakfast in the Village Hall followed by a short Service	
24th Feb.	10.00am	Team Service at Cublington	

100 Club Draw January 2019

1st prize, £50 Jackie Oliver

2nd prize, £10 Emma Radbourne

Church Duties

Date	Cleaning	Flowers
2/2	Colin / David	Donated
9/2	Ann / Caroline	Donated
16/2	Alex / Anita	Anita
23/2	Colin / Gay	Anita
2/3	Colin / David	TBA

BREAKFAST SERVICES 2019

After the delicious pancakes cooked by Nigel for the January Breakfast, and enjoyed by all, 36 of us attended a short informal service in church where the eventful life of Moses started to unfold. The theme and dates for the next few months are listed below:

Sunday 17th February – Pharaoh and the Plagues

Sunday 31st March – Mothering Sunday

Sunday 28th April – Parting of the Red Sea

Sunday 19th May – The Ten Commandments

Sunday 16th June – Father's Day

We hope you will be able to join us on any or all of these dates.

The Breakfast Service Team

We are sorry to learn of the death of Michael Page from Oxley Farm Aston Abbots on Friday 18th January. Ed.

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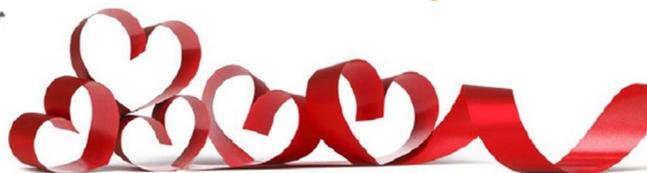


What's On

- Friday 1st Six Nations Rugby -**
France vs Wales Live in the bar 8pm
- Saturday 2nd Breakfasts** from 9.30 – 11.00am
- Six Nations Rugby -**
Scotland vs Italy Live in the bar 2.15pm
Ireland vs England 4.45pm
- Sunday 3rd – Roast lunch** Midday - 3pm
- Monday 4th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm
- Thursday 7th – Steak night**
– 2 steak meals and bottle of house wine for £40
- Saturday 9th Breakfasts** from 9.30 – 11.00am
- Six Nations Rugby -**
Scotland vs Ireland Live in the bar 2.15pm
Italy vs Wales 4.45pm
- Sunday 10th – Roast lunch** Midday - 3pm
- Six Nations Rugby -**
England vs France Live in the bar 3pm
- Monday 11th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm
- Thursday 14th – Valentines**
“Cocktails & Canapés” from 7pm-11pm
- Saturday 16th Breakfasts** from 9.30 – 11.00am
- ‘naked Play Live** from 8.00pm 
- Sunday 17th – Roast lunch** Midday - 3pm
- Monday 18th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm
- Thursday 21st – Steak night**
– 2 steak meals and bottle of house wine for £40
- Saturday 23rd Breakfasts** from 9.30 – 11.00am
- Six Nations Rugby -**
France vs Scotland Live in the bar 2.15pm
Wales vs England 4.45pm
- Sunday 24th – Roast lunch** Midday - 3pm
- Monday 25th – The Unicorn Quiz** from 8.30pm
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The Astonians

Lipstick on my mirror – astonpete

According to Shamus O'Shag the Caretaker at the local village school, he recently faced a unique problem. A number of the girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom.

That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip-prints.

Every night the Caretaker would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally, the Head teacher decided that something had to be done. She

called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the Caretaker. She explained that all these lip-prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the Caretaker to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip-prints on the mirror.

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Fri 1 1800 WCA Village Family Evening Community Centre
Fri 1 2000 Wingrave Singers' open rehearsal Parish Church
Sat 2 1000 Coffee morning for Toilet Twinning charity A Abbots Village Hall
Sat 2 1630 Six Nations Rugby - Ireland v England Community Centre
Sat 2 Live music with We 3 Rose & Crown
Sun 3 1400 Swingrave tea dance Community Centre
Tue 5 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church
Tue 5 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church
Wed 6 1000 WI meeting Methodist Church
Fri 8 Bowls Club presentation evening Community Centre
Sat 9 0845 Men's Breakfast Talk: Public infrastructure organisations, public or private hands? Methodist Church
Sat 9 2000 The Dung Beatles Community Centre
Sun 10 1445 Six Nations Rugby England v France Community Centre
Mon 11 0930 Monday Walkers' walk The Green
Tue 12 1500 Friendship Group Baldway House, Ltn Rd
Fri 15 1930 WCA Village bingo Community Centre
Sun 17 0930 Local ramble Nup End Lane
Mon 18-22 School half term holiday
Tue 19 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church
Tue 19 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church
Wed 20 1200 Last of the Summer Ukuleles Rose & Crown
Thu 21 1800 Copy date for Communiqué
Fri 22 1930 WWRHA meeting Grand Union Canal & Wendover Arm Community Centre
Sat 23 1630 Six Nations Rugby - Wales v England Community Centre
Sat 23 Live music with G-Elvis Rose & Crown
Wed 27 1200 Pub Lunch Club



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