

Aston Abbotts Chronicle

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Royal Oak Future - See 'From the Editor' Inside



What' you looking at?



New visitors to the Abbey Field for the summer

Aston Abbotts Fete

Saturday 24th July 1pm to 4pm



Fish & Chips & Pimms Bar



Cakes, Ice Creams, Fun Dog Show, & Book Stall

Bric-a-Brac, Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Treasure Hunt, Vintage Tractors

The Albury Morris Men & The Great Horwood Silver Band



Teas in the Village Hall & Flower show in the Church

Special added feature. 1928 Sunbeam classic car rides



So come and join the Anthill Mob at the Village Fete

We need your help to set up and take down Fete

There is now every chance that we will be holding the Village Fete on Saturday 24th July.



My thanks to all those who have already volunteered to collect items in the week before the Fete and run the stalls on the day. If

you have not yet made a commitment then please come along and help set up on the Village Green from 10am on the 24th and assist with clearing away after the close at 4pm. Even if you cannot be there on the day then please donate some items for sale and buy plenty of raffle tickets before the event. Your local co-ordinator will be happy to organise collections.

If you are a dog owner then our Fun Dog Show is for you. Just come along on the day and enter one or more of the classes.

Your Emails

Dear Pete, Percy at no 28 The Green, has offered his vegetable patch in his garden to anyone wishing to grow garden vegetables, as he doesn't use it anymore.

Sandra. (Percy's Niece.)

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone interested in carrying out some handywork / DIY type jobs within the village. Please contact Liz van Hullen in the first instance –
clerk@astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk

Kind regards. Liz van Hullen. Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Aston Abbots Parish Council. 01494 758800



From the Editor

The Royal Oak. I understand the sadness and frustration that one of the main village assets remains closed. The village pub is an important feature of Rural England.

Villagers have voiced their disappointment to this news with questions about the pub's future.

I am now not privileged to know the owners plans for the pub; only to say that, following 2 conversations with Gary and Teri, it will not reopen as a pub by the present owners.

The cost of running the heritage establishment even without stock is horrendous. The pub was losing money.

Gary and Teri are still considering a couple of ideas including leasing to potential interested villagers or others. However, Gary says he's disappointed that he has not been approached directly about the pub's future.

The fact that pubs could be listed as an asset of community value (ACV) gives a chance to protect beloved community pubs. It was enshrined in law that sites,

'further the social wellbeing and interests of the local community', would be protected from predatory developers. However the village failed to show interest in buying the pub under the scheme in 2019.

Pop up pubs in the village hall are already being spoken of by some.

So I can only say, your guess is as good as mine. The pub cannot be easily delicensed so, could it be a village pub, a restaurant or a hotel?

Is it over to us to save it or has that time passed?!

Fete Additions. This year the Bar-be-que is being replaced by the traditional British fish and chips. There's also a new addition to the line up. We've replaced the Ant Hill Mob with Penelope Pitstock aka Annabelle Dunbevand, to drive us in her beautiful 1928 Sunbeam classic car. 'Penelope' is offering the experience of riding in a car nearly 100 years old. Don't miss out. £3 per adult, £2 children under 14.

Stay safe & secure. *Pete. Ed*

News From in and around the village

Burglary Aston Abbotts

At around 3.00 this morning we were woken by our burglar alarm. It was someone breaking into the workshop attached to our garage. The would-be thief had jemmied open one of the windows, but when he reached through the window in order to open the door, he was then detected by the sensor which we had fortunately installed in the workshop, and the alarm went off. He then scarpered, leaving behind the screwdrivers he had used to break in. We will contact the police, in the hope that they will find finger-prints on these, and pursue the matter. ***(They have I'm told Ed)***

If any of you have anything valuable kept in an outbuilding which is not alarmed, you should perhaps consider keeping it in the house.

Peter Shorrock

And it goes on

In June, 10 houses were burgled in Whitchurch.

Cold Caller

On Wednesday 9th June a cold caller was operating in Aston Abbotts and Wingrave. These people may appear innocent but they sometimes are not. I know one of our residents gave him £20, feeling sorry for him, but in

Wingrave, he embezzled £60 from a person who has learning difficulties.

All holes are created equal

From a sample of two (admittedly not statistically significant) it appears that the repair time for a sinkhole on The Green is not linearly related to the size of the hole. There's not even an exponential relationship. I've been scratching my head as to what the relationship is - I've even played with quadratics and polynomials.

After much head scratching, I suddenly had a eureka moment. I finally deduced that the relationship is best described as 'constant' and, for the Aston Abbotts sinkholes, that constant is 72 days. The reason that it took me so long is that I had overlooked Bank Holidays. It took 72 days to re-open the road following the first sinkhole that appeared on the 5th of January. And for the baby sinkhole, it's taken them 76 days from when it first appeared on the 26th of March during which time there have been four bank holidays.

Yep, you've got it - that was a long-winded way of saying that the sinkhole on The Green is now no more. From the road. From a mathematically satisfied **Trevor**



Church clock news

Some of you will have noticed the Church clock has not been working for a while. Regrettably, yet again the motor/weight unit which 'drives' it stopped working and refused to start up again. However, now back from holiday, I'm hoping to find time to investigate and hopefully fix the problem.

On a more positive note, at the end of April, Gillett & Johnson collected the damaged bell hammer and the faulty motor/weight unit for the clock's chimes. Work didn't start on these straight away since we didn't accept their initial quotation of just over £3,000. Subsequent negotiation however reduced this by around £650 and we now await a date for their return and fitting so the clock can once again chime the hour. 

Postscript; The PCC. Would like to thank the two anonymous villagers who have offered donations towards the repair of the above.

Lungworm in Bucks: Dog owners should be aware of the dangers of the disease which can be fatal and the symptoms they should look out for. We need to be vigilant as there have been many reports of lungworm in our county.

Dogs get lungworm by eating infected slugs and snails, which then means the worm develops inside our beloved pooches. The disease can end up being fatal if it's not treated, so it's important to report any symptoms to your vet early on.

According to an interactive map, there has been one recorded case in Aylesbury. Wendover, three cases have been reported.

Two cases just over the border in Tring

Milton Keynes has the most cases of lungworm present, with 29 cases.

According to the Blue Cross, the main symptoms of lungworm in dogs are:

Coughing, Breathing problems, Reluctant to exercise, blood clots.

If your dog gets an injury like a cut, it may bleed for longer than normal. It's important to note that lungworm can't be directly passed on from dog to dog, but instead they will release the larvae into their faeces, which will infect more snails and slugs, which are then eaten by more dogs.

What treatment is available?

Lungworm can be treated through your vet with monthly medication

and for most dogs there will be no long-term health consequences.

However, it's important to consult your vet with any suspected symptoms early on, to avoid any serious complications - if left untreated, lungworm can be fatal.

Five Elms Weedon up for Lease

With silence surrounding the future of The Royal Oak, It's been reported that The Five Elms, Weedon is up for lease.



The pub is quite small but does have two connected bar areas and a separate restaurant.

While you won't be able to keep all of the profits as you'll be leasing, you will generally be able to keep a proportion of the takings. You will also need to pay ingoing costs. If you're keen to stay onsite there is a private double bedroom, sitting room, study, and bathroom. The ingoing cost is £15,000.

Scouts return after pandemic

After spending nearly 15 months in Zoom meetings, Scouts from Wing

and other villages are very pleased to be getting back to face-to-face meetings.

Buckinghamshire Scouts are back in face-to-face meetings as well as taking part in outdoor activities. These have included lots of walks with children thus clocking up miles for the Hikes Away badge. Toasting marshmallows on an open fire has also been a popular activity.

Scout Zaq Miller said: "I'm so happy to be able to see my friends, my leaders, do new activities and play games."

James Palin, lead volunteer for Buckinghamshire Scouts said: "They are looking forward to pioneering, visits to the fire station, pitching tents, playing games and a host of other activities."

James added: "With new children wanting to join on a daily basis we are actively looking for more volunteers. 'Scouting is Good for You' as it gets you out of the house, gives you the opportunity to share hobbies and interests with young people, gives you the chance to learn new skills and make friends."

If you are interested in helping out with Beavers (boys and girls aged 6 to 8), Cubs (boys and girls aged 8 to 10), Scouts (boys and girls aged 10 to 14), or Explorers (boys and girls aged 14 to 17) or helping in the background with things such as

building maintenance, finances etc, contact the County Office via <https://bucks-scouts.org.uk>

Head-on collision near Whitchurch.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses to a road traffic collision that left a man with serious injuries near Whitchurch. It happened at around 4.20pm on Wednesday (2/6) in which a black Suzuki GSXR 750 motorcycle was travelling along the A413 towards Winslow when it was involved in a collision with another car that was travelling in the same direction.

The other car, which is described as a baby blue coloured vehicle, possibly a Honda Civic, did not stop.

The rider of the motorcycle left the road and sustained serious arm injuries. He was taken to hospital for treatment where he remains.

No arrests have been made.

Investigating officer, PC Richard Hinds, said: "I would also ask any motorists with dash-cams and who were in the local area at around the time of this collision to please check the footage in case it has captured something that may assist with this investigation. Contact police by making a report online, or calling 101, quoting reference 43210239672."

Hare coursing stopped in a field in Ledburn. Thanks to some

eagle-eyed PCSO's. A chase pursued in the rain through muddy fields. 1 vehicle and 3 Lurchers seized and 2 males remain in custody, under investigation for Hunting Act offences. A thorough search of the area revealed discarded evidence that had been concealed deep within the mud out of sight.

Thursday morning cafe is back!

Thursday 5 August, 10-11.30am, Village Hall

Hopefully all restrictions will have been lifted by then. In any case, we will continue to take care:

Tables outside as well as inside, weather permitting

Maximum of six at a table. Table service only.

Bring your face covering indoors. You don't need to wear it while you are sitting down having your coffee.

There is hand sanitiser at the door, and we'll ask you to give us a contact number if necessary – this is in case there is a track and trace request.

All welcome – if you have half an hour or so free on a Thursday morning please pop along.

**Caroline Lane.
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01296 681373**

What's on in Aston Abbotts for July

Friday 16th/30th	Bus Trip	09.08 bus to L/Buzzard
Sunday 18th	Village Footpath Walk	14.00 The Green
Saturday 24th	Village Fete & Festival	13.00 - 1600 The Green
Sunday 25th	Floral Displays	14.00 - 17.00 Church
September	Re-launch of Bingo & Whist	Village Hall

Aston Abbotts Horticultural Society - AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 4th September 2021 Village Hall, Aston Abbotts

Staging of exhibits between 10.00 and 11.30 am

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECTION 1 – Classes 1 – 9

1. Beans, Runner – 4 pods
2. Beetroot – 3, with 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. 4 Fruit scones
11. A Jar of Marmalade (labelled with fruit used)
12. A Jar of Jam/Jelly (labelled with fruit used)
13. A Jar of Chutney

14. A bottle of home-made wine
15. A fruit Pie (men only) Tea Bread (ladies only)
16. A Photograph of a Tree
17. A Wildlife Photo
18. A Pot Plant

SECTION 3 – JUNIOR CLASSES up to age 14

(Age up to 8 for classes 19, 20 & 21 must be given on entry form)

19. An animal made from vegetables
20. A collection of wildflowers/grasses
21. Decorated hard-boiled egg
22. 3 Jam tarts
23. Best dressed bottle

For rules and regulations please see previous schedules (or ask Colin!)

More on The Abbey and Rear Admiral Sir James Clark Ross.



GARDEN ENTRANCE.

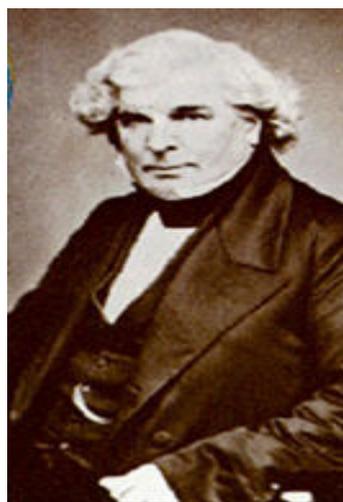
THE ABBEY,
ASTON ABBOTS.

Over time The Abbey has had some very interesting residents. First were the monks of St Alban's and from 1845 it was the turn of Rear Admiral Sir James Clark Ross until his death on the 3rd April 1862. He was described as a distinguished man of science and arctic navigator who amongst other things discovered the Ross Sea, the Ross Barrier, Ross Ice Shelf and the Victoria Land region of Antarctica.

James was one of the greatest adventurers of the Victorian age, taking part in surveying the Arctic and Antarctica. He located the North Magnetic Pole in 1831 and planted the flag to mark its position. He was Captain of the Terror and the Erebus but when he married Ann Coulman in 1843, he promised never to go to sea again. Captain John Franklin replaced him

and in 1845 took both ships out to the arctic.

James broke his promise to Ann when in 1848 he tried to find the Terror and Erebus after the crews never returned from their expedition. James was unsuccessful in locating the ships or the men and it wasn't until 2014 and 2016 that the wrecks were finally discovered.



James and Ann had three sons and one daughter, but when Ann passed away at age 40 in 1857, it is said that James was left bereft and gave up on life. He died five years later and was buried next to his wife in the churchyard. The church's east window has an inscription in memory of them both and it states: 'To the glory of God and in memory of Rear Admiral Sir James Clark Ross and of Anne his wife'

He also owned Wadworth Manor near Doncaster, which was originally built for the Wordsworth family.

Aston Abbotts Parish Council Meeting June

This edition will go to press before the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for 29th June 2021, however there are still items that we can update you on.

Playground & Aerial Runway:

Work on replacing the aerial runway should commence on 28th June 2021 and we are all very much looking forward to having the new equipment in place before the summer really gets going.

We commissioned the annual RoSPA inspection for May and are delighted that with the exception of a very few minor points that are easily managed by our general maintenance, the playground equipment is in good shape.

Play Around the Parishes

Hopefully you have all seen the notice circulated on Postie a week or so back - Tuesday 27th July, 2pm – 4pm at the playground (Village Hall if wet).

Sink Hole 1 & 2. The second sinkhole has now been repaired and will hopefully last. We are now just waiting for TfB to reclaim their cones and barriers.

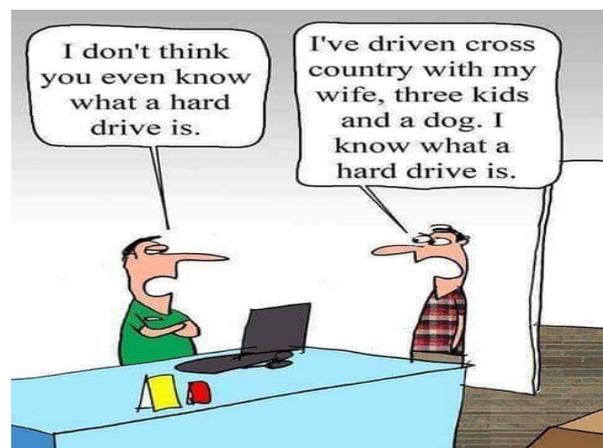
Footpaths. We have received a few notices that some of the footpaths are becoming rather overgrown, not surprising given the warm, very wet environment. Please do let us know if you come across a broken stile or rather too much growth, or better still report it direct to:

<https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/>

Defibrillator - For all those new to the village

There is a defibrillator at the village hall. Please do take the time to familiarise yourselves with how to access and use it and if you have any questions contact the Clerk.- For a full set of minutes from each Parish Council meeting please visit the website

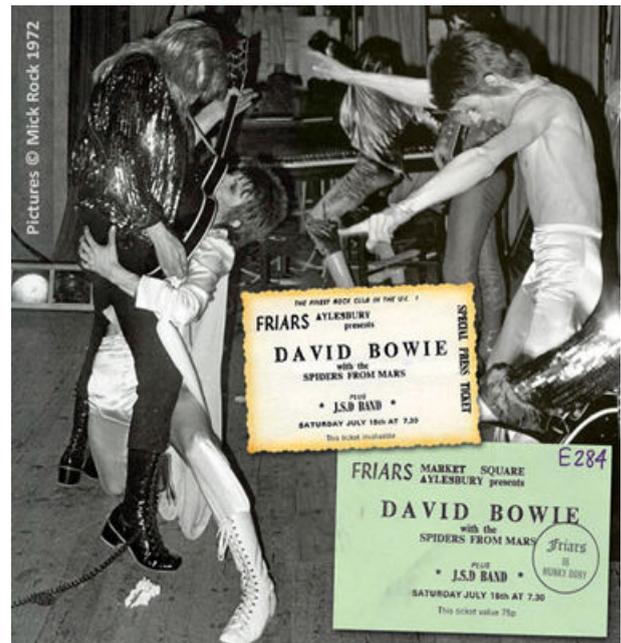
<https://astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk/> And if you would like to contact us please do so through the Clerk clerk@astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk. The next full parish council meeting is scheduled for 29th June and you are welcome to join us.



A Brief Look At The Friars Club. Aylesbury

Friars Club Aylesbury (originally called 'The Borough Assembly Hall') ran as a music club between 1969 and 1984. Over these fifteen years, there were various trials and tribulations which saw Friars close to bankruptcy more than once but it survived and presented the best artists of its day and is acknowledged as being heavily responsible for the subsequent success of such artists as Jimi Hendrix, the Rolling Stones, Cream, Otis Redding, the Clash, Hawkwind, Queen, Genesis, U2, David Bowie, Talking Heads, Marillion, Genesis, Wishbone Ash, Mott the Hoople, Cockney Rebel, Sailor, Stackridge, Stiff Little Fingers and more the Ramones.

Fans and artists loved the club, not least because of the atmosphere and the fact they were treated well by people who were genuine music enthusiasts.



Friars' Club celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009, by holding three special concerts that reflected the various phases of the club's musical history.

The first concert in June featured the Edgar Broughton Band, the Groundhogs, and the Pretty Things.

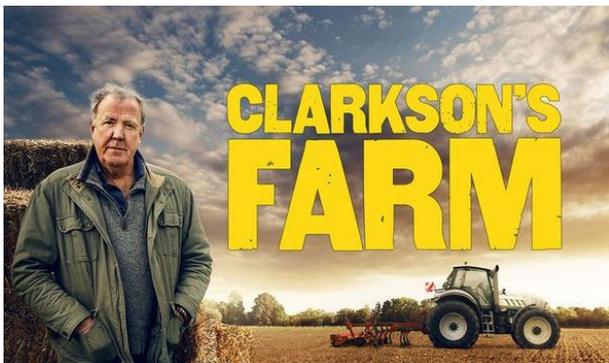
This was shot back in 1985 - It was a pilot for a possible documentary series called 'Rock City UK' - it was never finished or commissioned. It was fronted by local lad John Otway.



The James Henderson Column

Review of Farmer Clarkson

Hello again. I have just seen 6 of Clarkson's Farming adventures on Amazon prime last night. I must say, I have never been one of his favourite fans in the past, especially tearing round parts of Africa where I have visited, looking for the sources of various rivers, wrecking cars with his two chums and having them fall off rafts and polluting rivers, but I am warming to him rapidly.



Under the masquerade of a flippant rebel there is a well-educated, intelligent caring individual. He has had this lovely 1000-acre farm near Chipping Norton since 2012. I know where it is and yes, it is a cracking farm. The Agronomist and General Farm and Estate Advisor was working at Mentmore Park Farms for a while and therefore had a sound grounding and furthermore the mule sheep were bought at Bicester Sheep market, from a sheep farmer in Hockliffe.

Not much escapes the close-knit Farming community!! Moving on to Clarkson's antics, like herding these

mule sheep with a Drone, making Sheep dog barking noises, cracked me up.

But he built a lambing shed which he fitted CCTV and seeing him at 2 AM in the morning with his arm inside a ewe, lambing for the first time, and helping deliver a difficult breach gained much respect from the farming community. Yes, he did go to a farm sale and buy some suspect farm machinery, including a ruddy great Lamborghini tractor, which was not the best idea, he probably recognised the name and thought it was a good deal!! Goodness knows where the local agent is for them?? But under the helping hand of Caleb the 21 year old farm hand, who has worked the farm before under previous management, he shall learn quite quickly, both have colourful language!!

But on a more serious note, Clarkson has witnessed his oil seed rape fail, much to his disgust, caused by Flee Beetle, eating the seeds, but farmers aren't allowed to spray for this, due to banning of the chemical which supposedly affect the bees navigation system later in the spring. Therefore, the crop is a failure, and highlights the problems of arable farming. He then went on to witness the annual Sheep Shearing of his 80 odd sheep, and his two rams, and was flabbergasted that the fleeces are worth less than a pound and costs two to three times that to hire the shearers!!

Welcome to the realities of modern farming, that's why you no longer see much yellow flowing oil seed rape, and more field beans as a break crop, hence the large amount grow this year from the Allotment fields right through to the park road to Wing, on the Ascott Farm Estate. You might notice many more of our wonderful Bees about, many hives brought in and hired for the season to pollinate the bean crop. Lastly, I picked up on one of Clarkson's remarks, about not being allowed to shoot the wood pigeon that decimated the remaining Rape crops and also not allowed to control Rooks and crows that peck out young lambs' eyes, also trap the dreadful

Hallelujah!!

**WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CHOIR
WILL SOON BE SINGING AGAIN**



The choir is looking forward to restarting this Autumn and to singing with our new musical director. We very much hope to welcome some new singers and

magpies, that raid all ground nesting birds' nests and song birds that lay their nests in the hedgerows.

This is due to Chris Packman and his two mates in Wild Justice, trying to stop the farmers controlling these vermin. I would love to see Clarkson and Packman go head-to-head!! Well done Jeremy Clarkson, I think you shall be an amusing credit to Farming and the Countryside. James Henderson
www.wingburybusinessvillage.co.uk
James@wingburycourtyard.co.uk

invite anyone interested to come along to our first rehearsal on Monday 13th September at 8pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Nup End Lane, Wingrave.

We are a mixed voice choir and sing a wide range of music. No special skills or auditions are involved and you don't have to be able to read music to join us so please come along and give it a try.

If you are interested and would like some more information, please contact **Sally Palmer** tel 681152 or sally.palmer50@yahoo.co.uk



**FREE
Event**

Play around the Parishes

2021

For children aged 1 -11, there's lots to explore,
with arts and crafts, fun activities and more.

So make a note of the dates and hope for some summer sun,
to enjoy a day full of family, friends and fun.

Aston Abbotts

Village Playground, Aston Abbotts, HP22 4LP or
Village Hall, Cublington Road (if wet)

Tuesday 27 July - 2pm to 4pm

For more information about dates and locations
visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parishplaydays](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parishplaydays)
or call 01296 585298



Remembering the Mangrove Jack's shooting.

Four shot and one stabbed in Aylesbury pub:



15th August 1994 four people were shot at Mangrove Jack's, a popular Aylesbury pub.

Police placed a guard at the bedside of one victim of a violent disturbance in which four people were shot and one was stabbed. The injured were taken to Stoke Mandeville hospital. Of the four who were shot, one was in a 'critical' condition in intensive care (now left permanently disabled), while the other three were discharged after treatment.

The violence flared at 11.40pm at Mangrove Jack's, an Australian theme pub, in the town's 15th-century Kingsbury Square. A group of about 15 men, one reportedly armed with a machete, left the nearby Lobster Pot pub and tried to gain entry to Mangrove Jack's. Five of the group had been barred from the pub the previous week. It is said that the brother of one of the five wanted

revenge. A doorman who had allegedly previously received death threats, tried to prevent their entry. A struggle broke out during which shots were fired.

Members of the group tried to smash their way into the pub while those inside barricaded themselves. All ground floor windows were smashed and two window frames ripped out.

Police combed through the wreckage of the pub searching drains for weapons.

Mangrove Jack's did not have a bad reputation in the town. At the time Cllr Cyril Fletcher, who visited the pub regularly, commented, 'The town does have a reputation for fighting. Other pubs have a reputation but this one is different. It has a good regular crowd - they are young and they are good people,'. David Lydington, then MP for the town, said: 'What happened was not at all typical of Aylesbury.'

The pub had a dance floor upstairs and attracted a young crowd who came for dance music or karaoke. David Benyon, the manager, said: 'It was not instigated by anyone who was drinking here. They are a good crowd.'

Anthony Whinup, 47, a bouncer of Milton Keynes, appeared at Chiltern magistrates court, Amersham, charged with attempted murder and possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.



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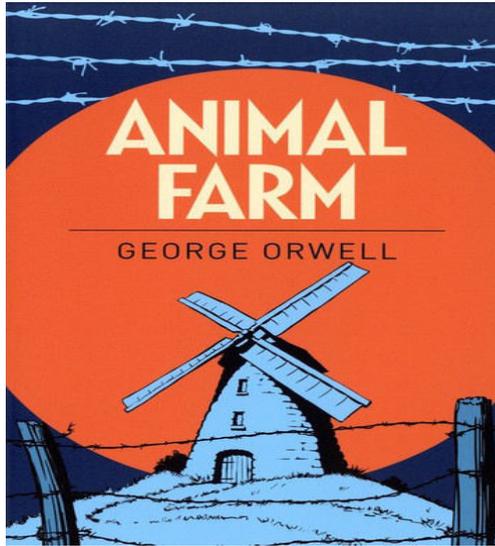
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Book Club – May

My selection for this month was 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell.



This caricature of the newly declared communist state of the 1920's and 30's describes how the animals take over Manor Farm and how a philosophy of 'everyone is equal', is corrupted into 'we are all equal but some are more equal than others! The main players in the Russian revolution of 1917, Lenin and Trotsky (represented by the pigs Major and Snowball) succeeded Stalin (the pig Napoleon) with his Secret Police (his fierce dogs that kill anyone who opposes the leader).

In 1936 Orwell went to Spain to fight for the left leaning government including Communists, against General Franco's Fascists, in the civil war. He became disillusioned with the infighting between the leaders of his side and the Fascists, supported by Nazi

Germany and Fascist Italy, eventually won the day. Orwell returned to the UK having received a near fatal injury in Spain and he joined the Home Guard when war was declared against Hitler and later got a job with the BBC during which time he started work on 'Animal Farm', which was published in 1945.

While the workers at Animal Farm, epitomised by the strong, hard working carthorse, toiled to meet unachievable production targets, the pigs quietly took over the original farmhouse and whilst extolling the workers to resist the evil of alcohol and work harder, enjoyed the luxuries of the best food and drink in private.

Today, the exposure by the, now imprisoned, opposition leader Alexi Navalny, of Vladimir Putin's billion-dollar Palace at Cape Idokopas on the Black Sea, suggests that nothing has changed.

This is a short book and easy reading but those expecting a complex plot or beautifully descriptive narrative will be disappointed. However, it was informative and amusing, but the main players in the establishment of Soviet Russia will not have been pleased with their caricatures as farm animals who gradually took on the guise of human's. **David Gray**

'A Special Horror'

The murder of an entire family

Over the last few editions I have included local historical murders. Buckinghamshire suffered terrible murders. This one is particularly brutal. Ed.

21st May 1870, the family of Denham blacksmith Emmanuel Marshall were seen alive at Uxbridge market - and all seemed well in their world. Emmanuel, his wife Charlotte and their four children lived together in a humble cottage in Denham, along with the blacksmith's sister and mother. But two days later, when a wedding dress maker popped by to see Emmanuel's sister Mary - for whom she was making a gown - she discovered the most horrendous scene imaginable.

The Spectator reported it as a "special horror" - every member of the family, except Emmanuel - was found in the cottage, brutally slain. The crime scene reportedly resembled a battlefield or a slaughterhouse.

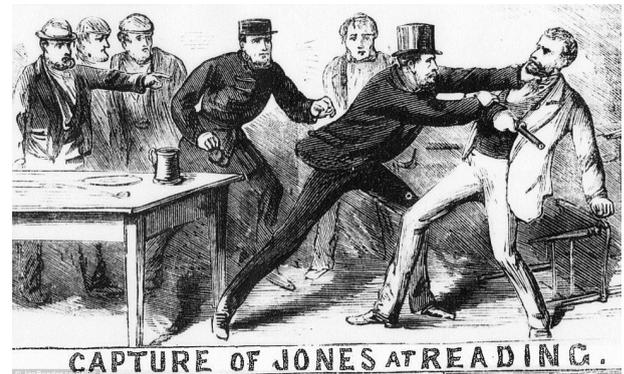
Suspicion might have fallen on Emmanuel himself, but he was found in the smithy, also bludgeoned to death. It was found that all seven members of the Marshall family had been hit with a sledgehammer, an axe, and a poker. Little Gertrude - the youngest family member at just four-years-old - was still in her grandmother's arms.

The appalling murder shocked Buckinghamshire. Police began interviewing neighbours.

One woman said she'd seen a respectably-dressed man leaving the cottage on the day of the killings. She'd assumed it was the blacksmith.

A local bricklayer said he knew of a man called 'Jack' who had lived with the Marshall's, who was suddenly flush with cash and planning to leave for Reading that evening.

Police tracked the man to Reading and arrested John Owen, a blacksmith with a bad reputation. He held a grudge against Emmanuel for not paying him for a job that the now dead blacksmith had deemed bad.



Owen mutilated their corpses then donned the father's smartest suit, sauntered out of the house and pawned his goods.

Owen had a criminal past and had been in trouble with the law for sheep rustling and larceny. This crime would be his last.

On August 8, 1870, John Owen was hanged at Aylesbury Gaol, now Aylesbury Prison.

ALLOTMENT DIARY

Sweetcorn remains a disaster. Adam and I have planted over 300 seeds either in the greenhouse or directly into the allotment, and we have only around 50 plants to show for it. Worst year ever, sweet-corn-wise. (We normally have a success ratio of 80/90%)

My first sowing of carrots totally failed to germinate, no doubt due to the unseasonable temperatures in May; and, having sown a second crop, at the moment I am unsure how many of the second planting are going to do so. I think I can see some green shoots poking through the soils, and am keeping my fingers crossed that what are appearing are carrots, and not weeds!

However, all my other vegetables are doing well. Thank heavens for potatoes and onions: they rarely fail! (Although I can already see that some of my onions are suffering from the dreaded alium borer, about which I have previously written). The same is true of courgettes, provided one can keep the slugs from them when they are young. This year I have even succeeded in growing some parsnips, which have in previous years been my Achilles heel.

When I was hoeing my allotment recently I saw a movement out of

the corner of my eye; and when I turned to look, saw it was a rabbit – the first I can ever remember seeing on the allotments (although after my story last month about Simon's fox, I was not too surprised). Then I saw another movement, and discovered that the rabbit was being pursued by a ginger cat. While I watched, this caught the rabbit, and then released it so that it could continue the game of chasing it – something I have previously seen cats do with mice. Then there was a flash of black from a different direction, which turned out to be a large black cat. Cat number one disappeared at a rate of knots; and the black cat caught the rabbit. This time there was no pussying around, letting the rabbit go and then chasing it again: within seconds it was an ex-rabbit! Sad news for the rabbit, but probably good news for my vegetables and those of other allotmenters.

I have read two articles recently both saying the same thing, which is that the more frequently people gardened, the less stressed they were, and the better their overall well-being. The effect is similar to taking regular exercise. I think this is something that all gardeners are aware of. There is research showing that when one is doing repetitive tasks like weeding or watering, one's brain goes into a meditative state, and enables one to forget any

problems which were previously in the forefront of one's mind. Monty Don is among those who have admitted how important gardening has been to their mental health. On the One Show recently he said gardening "acts as a huge relief. If I'm depressed, or life is overwhelming, I come out to [the garden]".

Perhaps because of this, a market research company called GlobalData has discovered that gardening has been the most popular lock-down activity after television. (They did not survey people in Germany, however, where I read there has been a substantial increase in the birth-rate over the last 12 months . . .)

Peter Shorrocks

Grow to Give, now there's food for thought

Buckinghamshire Council is proud to be supporting 'Grow to Give', a community food initiative providing fresh, locally grown food to food banks and community fridges across Buckinghamshire.

The Grow to Give scheme was set up by two Buckinghamshire growers, Justine Hamer and Sheila Bees to help people in the local community, by raising awareness of self-managed allotments, and using the surplus from these allotments to donate to

their local food banks, One Can Trust and the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse.

Last year, with the help of over 100 growers from seven Buckinghamshire allotments, Grow to Give donated over 1,600 kilos of food, giving amazing support to many local families and individuals struggling to put food on the table. With support and funding from Buckinghamshire Council and Feedback Global, this year the aim is to collect at least 2,500 kilos of locally grown fruit and veg.

Food charities have seen a huge increase in demand for food parcels with new people and families continuing to come for help. During the coronavirus crisis, food banks in Buckinghamshire reported a threefold increase in need from that in 2019. With demand remaining high, Grow to Give and Buckinghamshire Council are looking for more local growers and allotments to help 'grow' the scheme so they can continue to supply nutritious food to those who have fallen on hard times.

Justine and Sheila are still in awe of the generosity of local growers. The pair said: "We just can't believe people have taken Grow to Give into their hearts so quickly, and it's all down to our local allotment champions and fabulous growers.

Adam Townsend, Foodbank Manager at the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse commented: “Having fresh, seasonal, locally grown food to give our food bank clients is just fantastic! It’s even encouraged some of our customers to start growing themselves. It’s been a really tough year and the Grow to Give donations just show how much people care.”

Councillor Angela Macpherson Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing said: “The community response to this pandemic has been nothing but remarkable. As soon as the lockdown began, residents rallied together to make sure those who were struggling could get the help, support and food they needed.

“I would like to encourage even more green-fingered residents to take part. Any contribution is welcome no matter how big or small, so if you have space for a row of vegetables in your garden or a herb garden on your balcony (or even kitchen windowsill), please do join the scheme and turn your food excess into a community benefit.”

How to get involved and start your own Grow to Give scheme at your allotment

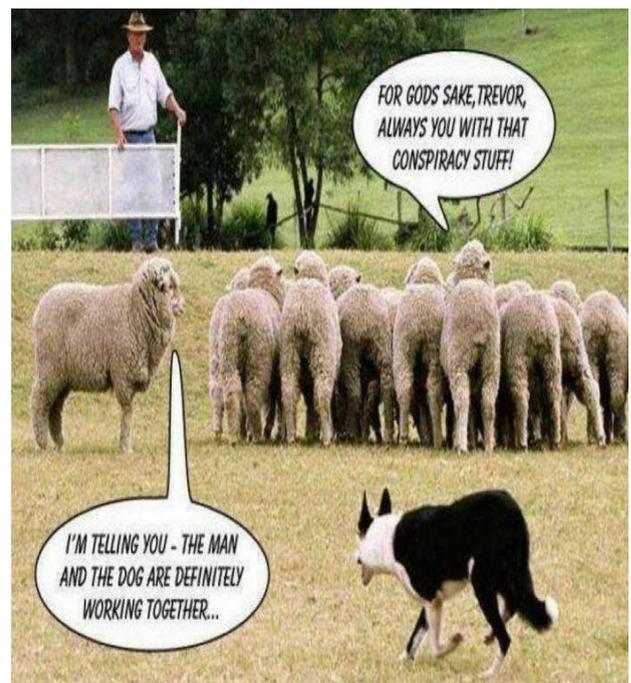
Starting your own scheme is a simple, fun and healthy way to bring your community together

while helping those in need. There’s a ‘How To Start a Scheme’ toolkit on the Grow to Give website at: www.growtogive.co.uk , where you’ll also find free downloadable resources including posters to advertise the scheme at your allotment or in your local community.

In addition to this there are free online eco-friendly growing master classes in addition to recipe cards and videos showing food bank users how to make the most of the fresh food donations.

If you’d like to get involved this is the perfect time as the growing season gets underway, please email Justine Hamer at growtogive@icloud.com

For further information, visit www.growtogive.co.uk or [watch the Grow to Give video on YouTube](#).





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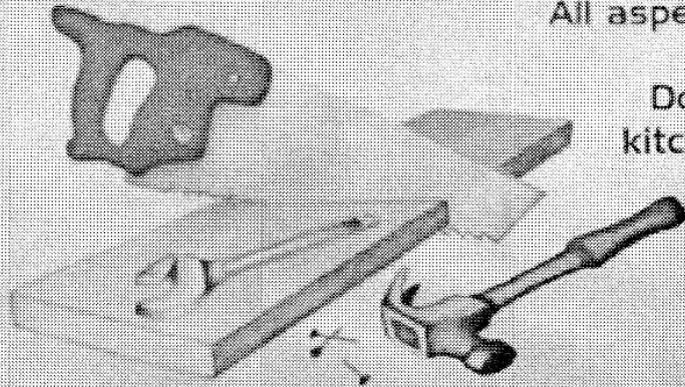
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<i>4th July</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<i>11th July</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>
<i>18th July</i>		<i>No Service</i>
<i>25th July</i>	<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Patronal Festival Songs of Praise</i>
<i>1st August</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<i>8th August</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>
<i>15th August</i>		<i>No Service</i>
<i>22nd August</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>
<i>29th August</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>No service at Aston Abbotts Benefices Services at Mentmore (Communion)</i>
	<i>11am</i>	<i>Wing(Communion)</i>

100 Club Draw.

Resuming in July, please return membership forms asap

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
<i>2/7</i>	<i>Colin/David</i>	<i>Colin</i>
<i>9/7</i>	<i>Alex/Anita</i>	<i>Colin</i>
<i>16/7</i>	<i>Ann/Caroline L</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>23/7</i>	<i>Colin/Gay</i>	<i>Festival</i>
<i>30/7</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Festival</i>

July's message from Revd Dr Andrew Krauss

The Art of Waiting?

If there is one thing that has probably taxed most of us quite severely over the last 16 months it is the ongoing need for patience. We are all generally told from a young age that patience is a virtue, normally to stop us nagging people, but as we age cynicism may kick in. Perhaps there are some things that should be nagged about, or that are genuinely too important to wait for. Coping with uncertainty is certainly something we need to be able to do, and, done properly, can be character-forming, but sometimes we may feel we simply can't wait any longer. In particular, waiting for important information can often be the worst part of it, especially when we can't move forward or make decisions otherwise.

Patience, of course, is something we always have to muster in the present moment. In the biblical literature the idea of 'waiting' is usually connected with an ever-present sense of alertness and expectation, especially regarding a sense of God's presence. In English there is also the distinction between waiting *for* somebody (or something) and waiting *on* somebody – and there is clearly some connection between the two, whenever our expectancy in life is

bound to our service towards someone or something.

Joyce Meyer once famously said 'Patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting' while Luc de Clapiers referred to patience as 'the art of hoping'. Art tends to have some form of structure or order, even if not fully visible or obvious at first, and a good attitude can give a sense of order and stability to our hope. Writing this in the first half of June it is still far from certain what the coming weeks and months will bring, but what is surely beyond dispute is that we need stability, and should continue to work together to achieve this.

Diary of St. James's

A big thank you to all those who have joined the 100 Club again. I will delay the first draw till the end of July so you still have time to submit your membership forms.

Please make sure to come along to the Village Fete on 24th July and bring your friends and family. I have introduced Blue Badge parking next to the Green (up against the Abbey hedge) and there will also be the usual free parking on the recreation ground. Stay Safe

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The John Hampden Statue



In April 1911 a letter from Thomas Field, jeweller and watchmaker, was sent to the Chairman of Aylesbury Urban District Council. In it he states that a Buckinghamshire Yeoman wanted to present to the county a life-size statue of John Hampden, on condition that it should stand in Aylesbury's Market Square. The donor wished to remain anonymous.

Born in London in 1595 to a Buckinghamshire family, Hampden was first cousin to Oliver Cromwell and had an active role in parliament for many years. In 1637 he refused to pay Ship Money tax that was levied by Charles I. Parliament later ruled that the tax was illegal and soon after that the English Civil War began.

Hampden was on the side of the parliamentarians and fought in a few battles. His last was at Chalgrove Field in 1643 where he was mortally wounded and died a

few days later in Thame. His body was brought to the family church at Great Hampden. The statue's foundation stone was laid on June 24th 1911 by James Griffin, who by that time had become known as the donor.

The statue was unveiled on June 27th 1912, as is shown in the photograph. It has since been moved to the top of the High Street.

Aylesbury's Market Square has had many statues added to it over the years. The first of these, the two bronze lions at the bottom of the square, arrived in January 1888.

Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild of Waddesdon Manor wrote a letter dated August 20th 1887 to the Local Board of Health stating that he wanted to present the two lions to Aylesbury as a gift.

This was very generous of him because they were very expensive statues, having been produced at the Durenne foundry in Paris. It took a while for a decision to be reached as to where the lions should go so a replica of one was made. This was placed at various locations to help the members of the board decide.

Eventually the area in front of County Hall was agreed. They arrived by steam roller, one at a

time, and there they have stood ever since.



The lions were copies of ones at St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, as the colour photograph shows. The tomb is of Pope Clement XIII by Antonio Canova which was completed in 1792.

Waddesdon Manor evacuees

World War II children sent from London to escape the Blitz

Waddesdon Manor housed over 100 children, from 1 month old to 5 years.



Waddesdon Manor became home to more than 100 evacuees during

the war, housed by the Rothschild family

As the Second World War raged on across Europe, a famous, stately home became a sanctuary for over 100 young children and toddlers desperately escaping the Blitz as the Luftwaffe rained destruction on London.

While the work done by the codebreakers at Bletchley Park is perhaps best known, it was far from the only stately home in Bucks to play a role in the conflict.

Waddesdon Manor, which was owned by the famous Liberal MP James Rothschild and his wife Dorothy. After the war broke out, they opened their doors to over 104 children, aged between one month and five years old that had been evacuated from Croydon.

The couple married when Dorothy was just 17-years-old, and devoted much of their life to philanthropy. The pair are also believed to have provided asylum for a group of Jewish boys from Frankfurt.

James and Dorothy never had children of their own, but gave much of their time to becoming surrogate parents to young children in need.

The children were fed and clothed and cared for by a team of 29 staff.

They spent their days playing in the massive drawing rooms set within the towering Aylesbury Vale mansion.

Despite all the staff, caring for this many young children was no easy task. The household made it through 11 gallons of milk a day, and 21,000 gallons of water – not to mention the unimaginable amounts of laundry, which would have to be taken to the village for cleaning.

The drawing rooms were cleared to make room for the children to play and nap



The drawing rooms were cleared out to make room for daybeds and give the children space to play, but most of the children's time was spent playing outside.

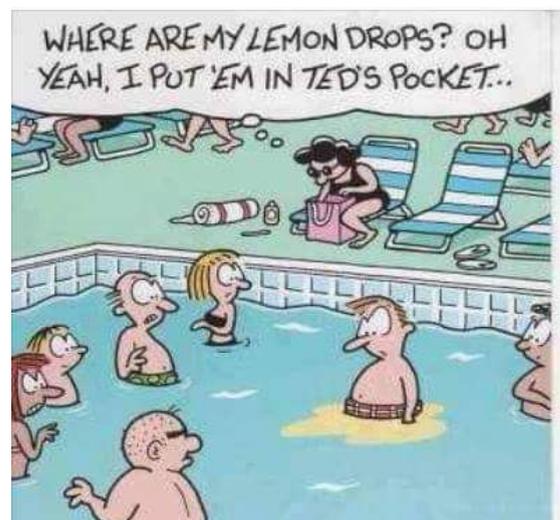
The children would start their day at 6am, and go to bed at 7pm –

walking around the grounds for many of the hours in-between. After their dinner, and before they were put to bed, the children would be allowed to play.

Despite all the chaos going on elsewhere, the years spent at Waddesdon Manor appear to have been largely happy. Christmas was marked with trees, decorations, presents and sweets, as well as a special dinner made by the house cook.

But all wasn't entirely well inside the home – there were tensions between the matrons. Those that took care of the babies, and those that took care of the children, would regularly squabble about space and mealtimes.

A number of letters from the children have been kept by archivists at Waddesdon Manor, as well as correspondence between Dorothy and James.



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The ultimate Buckinghamshire 25 bucket list

From beautiful views to scaling new heights, concerts and obstacle courses - make sure you tick them off.

After more than 12 months of on-and-off lockdowns and restrictions amid the coronavirus pandemic, there finally looks to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Our lives have been on hold but attention has started to turn to what we can do once lockdown is lifted.

Thankfully, for those of us in Buckinghamshire, there are a plethora of activities and day trips right on our doorstep. It's time to make the most of everything the county has to offer - and here are 25 things you should add to your list:

1. Hit the slopes at Snozone

Want to try out some winter sports but not splash out on a trip to the Alps? Then Snozone in Milton Keynes is perfect for you.

2. Make friends with the alpacas at Abbots View Farm

Does your heart melt at the site of an alpaca? Abbots View Farm in [Aston Abbots](#) can help you get your fix.

3. Scale new heights at Big Rock Hub. Based in Milton Keynes, Big Rock Hub caters for all ability levels. Who knows, this could be the first step on your journey to the top of Mount Everest (Disclaimer: You will have to venture out of Bucks to climb Everest).

4. Take in some history at Bletchley Park. As Alan Turing's face adorns the new £50 note, you must want to learn why you should absolutely visit the site of his life-saving work during World War Two.

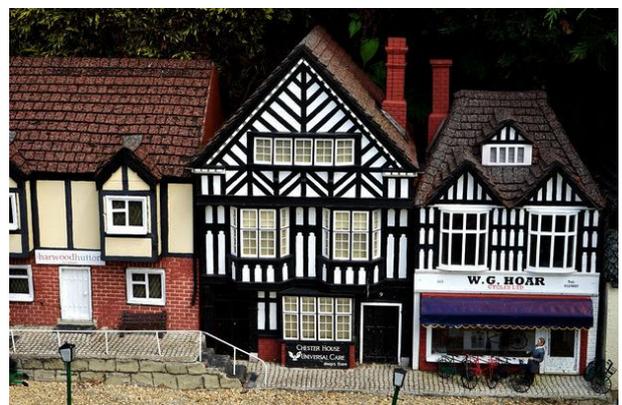
5. Enjoy the views at the top of Coombe Hill



Overlooking Aylesbury Vale from Coombe Hill (Image: Reach Plc)

You might not be able to feel your legs once you reach the top, but it is well worth it for the panoramic views of Aylesbury. While there you can also pay your respects to those who died during the Boer War.

6. Pretend to be a giant at Bekonscot Model Village. Village shops at Bekonscot in Beaconsfield



7. Tour the Rebellion Beer Brewery

Having recently relocated to Marlow, the brewery has been able to expand even further, meaning there is even

more choice. They even offer a tasting session to visitors, if you needed further incentive to visit.

8. Race your mates at Formula Fast

We all have that competitive streak in us. You can finally prove to everyone that you are in fact the best (at go-kart racing anyway) at Formula Fast in Milton Keynes.

9. Browse the Christmas market at Waddesdon Manor



Imagine walking around these grounds, mulled wine in hand, Slade chiming away in the background. What's not to like?

10. Visit the water gardens at Cliveden



Cliveden House (Image: Getty Images). If you absolutely love a water feature, then you will almost definitely enjoy Cliveden's National Trust grounds and maze.

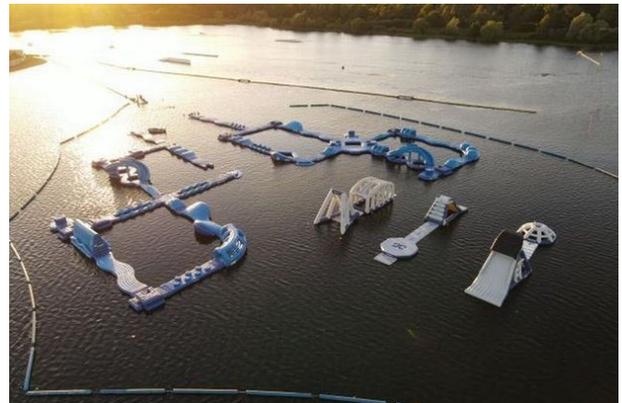
11. Watch a concert at Stadium MK. From Take That, to The Killers, to My Chemical Romance, Stadium MK has hosted some of the biggest names in music. There is nothing quite like a live gig so get yourself down there and in the front row.



12. Tackle the floating obstacle course at Aqua Parcs

The perfect day out for when you need to beat the heat (Image: Aqua Parcs)

Have you ever watched Total Wipeout and thought: "I could win that"? Well, prove it.



Aqua Parcs in Milton Keynes offers everyone over the age of eight the chance to tackle an array of obstacle courses on the water.

13. Watch the MK Lightning at Planet Ice. Fancy a taste of life across the pond but don't want to fly seven hours? Go to Milton Keynes instead and watch

the Lightning in Ice Hockey Action at Planet Ice.

14. Try out indoor skydiving

The perfect balance of thrill-seeking and safety. Get all the adrenaline of actually sky diving at iFLY in Milton Keynes - but without having to jump out of a plane.

15. Give yourself the creeps at Hell-Fire caves

Release your inner geologist in Wycombe's Hell-Fire caves. Learn your stalagmites from your stalactites as you venture further inside. Not for those who are afraid of the dark!

16. Take in a race at Eton Dorney rowing centre

It was the centre of a lot of Team GB's Olympic triumphs in 2012, but if you weren't able to get tickets to the double skulls nine years ago, you can still go and take in a race anyway.

17. Go sculpture spotting at National Trust Stowe



The National Trust gardens are home to some of the best-maintained sculptures and buildings in Britain. A must-see.

18. Feed the goats at the Bucks Goat Centre

If you've ever wanted to see baby goats playing together, or pet one yourself, The Bucks Goat Centre in Aylesbury is the perfect place for you.

19. Go Ape in Wendover Woods

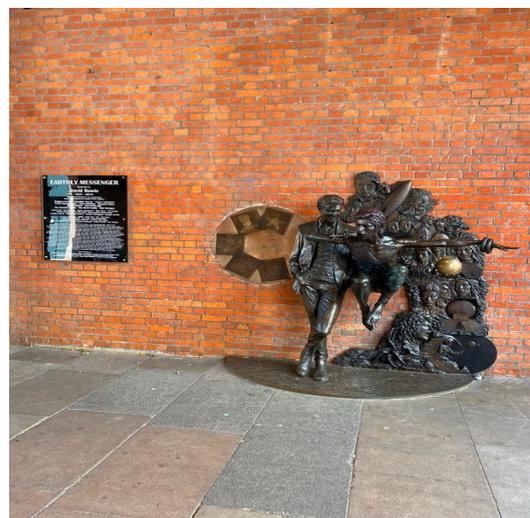
Test yourself at the top of the trees in Wendover Woods. With Go Ape, you can climb from branch to branch and zipline to the ground, in complete safety of course.

20. Enjoy the views from the roof of St Lawrence's Church



With an iconic gold orb sitting on its roof, St Lawrence's on the top of West Wycombe Hill has proven an attraction for years now. But you can also climb to the top of the church itself and soak in the views from there.

21. Visit Aylesbury's David Bowie statue



Earthly Messenger statue in Aylesbury Market Square. The singer left us in 2016 and in 2018 a stunning statue was unveiled in Aylesbury. Bowie famously performed songs from 'Hunky Dory' and 'The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars' for the first time at Friars in the town.

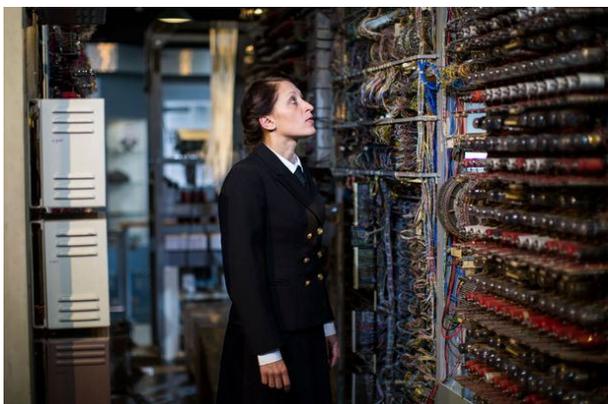
Hidden down a side alley, the statue captures Bowie in all his different periods.

22. Go apple picking at Home Cottage Farm



Cut out the supermarkets and head straight to Home Cottage Farm in the village of Iver to pick your own apples. They even have smaller trees so kids are able to pick their own too!

23. Release your inner nerd at the National Computing Museum



Colossus computer, used during World War II at Block H, Bletchley Park (Image: 2016 Getty Images)

Located in Bletchley as well, you can visit the largest collection of operational, historic computers in the world. Follow the development of computing: from the Turing-Welchman Bombe and Colossus of the 1940s through the large systems and mainframes of the 1950s, 60s and 70s, to the rise of personal computing.

24. Ride on a steam train at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

The railway centre in the village of Quainton, near Aylesbury, has plenty to offer and everyone will get a kick out of riding on a fully functional steam locomotive.

25. Stuff yourself at a Bucks food festival

If you like meat and fruity alcohol then Campbell Park's Sausage and Cider Festival may well sit at the top of your bucket list.

It will be held in Milton Keynes over the August Bank Holiday in 2021 - and there can't be many better ways to (hopefully) spend a summer day free of lockdown restrictions.

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In a YouGov survey, it was found that over half of people who ever feel stressed (55.9%) said that they had gone for a walk either by themselves, or with others, in nature or green spaces to help themselves feel better.

Tom Platt, Director of advocacy and engagement for the Ramblers said: "The great thing about walking is that it's free – you don't need any special equipment, just appropriate footwear – and it's fun: there's always something new, interesting, changing or beautiful to spot when you're out walking.

"There's no one way to ramble. "whether it's 'forest bathing', 'awe walks' or simply getting

away from your computer for a lunchtime walk in the park. "

There are over 500 Ramblers groups in the UK which run 60,000+ group walks a year, as well as an online collection of over 3,000 walking routes.



Evidence for the mental and physical benefits of walking and being outdoors continues to grow. It can lower stress levels, aid better sleep and treat/help to prevent depression.

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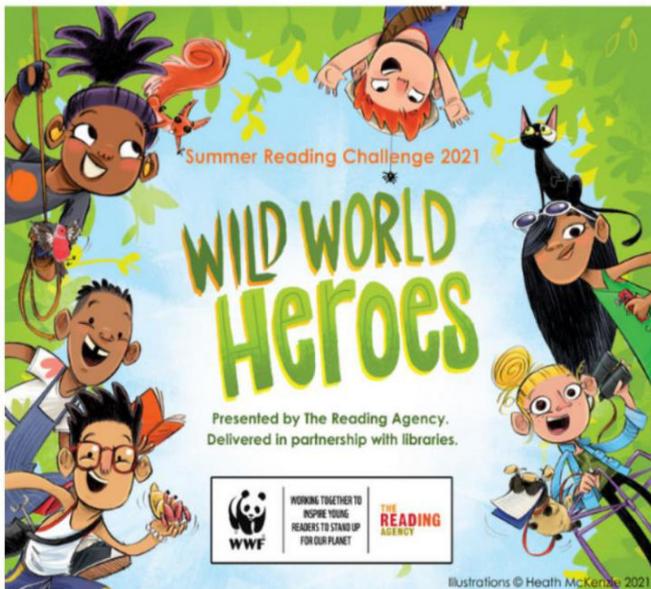
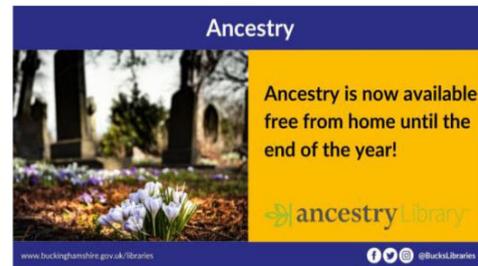
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James Bond film locations - shot in Buckinghamshire.

The film series is a national source of pride but do you ever stop to wonder where some of our favourite James Bond scenes are filmed?

While 007's exploits take him all over the world, filming often sees portions of his movies filmed in Buckinghamshire.

Stoke Park Golf Club - Film: Goldfinger (1964) Sean Connery's Bond sees the spy fight against Auric Goldfinger, attempting to stop the magnate from contaminating the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox.

A scene in the film sees Goldfinger and Bond face off in a round of golf, said on-screen to be St. George's club in Kent.



The scene was actually shot at Stoke Park golf club in Stoke Poges and sees Oddjob attempt to assassinate Bond by throwing his steel-rimmed hat at Connery, only to miss and behead a statue instead.

Royal Saracens Head, Beaconsfield - Film: Thunderball (1965). Thunderball was a big film for Buckinghamshire. The Royal Saracens Head was seen twice in the film, once as the hotel Major Deval

stays in, and again when Count Lippe uses the phone box outside.



The pub remains in the same place to this day so why not go and visit the setting of an iconic British film?

Chalfont Park House, Chalfont St. Peter - Film: Thunderball (1965). Two atomic bombs threaten to destroy Miami unless a ransom of £100 million in diamonds is paid. Bond is called upon to save the day again.

The two leading members of the organisation murder a pilot while staying at Shrublands health resort. But the building used as Shrublands is actually Chalfont Park House and, although now privately owned, can still be viewed from the grounds surrounding it.



Thames Lawn, Marlow - Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969).

George Lazenby only played the role of Bond for one film, in which he attempts to stop Blofeld from rendering all food plants and livestock infertile.

We see M's house for the first time, a stunning riverfront mansion called 'Quarterdeck', where he is seen preserving samples of rare butterflies.

The house is in fact called Thames Lawn and was found at the end of St. Peter's street in Marlow until it burned down in the 1990s.



Waddesdon Manor - Film: Never Say Never Again (1983). In the film, Bond plays villain Maximillian Largo at a video game in which each player attempts to dominate the world, with electric shocks dealt out to the loser. It is a scene shot in the French Rococo room of Waddesdon Manor.



St. Giles Church, Stoke Poges - Film: For Your Eyes Only (1981). In Roger Moore's fifth outing as MI6's suave super-spy, where he attempts to locate a missile command system before the Soviet Union find it first. But before all the drama unfolds, Bond is seen visiting the grave of his wife Tracy, before a helicopter picks him up for an emergency mission.



The graveyard in which the scene is set is St. Giles Church in Stoke Poges. It is open to visitors although the grave of

Tracy Bond is no longer there, because, you know, she isn't real.

Stoke Park House, Stoke Poges - Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997). In Pierce Brosnan's second appearance, Bond attempts to stop a power-hungry media mogul Elliot Carver from manipulating world events to initiate World War III. After he is sent to Germany for the launch of his nemesis' news channel in a luxury hotel, Bond seduces Carver's wife and learns important secrets about his empire.

Although set in Germany, the interior of the 'Hamburg Hotel' is actually that of Stoke Park House in Stoke Poges.



Stowe School - Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997), The World Is Not Enough (1999) Stoke Park House was not the only Bucks location used in the 1997 flick.

Stowe School, one of the country's most prestigious secondary schools, is the scene for a funeral in the film - one of a number of films to shoot at the site over the years.

