

The Chronicle 375

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John Bercow **Re-elected as our MP**



Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow romped home with the lion's share of the votes in the **Buckingham constituency**. Parliamentary convention means that none of main parties stand against the speaker in Buckingham. But in this campaign Mr Bercow faced competition from UKIP, Green Party and Independent candidates. Mr Bercow started his political life as a Conservative MP but in his role as Speaker is politically neutral

and not affiliated with any party. He has held the Buckingham seat since 1997. He became Speaker in 2009. Many voters have expressed their dissatisfaction with the system, which effectively takes away their democratic right to vote for the party of their choice. Turnout was 68.64%.

Bercow said, "..... it is my commitment to report to my colleagues the very large number of spoiled ballot papers, expressions of discontent. And to ask whether they think a better arrangement could be put in place." The results: John Bercow: 34,299 Green Party, Michael Sheppard: 8,574 Independent, Scott Raven: 5,638 UKIP, Brian Mapletoft: 4,162.

From the Editor

Hello fellow Abbots. I must start with a major concern regarding **the future of the Chronicle**. Due to our distributors standing down from delivering the village magazine, this edition maybe the last one through your letterbox. We appeal for new distributors. The deliveries are divided up into 10 to 20 each. Please give a little time to help the future deliveries of the Chronicle.

Contact Marisa Beckham on 07798 643 414. Thanks

Being part of the most undemocratic constituency in the country, we have re-elected the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, to his place again with a thumping majority.

No news as yet from the Parish Council on the **traffic calming** comments regarding the main road of the Green.

The Village Charity Quiz Night at the Royal Oak last month dealt a killer blow to the Rat Pack team on the tie breaker, making the Cheshire team the winners. The

next Quiz Night is on Sunday 16th at 7.30pm.



"Sorry Mable, you know the rules, no mobile devices allowed on quiz nights."

The special screening of 'This is Elvis' at the pop up cinema was greeted by the largest audience since this function began. However the Pop up Cinema will take a break for the summer.

The Summer Ball takes place on Saturday 15th from 6.30pm and the Summer Fete on the 22nd from 1pm.

The Chronicle will take a break for August and will be back through your doors in September if new distributors come forward. Enjoy the summer. Stay safe and well.

Pete

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE

SATURDAY 22ND JULY



From 1pm

MAGIC SHOW 1-1.45

DOG SHOW STARTS 1.30PM

**ALDBURY MORRIS MEN, SILVER
BAND**

**SKITTLES, COCONUT SHY +
OTHER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES,
TUG OF WAR, BBQ, HOME
MADE CAKES AND TEAS, ICE
CREAMS, PIMMS**

**BOTTLE TOMBOLA, PLANTS,
BRIC A BRAC, BOOK STALL**

**PLUS RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE.**

**A collection for bottles on
Friday/Saturday 14th /15th July**

**People willing to help set-up
please meet on The Green at
10.30am on the day. Donations
of good quality bric-a-brac,
books, plants and home- made
cakes appreciated**

Reminder that the correct address for submissions to the
Aston Abbotts Postbox is: postbox@aston-abbotts.co.uk

Highlights of Parish Council Meeting 21st June

Bierton Crematorium gets planning Permission.

Speed Limit Sign returns to Aston Abbotts.

Mass Barring at the Rose and Crown Wingrave

Apparently six Wingrave pub goers have been barred from the Rose and Crown Pub due to voicing opposition to the pub housing 2 horses in which used to be part of the pub garden that (according to a public campaign poster displayed in the village) was licensed to the pub at a rent of just £1 per year. The poster explains that the customers spoke up at the Parish Council meeting in opposition to the 2 horses and stables that have

Traffic Calming feasibility study group told to speed things up.

New Dog Waste Bin to be installed at the allotment.

During summer months, dog waste bins to be emptied more regularly than the usual weekly schedule

dominated the pub garden. Their opposition was on the grounds of safety, hygiene, animal welfare and the lack of seating area. Following the meeting they visited the pub for their regular drink and was told to leave the pub as they were barred. The now ex-customers have written a very public response asking other locals to support them with their feet effectively asking them to avoid the pub. It appears the pub has not responded.





ALLOTMENT DIARY

The battle with the Gallant Soldier Weed

As I write this, we are in the middle of the longest heatwave since 1976 – and, working on my allotment, I can believe it. Having had 2 weeks in France at the end of May, and left the allotment with hardly a weed in sight, I returned to a veritable explosion of weeds. And have been trying to get on top of the problem ever since – especially as I am going away again this coming weekend for another week's holiday! The only good thing about weeding in this weather is that when you have pulled a weed up, it stays pulled up!

I mentioned last year that my allotment had been invaded by a

weed new to this country, called **“Gallant Soldier”**. It is back again this year, and is now my most common weed. It clearly thrives on disturbed soils: about 60% of the weeds around my potatoes are gallant soldiers: whereas it is much less prevalent among my onions – where one does not disturb the soil so much when planting. Again there are some allotments which have not received much attention this year, and the weed seems to be totally absent from them.

Curiously, however, I have spoken both to Gordon Kemp and Simon Guy, who each have allotments

within 50 yards of mine, and they say they do not know the weed at all. The only explanation I can come up with is that each of them is a more efficient gardener than me, and perhaps they remove the gallant soldier weeds when they are too small to be recognised. I know it has been in Aston Abbotts for a long time – having escaped from Kew Gardens in the 1860s, it has gradually been spreading out from there like ripples on a pond. It was Peter Knight who identified it for me, having himself had it identified for him by the late Vic Scott.

On a happier note most of my crops seem to be thriving: potatoes, onions, beetroot, mangetout, French beans and courgettes: and especially carrots: I shall be picking a record crop, which will be very pleasant after last year's disaster. The only disappointments have been parsnips – as always: I think I must mistakenly pick out the young parsnips, thinking they are weeds. (Next year I will leave all the weeds alone along the line of parsnip seeds until the parsnips leaves are big enough to be recognised) - and also sweetcorn. The plants I raised

in the greenhouse are doing well, but about one half of the seeds Adam planted directly into the ground failed to germinate. Adam thinks he put them in too late. However, one of the sweetcorn plants has clearly been nibbled by something: perhaps a rabbit. It is just possible that the missing sweetcorn was eaten by rabbits as soon as the plants popped their heads above ground. I did see some evidence of rabbit activity on the allotments in the spring.

Meanwhile in the garden I have had an excellent crop of strawberries, and will clearly have a bumper crop of gooseberries and plums: and in my greenhouse my tomatoes are doing well, as is my cucumber; and my peppers are growing well, but I perhaps put them in too late. I shall be lucky to get any peppers before the autumn at the earliest.

Still, over all, everything is on the tickety side of boo, and I think 2017 is going to be a good year from a gardening point of view (Provided this heatwave does not go on much longer, and we get some rain!)

Peter Shorrok

Orchard Picnic Tea

Was on Sunday 18th June 2017

As part of:-



A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Annual Orchard Picnic a huge success. Thank you to Alex and Peter who organised the bouncy castle, cake stall, volunteers and tractor rides; to Emma and Richard who baked cakes and generally helped get everything set up and taken down; to Les and Val whose races, games and treasure hunt made the day so much fun for the children; to Sally and Nigel who provided the surprisingly speedy snail race; to Juan and Brigitte who brought the May Pole and got

everyone (well almost everyone) dancing; to Lydia for bringing the can game; to Marisa for covering the village's children, both young and not so young, in glitter tattoos; and finally thank you to everyone who came along, braving the heatwave, and who helped to raise £271, which after costs, will go towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful Village Orchard. It really was a 'Great Get Together'!

Zandy Ayres

Please Note

The Aston Abbotts Horticultural Show is on Saturday 2nd September. Entrances to be entered by 11.30am. Judging will take place 11.45 to 12.30



FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, ARMITAGE -- CAN'T YOU JUST
ACCEPT 2ND PLACE IN THE BEST LEEK CATEGORY??

Police advice issued following theft – Aylesbury Vale

Police have been investigating reports received, of two men attending addresses in Aylesbury Vale purporting to be delivering leaflets.

Police have been investigating reports received during the month of May and early June, of two men attending addresses in the villages and towns to the north of Aylesbury Vale purporting to be delivering leaflets.

Residents have raised concerns that mail and other items have been stolen from their letter boxes following these visits. Of particular focus has been properties with letter boxes located on external walls or gateways.

Witnesses describe two men, both black and in their 20s wearing fluorescent jackets, driving a white, Vauxhall Corsa derived van. Investigating Officer Det Con Lucie Roberts from Aylesbury police station said,

“We’re grateful to the residents of Aylesbury Vale who have contacted us with their concerns about these leaflet posters.

“I’d encourage anyone who may have seen them during the last few weeks, or has information about their activity, to please call us on 101.

“Personal details taken through mail box theft can be used for fraudulent activity. It is always advisory to check your accounts or credit sources to ensure all is in order.”

Police have the following information for anyone concerned about unsolicited callers attending their property:

- make sure your back door is locked before answering the front door
- use a door chain when opening the door
- ask for identification and check it carefully before letting anyone in
- ask them to come back when someone else is at home with you
- direct people asking for help to a nearby shop or other

public place, don't let them in

- keep all valuables and keys out of sight and out of reach of doors and windows
- don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats or plant pots
- consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

In the case of letter box security:

- don't leave keys in mailbox locks
- allow letters to fall through the letter box and avoid collecting them in cages attached to the door.
- if you are away for a number of days, consider asking a neighbour to collect newspapers/letters from your mailbox during your absence

Five people were charged with drink driving after a road safety operation in Aylesbury on Saturday night (17/6).

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You can report information to police via the 101 non-emergency telephone number. If you witness a crime in action, always dial 999 ***Reminder – don't give burglars an 'open invite' to your home***

The weather is hot and sunny and door and windows are understandably being left open.

This is a quick reminder to double check your premise when you are going out, or going to bed. Make sure all accessible windows and doors are shut and locked. It's easy to miss one or forget, but this could be the invite an opportunist criminal needs.

If you are enjoying your garden, make sure there aren't any accessible windows open at the front. It's easy for someone to reach in and take valuables.

operation in Aylesbury on Saturday night (17/6).

The operation, which took place in Walton Street, Aylesbury, between 7pm and 11.30pm. and formed part of Thames Valley

Police's Summer Drink Drive Campaign.

It was led by Roads Policing officers from the Hampshire and Thames Valley Joint Operations Unit and officers from the Special Constabulary. In total, 105 vehicles were stopped and their drivers breathalysed resulting in five arrests for drink driving.

These were four men aged 22,23,42 and 52 and one woman, aged 36. All five were later charged with drink driving and released on bail to appear in court next month.

In addition to the arrests, five vehicles were also seized for document offences, four drivers were reported to court for various traffic offences and 12 traffic

offence notices were issued which resulted in a fine and potential penalty points, depending on the offence.

Roads Policing officer Sergeant Tom Smith, who coordinated Saturday's operation, said: **"Drink driving pose a significant risk to public safety with around 1,300 people across the UK being killed or seriously injured each year in accidents involving motorists under the influence of alcohol."**

"We will continue to conduct these operations both during and after the summer campaign and any driver caught faces an obligatory disqualification of at least a year."

Your overhanging hedges

Buckinghamshire County Council remind residents that it is your responsibility to cut back your overhanging hedges should you have any.

Landowners must ensure that there is no obstruction of partial obstruction to the footway or carriageway.

What's on in July?



Rambling Club	Sunday 2nd 2pm	Meet at Wing
Evensong	Sunday 2nd 6pm	St James Church
Mobile Library	Tuesday 4th 10.30am	At the Green
Morning Café	Thursday 6th 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 6th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Village Footpath Walk	Sunday 9th 2pm	Meet at the Green
Morning Cafe	Thursday 13th 2pm	Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 13th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Summer Ball	Saturday 15th	Firs Feild
Quiz Night	Sunday 16th 7.30pm	Royal Oak Pub
OAP Bus Trip	Tuesday 18th 9.08	9.08 Bus to Leighton Buzzard
Morning Cafe	Thursday 20th 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 20th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Village Fete	Saturday 22nd	The Green 1pm
Morning Café	Thursday 27th 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	<i>Please note there is no Whist Drive in August. Restart Sept 3rd</i>	

Make sure you don't invite opportunist criminals



Please take a moment to ensure opportunist criminals don't have easy access to your belongings:-

- ***If you are in your back garden make sure that all windows and doors at the front of your home are secured. It only takes a moment someone to reach in, or climb in and steal easily accessible items.***
- ***Make sure you don't leave handbags, mobiles, keys etc near to an open window.***
- ***When you go to bed take a moment to double check all your doors and windows are secure, especially easily accessed ones.***
- ***Make sure your garden tools and equipment are locked away in a shed and are marked as belonging to you.***
- ***Don't leave out ladders that could be used to access a 1st floor window. Chain them up.***

- ***Lock bicycles away.***
- ***If you are going away, tell a trusted neighbour and ask them to keep an eye on your property.***
- ***Report anyone acting suspiciously to the police on 101, or if you think a crime is in progress dial on 999***

Following some of these simple precautions will reduce the opportunities for thieves.





Dear friends, I'm not a subscriber to conspiracy theories---I really do believe that Lee Harvey Oswald shot JFK in 1963 and Osama bin Laden was the mastermind behind the 9/11 New York Twin Towers attack in 2001 despite all the bizarre, not to say ludicrous, theories to the contrary. **However I do feel there is a bit of anti-Christian bias to some of the reporting on two of our political leaders at present.** I mean **Tim Farron**, the now ex-leader of the Liberal Democrats, and **Theresa May our Prime Minister**. Both are practicing Christians and have been vilified in various ways over the past few months in very unpleasant and small-minded ways. I thought we live in an open and democratic society but obviously we don't if we

don't subscribe to the current extreme secular liberal norms of much of our media and cynical 'establishment'. The trouble is that it is always so much easier to make cheap jibes and indulge in personal mockery than it is to engage in sensible and respectful dialogue. Whatever our personal beliefs we need to pray for our Government in the very difficult tasks that it has ahead of it both at home, in Europe and the wider world and also for a quiet summer in the cities. God Bless you all, Philip.

Dear Readers. Order quickly. Free range rare breed sausages and bacon.

All made from our own free range Berkshire pork we have three choices for you.

Special Pork (plain pork sausage made with 100% prime cuts)

Farmhouse (with added herbs)

Pork Apricot and ginger

Sausages are £3.50 per pack of 6 (very large) sausages.

After customer feedback we have reverted to these three popular recipes and the thinner skins are

back.

Also available is a limited quantity of unsmoked back bacon.

Please come along and buy some or I can deliver locally (Aston Abbotts, Wingrave, Cublington)

Just email me or call with the quantity and flavour you would like. A big thank you to those of you that came to our open day this weekend. It was a great success.

And, despite producing even more, we still we sold out of lamb n mint burgers. Please do share your photographs on our [facebook page](#). Thank you for supporting us!
James and Jo. Abbotts View Farm
07970692550

Play football for Wingrave Wasps JFC! Players needed

Wingrave Wasps JFC is a thriving, friendly football club looking for players from Wingrave and the surrounding areas. Dedicated training and matches that take place on a Saturday mean plenty of opportunities to play, develop skills and enjoy the competitive environment of football.

We are specifically looking for players for:

U12's

If your son/daughter is 11 on or before 31 August 2017, and they have an interest in football. Do get in touch!

Andy Targell

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Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

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**Community & Emergency
Services Day 2017**

**NEW VENUE! Saturday 22nd July –
10.30am-5pm**

**Entry £5 per person (kids under 5
go free)**

Here at Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting this year's Community & Emergency Services Day! Historically held at Waddesdon Manor until last year, this year's new venue will offer a fabulous day out, with free, unlimited steam train rides included throughout the day! Join us at The Railway for a fun-filled family day

out with all your local Emergency Services, and lots of local charities from the Helen & Douglas House, to the RSPCA and Tiggywinkles.

There'll be plenty to do and see! Climb in a fire engine; speak to the police; examine an ambulance; learn about many of your local community services; and enjoy steam trains - full size, miniature and model! Not forgetting our museum and visitor centre with café and shop. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnics. Entry: £5 per person (age 5+). There is still time to book a stall – if you work/volunteer at a local charity or offer a local service, please let us know – stalls are free. For more information contact us: Email: marketing@bucksrailcentre.org.

Tel: 01296 655720.

Website: www.bucksrailcentre.org.

Find us on Facebook: 'Buckinghamshire Railway Centre'.

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre,
Station Road, Quainton, HP22 4BY

Louisa Richards Marketing Manager

Village Charity



Sunday 16th July at 7.30pm.

**Get a team together or join one and
come to the Royal Oak for a fun
packed evening. Cash prize and that
Dinner for 2.**

Food Available

Proceeds to Village Charities

The Astonians

Bill Cartwright, the old guy who owns the allotment, told me he went to the barbershop in Cambridge Street Aylesbury for a shave and a haircut. He told the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells Bill to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he finished, Bill told the barber that that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball. Evidently the barber replied, 'You would just have to bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does'!

Ian's Confession

My old mate Dave always tries to get me to go to his local Catholic Church service and due to his need to confess his sins to the Priest, (One thing I've never understood) I agreed to go with him. When he went into the confession box I had to eaves

drop. This is what I heard.

'Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl'.

The Priest asked, 'Is that you, Dave McFerson?' 'Yes, Father, it is.' 'And who was the girl you were with?' 'I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation'. 'Well, Ian, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Montevue?' 'I cannot say.' 'Was it Teresa Mitson?' 'I'll never tell.'

'Was it Nina Carpoll?' 'I'm sorry, but I cannot name her.' 'Was it Cathy Pratt?' 'My lips are sealed.' 'Was it Mincy Bumgardner, then?' 'Please, Father, I cannot tell you.'

The priest sighed in frustration. 'You're very tight lipped and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot sing in the choir for 4 months. Now go and behave yourself.'

Ian walked back to his pew and I slides over and whispers, 'What'd you get?' He said, 'Four months holiday and five good leads.'

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Jeremy 07871587126



Good Samaritans Bingo!

Join us in July on

Thursday 13th July

Aston Abbotts Village Hall

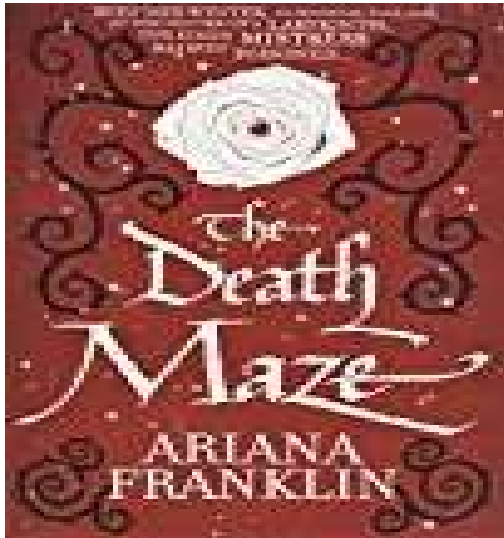
7.30pm start In aid of:



Book Club News

Eight people enjoyed a lovely meeting outside on Wednesday 24th May at Brigitte's house.

Mistress in the Art of Death by Arianna Franklin



(wife of the film critic Barry Norman) was generally well received and deemed a nice change with its rather unusual setting and subject matter. Although set in the 12th century it did have a bit of a modern feel. The more medical readers amongst us thought some of the medical practices had not changed much! Most of us found our knowledge of the historical background a little sketchy and made us realise how much was missing from our knowledge of Henry II and the Plantagenet period in general. The story was set round the outskirts of Cambridge in areas that can still be visited today such as the Magog Hills and the River Cam. It was interesting for me to

hear mention of places as villages that are now centres of major medical facilities such as Adenbrooks hospital and the new Astra-Zeneca bio-medical centre at Trumpington, as well as major new and visually striking modern housing developments. If you want a light entertaining crime story with historical facts thrown in then, this is the book for you especially if you enjoyed the Cadfael novels or TV programmes. No doubt there will be copies on sale at the Fete.

After some discussion, the date of the next meeting at my house was decided by the toss of a coin as Wednesday 21 June when we will be discussing ***A Man called Ove***.

The July meeting will be at Val's. She has chosen ***Paying Guests*** by Sarah Waters a Welsh writer I have never read. Wine may have fogged my brain but I don't think we settled on a date so that will be decided at the next meeting.

Sally Palmer



Ride+Stride in Buckinghamshire takes place on the second Saturday of September and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination.

**Saturday 9th September 2017,
10am – 6pm**

The Ride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists. The majority of Buckinghamshire's churches will be open, some with a welcome party on duty and others with forms for visitors to sign. Participants can plan their own routes, on foot, by bike, or even on horseback, from lists of open churches.

Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half to a general fund administered by the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. (Our own St James's has just

been awarded a grant to repair the stonework on the tower.)

St James's Aston Abbots will be open, as will the churches in most local villages (with refreshments). If you would like to join in on a bike, a horse or your feet and visit a few of our lovely local churches I can let you have a form, or follow links online at

www.bucks-historic-churches.org

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Church Breakfast Service

SAVE THE DATE

HARVEST BREAKFAST SERVICE

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

The concert at St James's on the evening of 4th June had a packed audience of 72 who enjoyed a varied programme of classical and romantic music from a quartet directed by Robert Secret. One of a series of concerts under the 'Music in Quiet Places' scheme sponsored by AVDC, which take place in Buckinghamshire Churches in May and June each year, with 10% of tickets sales going to the host Church. Thanks to Caroline Lane for organising the Aston Abbotts event and Ann Goodman and Caroline Abel Smith for providing and serving the refreshments.

Work has started on the consolidation of the well-worn ashlar masonry of our 500 year-old tower. We hope to start the conversion of the space in the base of the tower to a cloakroom and refreshment facility, later in the year.

June is the month for renewing (or starting) a subscription to the 100 Club raffle. So our thanks to all those who have subscribed and for those who have not, the first draw will be at the end of July so you still have time to join. If you cannot deliver your subscription to Church Farm House then you can email the

Treasurer
(ukdavidgray@gmail.com) or
call 681952
and he will
collect (after 8th July).



100 Club Draw May 2017

1st Prize, £50 John Abel Smith

2nd prize, £10 Juan Gutierrez

100 Club Draw July 2017

**Prizes will be published in
September issue**



Services at Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts July

2nd July	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
9th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
16th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
23th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
30th July	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Cannon David Holloway

August 2017

6th August	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
13th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
20th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
27th August	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Bob Willmott

We look forward to seeing you

Why Some Men Have a Dog And No Wife:

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog's parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
6. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.
7. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
8. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"
9. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
10. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.

11. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad. They just think it's interesting. And last, but not least:

12. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff.

To test a theory:

Lock your wife and your dog in the garage for an hour. Then open it and see who's happy to see you.



Funny how the pub quiz champion can't tell what time it is

Male or Female?

You might not know this...but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

FREEZER BAGS: They are male, because they hold everything in...but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS: These are female.....They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed ...but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong Buttons.

TYRES: Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated

HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also a male object Because to get them to go anywhere.you have to light a fire under them.

SPONGES: These are female...because they are soft.....squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGES:
Female...because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS: Definitely maleBecause they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

EGG TIMERS: Egg timers are female because....over time ...all the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS: Male.... Because in the last 5000 yearsthey've hardly changed at all .. and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL: Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male .. but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it .. and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push. he just keeps trying

The 630 Club

*Oh good!! Six thirty on the clock!
It's Saturday, so, 'on the dot',
us thirsty lads forsake our spouses,
as lemming like we leave our houses,
to wend our way to the social hub.
Where else? but down to village pub.*

*All mustered, happy, pint in hand
gregarious, noisy, happy band.
Jokes and plans and deals and such;
remember friends still missed so much.
Then all too soon, last pint must sup,
and 'weave' off home, - our hours up!!*



**The 6.30 Club still congregate at the
Royal Oak every Saturday at, of course,
6.30pm**

Chronicle Volunteer



After 4 years of organising the chronicle distribution, Marisa & Zandy would like to pass the mantle on, as due to work commitments it is becoming increasingly hard to get the Chronicle to distributors in the right time-frame. This entails letting the distribution team know when to expect the Chronicle (we have been aiming to do this for months, but have to admit we have not yet managed to do it)

2. Going to Waddesdon School once a month to collect the Chronicles from the Waddesdon School Office.
3. Batching them up into 8 batches
4. Delivering to the 8 households in the village who then deliver the Chronicle door to door. 5 of these are in the heart of the Village with 3 houses being a little bit more

outlying.

It normally takes about 20 minutes to do the batches, and about the same to deliver by car. Best times to deliver tend to be around 5 - 6pm on a Friday or Saturday. There is a spreadsheet with how many each person needs, where they deliver to, etc etc.

If this all sounds too much for someone, I would be happy to continue doing the batching and delivering round the village if someone else could collect from Waddesdon. If you need any more information, please do give me a call.

Many thanks

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Error in your AVDC Council tax Bill

I would like to clarify the situation regarding the error in the council tax bills that were sent out to residents of Aylesbury Vale.

Although the mistake was made in the breakdown of council tax and did not affect the total bill, we were legally obliged to issue householders with a new, corrected summary.

We are doing all we can to prevent this from happening again and are sorry that it came at a cost, especially as we have made every effort in recent years to make considerable savings here at AVDC. We would like to assure residents that despite this setback we will be continuing with our goal to save £20 million pounds from our budget by 2020, through efficiencies we are making by being more commercial.

Cllr Neil Blake, Leader, AVDC



Who's Who when you need them. Important numbers

Position	Name	Number
Chair Parish Council	Kate Curry	681137
Vice Chair Parish Council	Judy Hardcastle	688070
Councillor	Peter Shorrocks	681260
Councillor Recreation ground	Richard Clarke	681007
Councillor	Colin Higgs	681343
Councillor	Phil' Spooner	681544
Councillor	Simon Guy	681319
Parish Council Clerk	Frank Post,	668206
County Councillor	Netta Glover	688357
Fete Co-ordinator	David Gray	681952
Vicar	Phillip Derbyshire	01525240287
Church Warden	Carol Abel-Smith	681001
Church Secretary	Caroline Lane	681373
Church Mowing	Gordon Kemp	681763
100 Club Treasurer	David Gray	681952
Bingo	Pam Dixon	681626
Book Club	Judy Hardcastle	688070
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Rambling Club & Whist Drive	Colin Higgs	681343
Rural Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Baby & Toddler Group	Kim Gayler	681123
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Milkman	Ron Miller	482838
Post office & shop Wingrave		682964

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- 1) Which hotel was a hit for Elvis?
- 2) Which book title was a hit for Dolly Parton?
- 3) Which day was a hit for the Mamas and Papas?
- 4) Who had a hit song with 'Be My Baby' in the 60s?
- 5) What time was a hit for Wilson Pickett?
- 6) Who was the lead singer for The Herman's Hermit's?
- 7) Who was the first person to have a number one album?
- 8) How many ways did Paul Simon claim there were to leave your lover?
- 9) Which day was a hit for the Rolling Stones?
- 10) Which Beatles album featured the song "Can't Buy Me Love"?

Answers on page 34

Church Duties July

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The Quiz Guy – Music Quiz. Answers

- 1) Heartbreak Hotel
- 2) Islands in the Stream
- 3) Monday Monday
- 4) Ronnetts
- 5) In the midnight hour
- 6) Peter Noon
- 7) Frank Sinatra
- 8) 50
- 9) Ruby Tuesday
- 10) Hard day's night

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