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If you haven't read the Chronicle in ages, try it now

Unsafe' taxis removed from our roads during police operation across Aylesbury

This item missed the last edition by a day but I thought it worth including following many poor reports of taxis and their drivers.



A police operation targeting taxis stopped 18 vehicles across Buckinghamshire recently.

The operation took place in **Aylesbury**, Buckingham, Bletchley and Milton Keynes

and saw taxis checked for defects by the Roads Safety Officer and to ensure they had the correct driving licence and insurance.

Seventeen private hire vehicles and one Hackney Carriage were stopped and in one case a shoplifter was detained after getting into the back of a private hire vehicle having stolen £133 worth of meat.

One vehicle was unable to open its boot, and received an immediate suspension notice.

Several vehicles had magnetic door signs which were removed by inspectors.

During the operation, officers dealt with 12 drivers for licensing offences, which included drivers not wearing ID badges, not displaying correct vehicle signage, having damage to the vehicles and failing to have a first aid kit and/or fire extinguisher.

They were given penalty points which are attributed to their licence and given 14 days in which to rectify any defects if they are to avoid further

action. Licensed drivers can only have 12 points on their licence before they run the risk of losing it.

Police Constable Liz Johnson said: "This was another successful operation and removed unsafe vehicles from the road.

"I would urge all drivers to check their vehicles on a weekly basis and ensure that they comply with the licensing conditions."

Lindsey Vallis, AVDC's group manager for regulatory services said: "The results clearly show that joint operations of this nature with Thames Valley Police are invaluable in ensuring public safety.

"Licence holders must abide by the conditions of their licences or risk further action being taken.

"Operations will continue to take place to ensure that standards improve."

Neil Shefford

From the Editor

Low Life Scum Strike Again

Thieves have struck again on The Green taking tools from a van parked on the drive of a resident's home on the Green. They came in the night and so far no witnesses are known. This is a continuing trend in Aston Abbotts and residents are reminded to keep tools out of their vehicles at night. If you hear or see anything suspicious please report it.

40 New Homes planned for Aston Abbotts

Sources tell me that 40 new homes must be built in Aston Abbotts under the village quota set out by the Government. I can inform villagers that land beside New Zealand Cottages has been identified for 10 new homes and 5 further sites have been chosen by a housing consortium for the 30 remaining houses. However these sites have not been released to the public.

And let's not forget that The Abbey is still for sale at a snip of £4,780,000.

I'm fed up with the Chip van. When you decide to leave dinner for much later, they don't come through the village. Grimpy old git I maybe but annoying they are.

My thanks to Sally Palmer and Jill Wenble who now take on the distribution of the Chronicle.

Zandy and Marisa have been doing it for the last 4 years and I thank them for their service to the village.

Be safe and vigilant.

Pete



Village Fete Proceeds & Raffle Prizes

Detailed accounts for the Aston Abbotts Village Fete 2017

Income	Net
	Proceeds
Books	£110
Bottle Tombola	£273
Hook-a-duck	£15
Bric-a-Brac	£316
Cakes	£160
Plants	£162
PIMMS	£215
BBQ	£350
Raffle	£1,371
Coconut Shy	£90
Dog Show	£40
Ice Creams	£146
Skittles	£80
Village Hall Teas	£323
Donations	<u>£315</u>
Total	£3966
Expenditure	
Morris Men	£150
Colonel Mustard Magic	£160
Great Horwood Silver Band	£160
Raffle Prizes	£225
Coconuts	£42
Gaming Licence (AVDC)	£20
Drinks Licence (AVDC/TEN)	£21
Public Address System (ALD	£70
Raffle Ticket Production	£106
(Quills)	
Advertising	<u>£17</u>
Total	£971
Net Proceeds	£3,025
Amount	Recipient
£500	Fireworks
£200	Recreation Ground (Parish Council)
	Village Hall (Village Hall Trust)
	St. James Church (PCC Aston Abbotts)
£3,025	

FETE THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fete in July. Despite the rainy weather we made £3000 profit for the Village as outlined in the accounts that should appear elsewhere in this edition.

If anyone feels like organising next year's event please let myself or David Gray know.

Sally Palmer tel 681152

The Astonians

Doginberg cream © astonpete

I'm spending too much time with Mrs Speigelberg, the Jewish lady from Abbotts way. I always get too much info from the old girl. She found out that her dog, Schnauzer, could hardly hear so she took it to the vets. So I'm asked to transport the mutt and Mrs Speigelberg to the vet who, incidentally, found the problem was hair in her dog's ears. He cleaned both ears and the dog could hear ok. The vet then proceeded to tell Mrs Seigelberg that, if she wanted to keep this from recurring, she should go to the vets shop and get some 'Nair' hair remover and rub it in the dog's ears once a month.

Well Mrs Speigelberg told me that she went to Tesco pharmacist and bought some 'Nair' hair remover from there as it was cheaper already! The pharmacist told her, "If you're going to use this under your arms don't use deodorant for a few days." Mrs Speigelberg said, "I'm not using it under my arms." The pharmacist said, "If you're using it on your legs don't use body lotion for a couple of days." Mrs Speigelberg replied, "I'm not using it on my legs either." She continued, "If you must know, I'm using it on my Schnauzer."

The pharmacist said, "Well, don't ride a bike for about a week."

Trying to explain was not my responsibility!

Aston Abbotts Horticultural Society AUTUMN SHOW Saturday 2nd September, 2017 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 7.5 cm tops. 3. Carrots 4 with 5 cm stalks.
- 4. Tomatoes 4 with stalks.5. Potatoes 4 any variety.6. Onions 3 any variety.
- 7. Courgettes 3. 8. 9. A plate of 10 soft fruits Apples 3 any dessert variety

SECTION 2 – DOMESTIC CLASSES

- 10. Signature Challenge 4 Cheese scones. 11. Technical Challenge Chocolate Cake (made according to the recipe overleaf). 12. Showstopper A Lemon Drizzle Cake own recipe.
- 13. Floral arrangement: "Harvest Festival" in a vase. 14. A Jar of Marmalade (labelled with fruit used). 15. A Jar of Jam/Jelly (labelled with fruit used). 16. Hand knitted garment (any size)
- 17. A Photograph "The wildlife of Aston Abbotts"

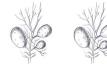
SECTION 3 – JUNIOR CLASSES up to age 14 (Age up to 8 for classes 18 & 19 must be given on entry form). 18. An animal made out of vegetables. 19. A painting of a flower. 20. 3 small decorated cup cakes. 21. "A garden on a plate"

AWARDS Aston Abbotts Coupe de Légumes – Most points in Vegetable Section – Classes 1-9 The Great Aston Abbotts Bake Off Trophy – Most points in Domestic Section – Classes 10 - 12 Rosettes for Winners and Runners-up in each section

REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING 1. All classes are open to all persons. 2. All exhibits, unless provided in the additional regulations, must have been grown or made by the exhibitor. 3. Only one entry per person per class. 4. There will be an entry fee charge for sections 1 & 2 of £1 per class.

- 5. Entries must be staged between 10.00 and 11.30 am on the day of the Show.
- 6. Exhibitors should collect Show Cards from the Show Secretary. Cards to be placed face downwards in front of the exhibit. It is helpful if varieties are labelled.
- 7. No exhibitor is permitted to move another exhibitor's entry. A show steward must be contacted.
- 8. Exhibitors should consult members of the Committee present at the staging of exhibits on any queries as to the correct class for particular exhibits.

- 9. Property is displayed at the exhibitor's risk. 10. Judging will take place between 11.45 am and 12.30pm. 11. Points will be awarded: 1st 3 points, 2nd 2 points, 3rd 1 point.
- 12. There will be monetary prizes for Junior Entries only: 1st 50p, 2nd -40p, 3rd -30p. Prize money may be collected from the Show Secretary from 3.00pm onwards.
- 13. Any disputes will be settled by Colin you have been warned.
- 19. Members of the public will be admitted from 12.30pm. Entry will be free. Donations accepted towards costs. 20. Trophies, medals & certificates presented at 3.30pm.
- **21.** Exhibits must not be removed until 4.00pm. **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**









1. Exhibits in class 13 and Junior Class 18 need not have been grown by the exhibitor. 2. Class 13 – accessories will be permitted. Exhibits to depict the title.

RECIPE Mary Berry's Chocolate Cake

For the chocolate cake: · 3 large eggs · 175g (6 oz) self-raising flour · 175g (6 oz) caster sugar · 175g (6 oz) softened butter · 1½ level tsp baking powder · 40g (1½ oz) cocoa powder · 4 tbsp boiling water · A little icing sugar, to serve For the chocolate spreading/ganache icing: · 150ml (5fl oz) double cream · 150g (5oz)

plain chocolate, broken into pieces · 4 tbsp apricot jam You'll also need: 2 x 17cm (7 in) deep sandwich tins, greased and lined with non-stick baking paper

Method 1. Preheat the oven to 180C, gas 4. 2. Beat together the eggs, flour, caster sugar, butter and baking powder until smooth. 3. Put the cocoa in separate mixing bowl, and add the water a little at a time to make a stiff paste. Add to the cake mixture. 4. Turn into the prepared tins, level the top and bake in the preheated oven for about 20-25 mins, or until shrinking away from the sides of the tin and springy to the touch. 5. Leave to cool in the tin, then turn on to a wire rack to become completely cold before icing. 6. To make the icing: measure the cream and chocolate into a bowl and carefully melt over a pan of hot water over a low heat, or gently in the microwave for 1 min (600w microwave). Stir until melted, then set aside to cool a little and to thicken up. 7. To ice the cake: spread the apricot jam on the top of each cake. Spread half of the ganache icing on the top of the jam on one of the cakes, then lay the other cake on top, sandwiching them together. 8. Use the remaining ganache icing to ice the top of the cake in a swirl pattern. 9. Dust with icing sugar to serve.

<u>ASTON ABBOTTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – ENTRY FORM</u>

September 2nd 2017 Village Hall

ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON PLEASE. Plain paper or photocopies are acceptable.

Please fill in the entry form and deliver together with the entry fee, in a sealed envelope, to:

Colin Higgs, 6 Wingrave Road, Aston Abbotts, Bucks

Entries accepted up to 11:00 am on the day. Fee per entry – Adults £1. Under 14's free.

CLASS No	EXHIBIT	Entry	For use
		Fee	by
		1 66	Secretary
			Secretary
			only
	Total		

.I hereby enter the following exhibits and will conform to the Rules and Regulations governing the show.

Name:	me:		Total Entry Fee:	
Address:				
Post Code:	Tel No:			Age(If under 14):
Email:				

For more information, call Colin on 681343

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The 630 Club Story



I was both surprised and pleased to find Pete had included a copy of the '630 Club' poem I wrote many years ago. It caused me to reflect on the Clubs origins and past and so I offer the following;-

630 Club – a brief history

I suppose the 630 Club had its origins in the Autumn of 1985 when Ray Wilkinson, Tony Hinds and myself started to regularly 'drop in' to the Bull & Butcher at 6.30 every Saturday night for a couple of pints and a natter; just while our ladies got ready to go out with us.

It wasn't too long however before word got around, and a few other village 'lads' joined us. I'm not sure who first coined the phrase '6.30' Club, but it quickly became somewhat 'formalised' by being mentioned in The Chronicle. This came to the attention of 5 or 6 chaps (known as the 'Brooksiders' who'd moved into a small, recently built development (Nash's Farm), and overnight

'membership' doubled.

In those days, we would start at 6.30 with a short meeting to discuss Club matters and plan outings/events etc. From the outset it was agreed formality would be minimal. However, it was felt that the club's general aims should be to provide a venue whereby newcomers and visitors would be welcomed. Furthermore, members were encouraged to assist in village matters. These aims are strongly in evidence today.

At some stage, it was agreed that we should wear bow ties, and this was indeed the practice for several years. Initially there was considerable rivalry as to who could find the most outlandish tie. One Saturday, several 'Young Farmers' who'd been drinking in the 'back bar', decided to take the 'micky', and came in wearing huge bow ties they'd made out of toilet paper; a joke much appreciated by all.

Rather more poignant was the Saturday after Princess Di's death when every member, totally unprompted, attended, each wearing a black bow tie.

Shortly after, Tim Peacocke had club ties made for every member. A few 'diehards' still wear these to this day in the forlorn hope that the custom may return; indeed, some do wear theirs at member's funerals etc.

As membership increased further there were a certain amount of 'growing pains' resulting in discussions about 'subs', and whether fines should be levied for not wearing a bow ties; issues which seemed so important at the time. One member, Andy Stefancyzk, very generously had pint glasses made, each being inscribed with individual's names, though few if any remain.

Throughout the mid-nineties, many outings, fund raising events, parties, St Georges Nights, Christmas parties etc. were organised. Perhaps the event most remembered was the decision to stage our version of The Full Monty which we called The 'Bull' Monty. Sunday rehearsals were tremendous fun under the guidance of a delightful young lady called June. She tried desperately to get those who had 'volunteered' to do the two 'strip' scenes to dance the correct steps, but it was hard work. A stage was built in the back room of The Bull & Butcher, lighting, sound and curtains were set up and all was ready. However, just before they were to 'go on', our 'performers' suddenly developed extreme stage fright. They realised the tickets had been grossly 'over

sold' They then saw the bulk of the audience were women; and knew the total content they had to offer was just two four minute dance routines. Anyway, with a certain amount of improvisation by our 'compare' it turned out to be an evening of great fun and can still be seen on youtube.

Insurmountable tragedy seemed to strike when The Bull & Butcher was closed to be turned into apartments. We were however, soon made very welcome at The Royal Oak where we've been happily meeting ever since. However, the loss of the large 'back room' at the 'Bull' which had enabled so many quite large scale events to take place was gone for ever, changing the 'dynamic' of the Club and perhaps that of the village.

The original concept of ensuring we give a warm welcome to all new comers and visitors to Aston Abbotts is still strongly upheld. There is also still a willingness amongst members to be actively involved in assisting wherever they can with village events.

(Andy Bystra)

Many thanks Andy. Now us new comers of 25yrs and less know the history. Ed



This month I really need a subheading: "Crime Wave on Allotments!"

The first crime I heard about was from Simon Guy, who came over to see me when I was weeding my allotment in early August, in a state of righteous indignation; to tell me that the previous evening someone had pulled or dug up three of his hollyhocks, taking two away, and leaving the third because the culprit broke it when uprooting it. Curiously the thief left behind several other hollyhocks, and did not steal any of Simon's vegetables which equally easy to remove – including a large number of tomatoes, growing in his unlocked greenhouse. A really baffling crime, since I am fairly sure that one cannot transplant a fullgrown hollyhock without the plant dying.

I next heard from Colin Higgs that two allotment-holders had recently had forks stolen from the allotment - Richard Clarke and Alan Fincher. It was then I realised that I was also a victim of the crime-wave: the thief

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had almost certainly stolen my fork as well! I had been fairly certain that I had left it in my green-house, and having failed to find it there, when I needed to dig up my first early potatoes, had been searching everywhere for it at home – but without success. lt had never occurred to me that it might have been stolen, since while it is in fair condition, it is at least 15 years old, and worth about 50p!

At the other end of the village, Juan Gutierrez had an old butler's sink at the entrance to his drive, in which he had planted flowers. A few weeks ago some.one removed all the flowers. Again, a remarkably pointless crime or act of vandalism, and one has to suspect the same perpetrator.

However, the crime wave has been partly solved. When I was picking raspberries a few days ago, I trod on something, and found it was a spade! Not my spade, but an even older one, with a broken tine, which someone had thrown into my raspberry canes. Next I had a visit

from Colin, who knew about my loss, bringing an old fork for me to look at, which another allotment holder had discovered on their allotment. Again it was not mine. I showed him the fork which I had discovered, and he identified it as Richard Clarke's missing fork. It seems likely that the fork which Colin had was the one removed from Alan Fincher's allotment - and I live in hope that my fork will be discovered somewhere else on the allotments. It seems that instead of a fork thief, we have a culprit with a peculiar sense of humour, who thinks it funny to take forks from one allotment, and throw them on to another. It takes all sorts. It is not necessarily anyone from our village: it could easily have been someone driving past. At the risk of being regarded as ageist, I have to say the phrase "bored teenager" springs to mind.

Interesting, when I was taking some rubbish out to my bins at about 8.30 on Sunday morning I heard the clip clop of horse's hooves, and having waited to see who it was, discovered to my astonishment a policewoman on horseback, riding through the village towards the

allotments! Can the boys in blue have read Simon's recent postbox entry, and asked her to keep an eye on our allotments?

One final thing: when I could not find my spade in my greenhouse, the first day I had decided to dig up my first early potatoes, I had to use a fork, and so discovered something I had not realised before, which is that on part of my allotment, the stratum of sand that runs under the village is only 12 inches or so below the surface! I had no idea.

Peter Shorrock

P.S. Since writing the above, my spade has also been found: some kind allotment holder had stuck it in the ground near the main gate. (Thank you, whoever you are!)

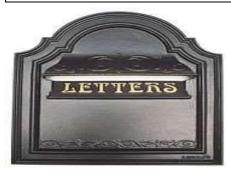




What's on in September?

Horticultural Show	Saturday 2 nd Exhibits displayed10 to 11.30. Judging	Village Hall
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Rambling Club followed by	Sunday 3 rd 2pm	Meet at Wing
Autumn/Winter planning.	Condey 2rd CDN4	Ct laws a Church
Evensong	Sunday 3 rd 6PM	St James Church
Morning Café	10-12 midday	Village Hall
Whist Drive	7.30pm	Village Hall
Ride & Strive for the Historical Churches Fund. Church open for signing forms & Refreshments in Village Hall	Saturday 9 th	St James Church and Village Hall
Aylesbury Vale Transport	Tuesday 12 th	Community Hall
meeting. Bus and train issues to Colin Higgs	10.30am	Buckingham
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 13 th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Morning Café	Thursday 14 th 10- 12	Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 14 th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Mentmore Fete	Saturday 16 th 1pm	The Green Mentmore
Harvest Festival Service	Sunday 17 th . 10.30am	St James Church
Quiz Night. Cash Prize and that	Sunday 17 th	Royal Oak Pub
Dinner for 2 draw	7.30pm	•
Morning Cafe	Thurday 21 st 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 21st 7.30pm	Village Hall

Mobile Library	Tuesday 26 th .	The Green
	10.30am	
Morning Café	Thursday 28 th 10-	Village Hall
	12	
Rambling Club	Sunday 1st October	Meet at
	2pm.	Cublington
		Cross Road
Evensong	Sunday 1 st October	St James Church
	6pm.	



Dear Ed'.

Today I discovered that 2 fully grown hollyhocks have been stolen off my allotment.

Somebody has taken the time to dig them up and carry them off! I grew them from seed to encourage

the bees etc and they looked nice too.

I realise that in the great scheme of things this doesn't really matter but what is the world coming to?

If anybody is offered 'black market' hollyhocks (1 white and 1 red variety) or knows the whereabouts of these plants perhaps you could let me know.

Maybe I should set up an anonymous phone line! Yours sadly

Simon Guy

Dear Editor,

The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery will be in attendance. Reg Charity No: 1064109/0.With grateful thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully
David Vere. Publications Officer The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery.

Dear Villagers,

We have finally completed the build of our cattery and have been awarded a licence. So we are now officially open and ready to take bookings.

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody that sent in letters of support and enabled us to get the planning permission. Thank you.

Hi Pete, I'm writing from the Affordable Warmth Network (AWN). independent charity supported by the county council operating throughout Buckinghamshire. AWN aims to improve the health and wellbeing of residents by tackling issues surrounding fuel poverty. In the past we have helped people replace inefficient and faulty boilers, efficiency provided home energy hampers and helped residents find funding and grants for various domestic energy efficiency measures. One of the primary ways in which we do this is through our Affordable Warmth Helpline

(0800 107 0044) that we are hoping that you may be willing to help us advertise.

Unfortunately as a charity we do not have a marketing budget and so are reliant upon the good will of

Our website is now up and running and bookings can be taken online. see

<u>www.abbottsviewfarmcattery.co.u</u> <u>k</u>

If you'd like more information than please do contact us.

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Thanks for your support

James and Jo

organisations and publications such as yourselves. If it would be possible to include a short article / advertisement in your next edition then please let us know likewise any help or support you can offer on this topic would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you. Kind Regards, Ben McFadden.

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Hi Pete

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a counsellor and told him 'I've got problems.

Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.'

'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the counsellor.
'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears.'

'How much do you charge?'
'£80 per visit,' replied the Doctor.
'I'll sleep on it,' I said.

Six months later the doctor met me in town. 'Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?' he asked.

'Well, eighty quid a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! The landlady of the Royal Oak cured me over a couple of pints. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new Audi!'

'Is that so?' With a bit of an attitude he said, 'and how, may I ask, did the landlady cure you?' 'She told me to cut the legs off the bed!

SCREW THOSE SHRINKS. GO HAVE A DRINK & TALK TO YOUR PUB LANDLADY!

Life is too short, drink more beer today. Matter of fact I'm having one now!!!

Love it Ed

Hello local residents,

The football teams of Wingrave JFC - aka Wingrave Wasps - are revved up and looking forward to the forth coming season. In addition to the existing teams already at the club - Under 14s, U12s, U11s and U10s - we are also going to run a development squad of Under 6's, as well as Under 7's and Under 8' (this has been managed through some open days and local awareness). It is very

exciting to see local boys and girls play the beautiful game for a local club, and not any club; WE'RE WINGRAVE JFC!

I'm delighted, but the club still needs your help! You can do this in a couple of ways, specifically helping out our Under 8's.

Do you fancy a little coaching or administering?

You don't need to be Pep Guardiola or Jose Mourinho, only possess a passing interest in football and like helping the boys and girls enjoying their football. You'll join the existing football set up and help the coach on the Under 8's. Coaching is incredibly rewarding, seeing our players gel and enjoy playing together - but they need direction to help enjoy the games. Is this you?

All mentoring and training will be provided in exchange for no more than 1.5 hours per week (September - May). It could suit a parent (mum or dad, gran or grandad!) or someone local (not necessarily with a player at the club) who wants to give something back to the club and the village.

Alternatively, would you like to help organise matches for the team? This helps coaches focus on their football training.

The club will register you with the FA and organise the DBS check to ensure ours, the FAs and the Police compliance is met. Without an extra coach, the team will fold, and no one wants that. For more information, please call me on 07879 660115.

Does your business want some more local exposure?

Our vivid yellow and black kit is synonymous throughout the league; we love that! We currently have availability to put your business' brand logo on the front of the kit. We'll make sure you'll stand out!

What we'll give you in return:

Profile on our growing Facebook page and as part of our outgoing social media efforts · A focus piece on your business on our new, monthly newsletter to all parents within the club (circa 185 people) · Your brand front and centre of our U8 kit as the team takes on teams based around Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard and Milton Keynes

· We can also design a marketing programme for your business to fit your precise needs. · Costs are circa £230 for a full kit for the team consisting quality made shirt, shorts and socks. Kit lasts two seasons (2017/18 & 18/19) - so value for money guaranteed. Good for your business' corporate social responsibility policy; a blog will be written on your behalf on what you are investing in local community. If a number of businesses want to sponsor the team, we can print multiple logos on the front and back.

Any interest is greatly appreciated as the Wasps take on all comers.

My contact details are below.

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Good Samaritans Bingo! In aid of

Donated in July:







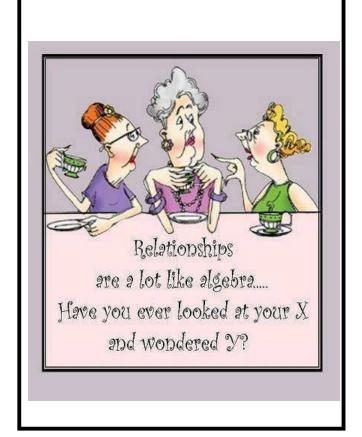
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Join us in September on Thursday 14th September

Aston Abbotts Village Hall

7.30pm start





Stockdale Domestic Cleaning Services. Minimum 2 hours Call Jeremy 07871587126

Oliver the Stage Performance Review – Pete Lucas



Oliver the Stage Performance stormed across the Aylesbury prestigious theatre to the sheer delight of the packed house.

In partnership with Vivo D'Arte and Aylesbury Vale District Council, the 127 strong cast aging from 7 to 23 pulled off the Lionel Bart's world famous British musical story of Oliver Twist with energy and professionalism throughout. With a live faultless orchestra, out of sight of the cast, blended the melodies with the chorography making a seamless strong performance.

With the well known rogues, Fagin (Connor Dyer) 23 from Aylesbury, Bill Sykes, (James Penniston) 23 from

Chesham and Artful Dodger, (Riley Bettie) 11 from Buckland, showed without doubt that Buckinghamshire continues to breed great talent. But it was Oliver Twist, (Theo Collis) 9, from Aylesbury who stole the hearts of the audience with his cheeky grins, dialogue, body language, good looks and beautiful Voice.

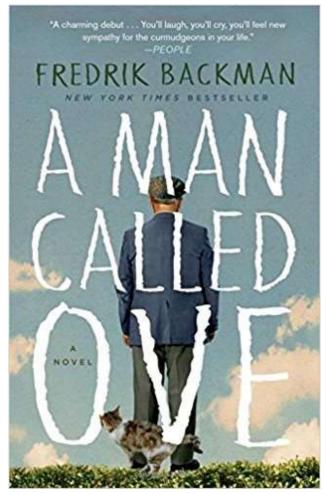
The whole cast were strong and together throughout the show with well coordinated props, making obvious that the production had a great team behind the scenes too.

The songs included 'Food glorious food', You Got to Pick a Pocket or Two', 'Who will buy this wonderful morning' and 'Consider yourself'.

The Director (Amy Dunstall) Producer (Dan Cowtan) and Musical Director (Erika Gundesen) and their team have shown wonderful professionalism to have trained and co-ordinated the huge young cast to produce a glorious production.

JUNE BOOKCLUB REPORT

Our June meeting was held on a beautiful summer evening, so almost all current members attended to drink Pimms and mull over my choice of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.



Set in Sweden, it has been an international best seller. I choose the book after 2 people independently recommended it to me.

Ove is a discontented man, forcibly retired to relax and enjoy some free time, he finds himself lonely

and lacking a purpose. The reader meets him patrolling his local area looking for minor deviations from the estate rules. A man of action rather than words he has little time for his neighbours or officialdom. Slowly we learn more about Ove and the reasons behind his behaviour. Struggling with the loss of his wife he is contemplating suicide but things keep getting in the way to prevent his various attempts. As the story unfolds Ove is revealed in a new light and the reader begins to understand more about him as his life is detailed. The development of an unlikely friendship eventually brings about a surprising change in Ove. It may sound rather depressing but it is in fact a very funny and poignant book. It reminded me of the very popular TV comedy One Foot in the Grave. I am pleased to report that the general view of the book club was that it was an easy and enjoyable read.

Sally Palmer

Church Matters



Dear friends, we are now in the long Trinity season of the Church's calendar (green for the altar frontal etc.) several months of the development of Jesus's earthly ministry. The 'long' Summer holiday from school is remembered by many as a time of elation for a short while followed frequently by boredom and almost some relief at a return to school to renew friendships and regain a focus to life.

Four years after my father's death in the Naval Nursing
Home in Gillingham, Kent I felt it was time to revisit some of my old haunts in that amazing county called the Garden of England. Being born east of the River Medway I am a 'man of

Kent'(the other lot on the west side are 'Kentish men').Like so many facts the origins are uncertain, but who cares? The four days that Joy and I spent exploring/rediscovering were very special for kindling memories and astounding perceptions brought about by so much change and development but also odd moments of reassuring 'aha, that's still there then! 'The return brought up all sorts of mixed feelings but mostly of a good and warming nature to cherish and mull over on long cold Winter evenings. Such simple things are beyond price as are true friendship and loyalty. When we look around the world and see others' lack of these things and what they suffer as a result we can truly give thanks to our loving creator who gives us His all in His Son Jesus. Finally let us pray for all those working the land and at sea for our food and for all who go without. God Bless you, Philip.

Church Matters - The diary of St. James's

It is not true that the scaffolding on the tower is a permanent fixture in order to prevent the tower falling on the village! As I write I am assured that the stones required to fill the holes in the south side of the tower are to be delivered before the end of August. All we need now is for the contractor (Ward & Co.) to finish the job. Also the picturesque blue 'port-a-loo' is not our solution to our new cloakroom at St. James. We hope to start work on the refreshment and cloakroom facilities in the base of the tower, later this month.

We are now into a new year of 100 Club draws. Thanks to all those who have subscribed for 2017/8; please see the Church service notice for the July and August winners.

The Tour of Britain cycle race passes through



Aston Abbotts on Saturday 9th September at about 11.30am. They will be coming from Cublington on their way to Wingrave and beyond. The churchyard and the Village Hall will be good vantage points from which to observe how fast-moving vehicles negotiate the s-bend past the Church. We don't expect the competitors to stop for tea and cakes but we do have a very high reputation with our customers. Also with 'Ride-and-Stride' taking place on the same day I wonder if there are any plans to 'deconflict' the two events!.

Finally, we are celebrating
Harvest this year with a
breakfast service on September
17th so please do come along
and participate in another of
our popular family services,
starting at 9.30am in the Village
Hall.



Ride+Stride raises money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination.

Saturday 9th September 2017, 10am - 6pm

Support our church and the Bucks
Historic Churches Trust on 9
September - ride a bike, a horse, or
just walk around a few of our local
churches, and raise money for the
Trust. See inside churches that aren't
normally open (such as Dunton, with
its box pews) and there is often
cake... We have had a grant from the
Trust this year to repair the tower at
St James's, so we know the money is
well spent!

Details and sponsorship forms on the website, or from me, see contact details below

www.bucks-historic-churches.org

I'll be cycling in the afternoon, and would love company, but if this isn't your cup of tea do please consider sponsoring me. Here is my JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraisi

ng/caroline-lane6
Also...

TOUR of BRITAIN Cycle Race! By a happy coincidence, the **Tour of Britain** cycle race is coming through Aston Abbotts that very morning (approx 11.15-11.45am)! Check it out at

http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stage
s/stage-seven/

COFFEE MORNING 10am-12 noon, Sat 9 September

Come and watch the race go past from the village hall or the churchyard. The village hall will be open from 10am – 12 noon where the PCC will be serving up coffee/tea/cake – donations to Ride & Stride.

Please note the road will be closed shortly before the race comes through.

Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row, 681373 carolinelane@btinternet.com

Church Breakfast Service

SAVE THE DATE

HARVEST BREAKFAST SERVICE

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER



The new season of rehearsals is due to begin on 14 September 2017 and we will be preparing for our Christmas Concert and also for our concert in May 2018 when we will be performing the Mozart Requiem.

We are a non-auditioning choir although previous singing experience is extremely

welcome and the ability to read music is a great help.

We have vacancies for 1st Sopranos who have prior experience of singing with a choir and are able to read music; we also have vacancies for Tenors and Basses.

We pride ourselves in maintaining a low subscription fee which presents excellent value for money and is put towards the running of the choir, hire and purchase of music and staging our performances. Members come from Stewkley and outlying towns and villages, including Wing, Whitchurch, Cublington, Soulbury, the Brickhills, Adstock, Woburn Sands, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury.

Our rehearsals take place at St Michael's School Stewkley on Thursday evenings from 8pm.

Please call our Secretary, Ron Sims, on 01525 24067 or e-mail for all information to

enquiries@stewkleysingers.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Church Duties September

Date	Cleaning	Flowers	Mowing
2 nd	Colin/Caroline	Ann	Mark
9th	Gordon/Ann	ТВА	Gordon
16 th	Alex/ Anita	Harvest	Phil
23 rd	Colin/Gay	Harvest	Adam
30 th	David	Donated	Peter/Andrew





Services at

Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

September 2017

3 rd Sept.	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip Derbyshire
10 th Sept.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale
17 th Sept.	9.30am	Harvest Breakfast Service	
24 th Sept.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale

We look forward to seeing you

100 Club Draw July 2017

1st Prize, £50 Mandy Thornhill

2nd prize, £10 Richard Fetherston

100 Club Draw August 2017

1st Prize, £50 Emma Tomlinson

2nd Prize Mervyn Higgs

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MORE CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST BREAKFAST SERVICE
On SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER we
will be celebrating Harvest at our
Breakfast Service, as last year. Do
come and join us at 9.30am for a
special 'Harvest' breakfast of
fresh juice, muesli, fresh fruit
salad and of course, pain aux
chocolat in the village hall. This
will be followed by a short service
in church when our harvest gifts
will be blessed by our Team
Rector, the Revd Philip
Derbyshire.

HARVEST TEA

This year, for a change, we are holding a Harvest Tea at 4pm in the village hall on the same day as our Harvest Breakfast Service. Please do come and enjoy a cream tea with homemade scones and cakes. There will be a super raffle and perishable harvest produce, as well as cakes, will be on sale.

CHURCH REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS
Everyone will have noticed the scaffolding up the tower which has been there rather a long time! The reason for this is that our church architect requested special stone for the tower repairs and it was not

immediately available as anticipated. We have had to wait for it to be quarried! Hopefully by the time you read this the work will be almost completed.

TOWER SPACE

Towards the end of September work is likely to commence on the conversion of the tower space at ground floor level into a very small kitchen and WC. This will transform our ability to provide refreshments in church and it is thanks to the very generous legacy left to the church by Mrs Doris Scutchings a few years ago that it has become possible. On our architect's advice we have accepted the lowest tender of £32,440. We will also be applying for grants towards this cost from appropriate bodies.

This is an exciting development for the church and with luck it will be completed and ready for use by Christmas. Watch this space for further news...!

Caroline Abel Smith (Churchwarden)

100MB broadband available in Aston Abbotts

I thought you might all like to know that it is possible for some of us to get a 100Mb/s internet connection in Aston Abbotts. This is not available to all homes but is to any who can see the old council office block in Aylesbury. Get our a ladder and see if you can see the building. It's the awful grey/black monstrosity,

The company is called rapid rural. A small company with a transmitter in Aylesbury. http://www.rapidrural.co.uk/
It works using a wireless transmitter/receiver mounted so that it has clear line of sight when pointed at the old council building in Aylesbury. For noncommercial use it's just £35 per month.

I am getting over 100Mb/s down and 40 Mb/s up. Time to cancel BT and Sky!

The installation was very quick and painless. Delighted.

Feel free to call or email me if you want more info.

James.
Abbotts View Farm

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Community Fibre Partnership

When BT were given the contract to introduce superfast broadband (download speeds of more than 30Mbps) their cost estimates indicated that they could provide links to 70% of UK households without Government money. Returns from increased business would cover the cost of implementation. For the other 30% there would be a 'funding gap' which the government would seek to find funds to cover. Work has been placed progressively in small packages (e.g. Wingrave) and to date BT claims to have achieved 92-93% coverage and expects to have reached 95% by the time current government funding

runs out. This leaves the remaining 5% of households without links to superfast broadband.

Lattended an event at Chearsley Village Hall on 13th July at which BT/OPEN REACH gave a presentation on the 'Community Fibre Partnerships' initiative. Recognising that the government has reneged on its promise to "provide superfast broadband to every home and business that wants it" (David Cameron, early in his term of office), BT are working with communities in rural areas to bring faster broadband to parts of the UK not covered by existing rollout plans. However, this scheme involves the local communities raising the money for the necessary infrastructure themselves.

Ashendon is a village of 102 households near Westcott, which has poor internet access (<2Mbps). The villagers formed a group which put a great deal of hard work into 'trail blazing'

the Community Fibre Partnership scheme. BT said that, in order to get good performance, they needed a 3km fibre link to the village and two cabinets updated to receive the fibre. From the cabinets each household would then receive the internet via the existing copper wire. The estimated cost was £67,500 which they raised through individual donations (ranging from £100 to £2,000) plus a government voucher system which provides £350 per household (for those getting less than 2Mbps at present). So just over half the money (102*£350) came from the Government. However, this voucher scheme, like the government funds for 'gap filling' will cease in the near future. Ashendon have now agreed a contract with BT and work is due to start shortly. An advantage of this scheme is that once the infrastructure has been completed it becomes part of the BT network and is

maintained by them like any other part of the system.

Peter Cooper informs me that an Aston Abbotts fibre link has been approved in phase 6 of the current round of public financing, BUT the bad news is that this means a live date of September 2019. So the question is do we assume BT will finally carry out the work and wait for the completion or take the short term solution offered by Village Networks (see Church Matters in the June

emails from James Dell and Martin Clarke) or any other delivery scheme. If BT are going to implement the Aston Abbotts fibre link then the 'Community Fibre Partnership' option is probably a non-starter unless the BT phase 6 funding disappears.

David Gray

Chronicle), or Rural Rapid (see



ASTON ABBOTTS THEATRE GOERS

I'm pleased to advise that The Waterside Theatre has continued it's offer of a pair of tickets for each of the following shows. If you would like to be included in the raffle for these tickets then please email me or drop a

note through my door

judyhardcastle@me.com or at

Marloes, Lines Hill. The draws will take
place two weeks prior to the day of
each show. Judy Hardcastle

Show	Date & Time
DEATHTRAP starring Jessie Wallace & Paul Bradley	TUE 19 SEP 7.30PM
THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA	MON 25 SEP 4.30PM
THANK ABBA FOR THE MUSIC	THU 28 SEP 7.30PM
BEYOND THE BARRICADES	SUN 1 OCT 7.30PM
AN EVENING OF DIRTY DANCING	WED 4 OCT 7.30PM
LA VOIX'S ONE NIGHT ONLY	FRI 6 OCT 7.30PM
ALL OR NOTHING – THE MOD MUSICAL	TUE 10 OCT 7.30PM
HAIRSPRAY	MON 6 NOV 7.30PM
FLASHDANCE starring Joanne Clifton & Ben Adams	MON 20 NOV 7.30PM
SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS starring Sue Pollard, Andy Collins & La Voix. Up to 4 tickets	TUE 12 DEC 7PM
BRING IT ON THE MUSICAL	MON 15 JAN 2018 7.30PM
GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE	TUE 30 JAN 2018 6.30PM

Wingrave Village Diary SEPTEMBER 2017

Sat 2 1030 Garden party for **National Trust and Young Carers** Bucks 4 Tattlers Hill Sat 2 Aston Abbotts Horticultural Society Autumn Show AA Village Hall Sun 3 1400 Swingrave tea dance Community Centre Mon 4 0930 Weekday Walking Group The Green Tue 5 1930 Parish Council meeting Community Centre Tue 5 1930 Wingrave Art Club Community Centre Wed 6 School term starts Wed 6 1930 WI: History of Pinewood Studios Methodist Church Thu 7 1930 Photographic Interest Club meeting MacIntyre School Fri 8 NO WCA Social Evening Community Centre Fri 8 2000 Wingrave Singers' Open Rehearsal Parish Church Sat 9

0845 Men's Breakfast: Is there life after death? Methodist Church Tue 12 1200 Nup End Café reopens Methodist Church Tue 12 2000 WCA Council meeting Community Centre Fri 15 0800 Golfing Society meeting Studley Wood GC Fri 15 1800 WCA Village BBQ Community Centre Sun 17 0930 Local ramble Nup End Lane Tue 19 1930 Wingrave Art Club Community Centre Thu 21 1800 Copy date for Communiqué Fri 22 1930 WCA Village bingo Community Centre Wed 27 1200 Wingrave Pub Lunch Club Rose & Crown Thu 28 Sparkies Jazz at Rose & Crown Fri 29-20c Ramblers' weekend in Shropshire Fri 29 1930 Heritage Association talk: The Czech Connection Community Centre Sat 30 Harvest Festival "Bring and Share" supper with entertainment

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 Shorrock	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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Gnomes	Carol Spooner	681544
Ladies Club	Jackie Whyte	681624
Rambling Club & Whist Drive	Colin Higgs	681343
Rural Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Baby & Toddler Group	Kim Gayler	681123
Royal Oak Pub & Restaurant	Teri Moult	681262
Milkman in Aston Abbotts	Alan	07791885612
Post office & shop Wingrave		682964

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REVISITING THE OLYMPIC PARK

Having visited the Olympic Park in 2012, but failing to get tickets for any stadium events, we managed to get tickets for the IAAF World Athletics Championships this summer and therefore returned to the Park on a beautiful summer's day.

As you are probably aware the Park was created out of an industrial wasteland through which the rubbish strewn River Lea wound its way. A huge amount was spent by various public bodies to clear the site, create a host of new sports venues and landscape the park.

Unlike previous Olympic sites a clear legacy goal was included in the scheme and this helped London clinch the games from its main rival Paris. The legacy was to be a new area of housing, shops, offices and leisure facilities in the East of London. So it was interesting to see how things have developed in the last 5 years.

I am pleased to report that the goals appear to have very much been achieved. The stadium is now

home to West Ham Football Clubalbeit at a controversially low ratethe Aqua Centre is now a public pool and the Velodrome is very much in operation. On the day we visited the indoor cycle track was being used by leisure riders. The park itself is lovely with the wild flower areas planted in 2012 thriving attracting butterflies, bees and a host of other insects and birds. A whole wetland area has been created on one side of the river while the other has wide tracks for walking and biking. The main athletes' village has been turned into housing with 2 other major housing developments about to be built. These new populations are well served by the huge Westfield Shopping centre, very good transport links to central London, and the wonderful park and play areas that it contains. New jobs are coming with the new offices under construction near the Stadium. It is in stark contrast to the deserted Olympic park that I saw in Barcelona a few years ago.

After our pleasant stroll around we enjoyed an evening of sport that

included Usain Bolt's last individual track event competing in the 100 metres. It was clear from the early evening heats that this was not going to be the fairy tale ending as he failed to win his heat and looked less than fully fit. Unfortunately, in the late evening final Justin Gaitlin came in first in front of a promising new USA sprinter Christian Coleman(a future star I think) with Bolt 3rd. The crowd had already

booed Gaitlin in the heats as he has been banned from competing for breaking drug rules. It was a rather unhappy ending to the evening and I felt particularly sorry for the silver medallist who should have been enjoying his success. Bolt however was dignified in defeat and was treated by the crowd as if he were the winner.

Sally Palmer

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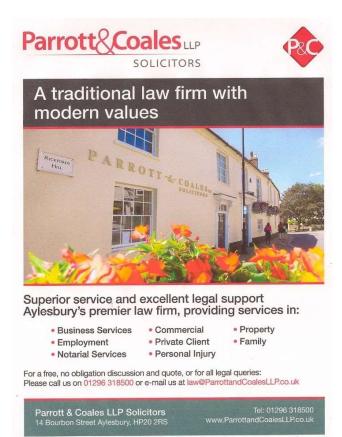
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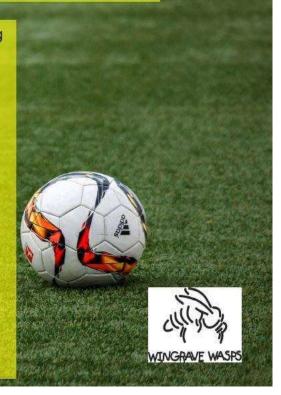
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Andy Targell 07799 626337

Andrew@Targell.com







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No experience needed!

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Brook and help aquatic plants to grow

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from 9.30am - 11.00am

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 Friday 15th Coffee & Cake from 10.30am
 Saturday 16th Breakfasts

from 9.30am - 11.00am

Saturday 16th - Live Music with

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Sunday 17th Roast Lunch — booking advised Monday 18th - The Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm Thursday 21st - Steak Night -

2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40

Friday 22nd Coffee & Cake from 10.30am Official Start of Autumn

Saturday 23rd Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 24th Roast Lunch — booking advised Monday 25th - The Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm Thursday 28th - Steak Night -

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