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Thieving Dross invade Aston Abbotts Again



Two incidents occurred in March. Abbotts View Farm was hit in the early hours of Thursday 14th (around 01.00hrs). Much has been stolen including two quad bikes and a horse trailer. This burglary has made James and Jo Dell's lives harder on the farm. The thieves used a car and the horse trailer to get the equipment away.

They have asked residents with CCTV to check their recording as they went through Aston Abbotts,

although the direction is still unknown.

If you can help please contact
James on 07970692550 or at. On
Tuesday night 5th March, a new
green waterbut was detached and
stolen from a shed on Richard and
Sally Clarke's allotment plot.
Again, if you saw anything
suspicious or have CCTV footage
of that night, please contact
Richard and Sally on 681007.

Tories plot revenge on John Bercow



Rival candidate to be selected in his constituency for next election

Senior Conservative figures gave blessing to advertise for new candidate at local Conservative association in Buckingham

Decision to stand against Mr Bercow taken before he dramatically blocked vote on Theresa May's Brexit deal.

By ANDREW PIERCE FOR THE DAILY MAIL

John Bercow has infuriated Tory MPs by refusing to honour his promise to stand down – but now the decision over his future may be taken out of his hands.

Senior figures at Conservative Party headquarters have held detailed talks about fielding a candidate against the Commons Speaker at the next election.

To challenge a sitting Speaker would break with centuries of tradition, but they have given their blessing to the Conservative association in Buckingham, where Mr Bercow is the MP, (Bercow Covers Aston Abbotts) to advertise for a new candidate.

Unlike most other MPs, Mr Bercow, first elected as the Tory MP for Buckingham in 1997, is now an independent.

He left the Conservative Party when he was elected Speaker in 2009. It is a long-held tradition for the mainstream parties to respect the constituency of the Speaker by not standing against him.

Only the Greens, Ukip and an independent candidate stood against Mr Bercow in 2017, and he was elected with a huge 25,675 majority.

There were 2,000 spoilt ballot papers, which is four times the average for other constituencies and a sign of the disillusionment

with Mr Bercow among his constituents.

If the Tories stand against him — the party has comfortably held the seat since 1970 — they would almost certainly capture the constituency. This means if there is a snap general election as a result of the Brexit impasse, Mr Bercow could be out of a job much sooner than he expected.

One senior Tory said: 'As soon as it's practicable we are going to hit him with everything we have got in our armoury. I know we are breaking with precedent but that is exactly what Bercow does when it suits him, and he hides behind precedent when it doesn't suit him.'

It is not only the Tories who have turned against Mr Bercow. There are two petitions circulating in his constituency, urging him to name a date to go. One – the 'Give us a voice – not a Speaker' petition – has 6,750 signatures.

When he became Speaker in 2009, he promised that in line with his

predecessors he would serve for nine years. This meant he should have resigned last June but grandly announced he would be staying on to 'see Brexit through'.

The decision to stand against Mr Bercow, was taken long before he dramatically announced he was blocking a vote on Theresa May's Brexit deal.

In his local association, there is mounting frustration that he has refused to give any indication of when he intends to quit, despite endless requests.

A senior Conservative source said: 'The voices of more than 75,000 voters in the Buckingham constituency have not been heard in Parliament since 2009. 'Bercow is high-handed and arrogant in the Commons chamber. He is exactly the same in the constituency.

'We Tories may be divided on Brexit but we are united in our disdain for Bercow.'

What's on in April

Pilates	Every Tuesday 09.15	Village Hall
Parish Council	Tues 9th 19.30	Village Hall
Yoga	Every Weds 19.45	Village Hall
Morning Cafe	Every Thurs 10-1200	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thurs 4/11. 19.30	Village Hall
Beetle Drive	Friday 5th 19.30	Village Hall
Litter Blitz	Saturday 6th 10.00	Village Hall
Rambling Club	Sunday 7th 14.00	Startops Marsworth
Evensong	Sunday 7th 18.00	Church
Village Quiz Night	Sunday 7th 19.00	Royal Oak
Palm Sunday village footpath walk	Sunday 14th 14.00	The Green
Easter Day Parish Communion	Sunday 21st 10.30	Church
Quainton Rail Centre open	Bank Holiday Monday 22nd	Quainton
St George's Day Dinner	Tuesday 23rd 18-21.00	Royal Oak (Book only)

Annual Parish Public Meeting	Wednesday 24th 19.30	Village Hall
Open Gardens	Sunday 23rd JUNE	<u>Details to follow</u>



▲LIVESTOCK THEFT:

- Make regular checks of the fields where animals are kept to check that fences haven't been breached and that no-one else is in the field with them
- Use ear tags, horn brands, freeze marking or tattooing to make your animals more easily identifiable.
- Keep your hedges, fences and gates in good repair: field gate hinges should have capping hinges to they can't be removed easily; cattle grids should be removable and locked out of position when they're not in use; use locking posts to obstruct large openings to yards.
- ✓ Consider installing CCTV

For Horse Owners

TACK SECURITY △

- Secure tack room windows on the inside with solid iron bars (not tubular steel)
- Secure all doors with good quality locks; use bolts (not screws) on the hinges
- Mark your tack using an ultraviolet pen
- padlock gates with substantial padlocks and heavy duty chains
- Reverse top hinges on gates to prevent lifting
- Install security lights and an intruder alarn
 Why not join Thames Valley
 Horsewatch? Receive crime alerts, witness appeals and other information relevant to where you live or work.

www.thamesvalleyhorsewatch.org .uk

Scammers pretending to be Council targeting Aylesbury Vale Residents



THOMAS BAMFORD

Bottom of Form

There is a sophisticated phone scam operating in Aylesbury, with perpetrators claiming to be from Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The call comes in from Aylesbury Vale District Council, claiming to be from their offices on Gatehouse Road. They claim that the call recipient owes Council Tax

A resident who has been affected by the scam said, "It nearly lowered my defences, they had answers to every question I had for them. "I gave them my sort code - not something I'd normally do. It only got that far before I smelled a rat and hung up the phone."

This wasn't the end of it however.
"Within a minute a second scam
call came in from Natwest's fraud
team stating that an individual had
had access to my account.
Unfortunately my sort code
identified me as a Natwest
Customer.

"They carried on with some very persistent arguments but after initial suspicions were raised I decided to tell the person on the phone I was going in to the branch to discuss it with them."

The fraudsters, panicking said the branch was set to close in 20 minutes in an effort to keep them on the line.

The callers had claimed to be Natwest to glean more information, but fortunately this time the person who did not wish to be identified, hung up.

After going in to speak to Natwest, they said that this often happens

and people should keep their eyes open.

Writing to their Facebook page, AVDC said: "A number of residents in the Vale have received calls claiming to be from AVDC saying that, due to a system error, they have a credit amount on their council tax bill. The caller then asks the resident for their bank account details, on the pretence that they will arrange for the credit amount to be transferred. "These are scam calls. Please don't fall for them.

"If you have any concerns about calls or text messages that appear to have come from ourselves, please chat to us online: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/got-question-chat-us-onl...

"Additionally, if you believe you've received a scam call or text message related to your council tax bill, please call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 quoting Crime Reference Number: NFRC 19 03 02 85 78 57."



shared by silversurfers.com



Aston Abbotts Annual Litter Blitz

Saturday 6th April

Meet at 10.00 am at the Village Hall, sacks and litter pickers provided. Please wear gloves and if possible high-viz clothing although there are a few high-viz tabards available.

Any queries please contact Colin Higgs on 01296 681343.

Let's keep the village looking wonderful!



For Sale

Gents Cycle in good condition Model - Giant Expression £50 Contact Colin 01296681343



Royal Oak Sunday 7th April 7.30pm

Big Cash Prize & Free draw dinner for 2

Hot Food available

Come and join the Fun and Frolics

First Sunday of every month

We are pleased to announce the return of the ever popular and hilariously entertaining



Village Hall on Fri 5th of April 7.00pm

Tickets available from David Gray 681952
£7.00 adults £5.00 under 13s
£20.00 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
Tickets include a hot sausage & mash supper
(bring your own favourite 'tipple')

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our church



Saturday 20th July 2019

A date for your diary! The Aston Abbotts Village Fete will be taking place on Saturday 20th July. Fingers crossed for a fine sunny day, as we're looking forward to sack races, tug of wars and lots of animals to pet!

If you're able to donate a few hours of your time to help set up, help out on a stall or help organise in other ways, we would love to hear from you.

Given the vast amount of support that the people in the village have always shown the fete, we would like to make sure that the fete supports those in the village too... If you have a small business and would like a stall to sell your wares, please get in touch! And if you don't have wares to sell, but would like to sponsor the fete / an activity, let's talk.

Thanks to everyone who has already confirmed they can help, and as always, for your support!

Best wishes, Ali

Ali Carstens
Fete Coordinator
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Your Letters

Dear Aston Abbotts Villagers

The Rose and Crown in Wingrave have received a fascinating email from a family in Colorado. Please see a snippet below.

"My great, great, great grandfather was Charles T. Mortimer and the Mortimer family operated the Rose and Crown between Sept 4, 1776 and 1876 (not sure of date sold). I am on the Jones side of the family which is William Jones who married Charles T. Mortimer's daughter Anne in the USA in 1871.

Many of the Mortimer's are buried in the United Reform Church graveyard in Wingrave. Other Mortimer's are buried at St. Peter & Paul's Church. We believe all the Mortimer's in Buckingham are related. The William Jones Family is also from Wingrave. Do not know much about the Jones family other than James T. Mortimer and William Jones were best of friends in Wingrave and immigrated to the U.S in 1870. William Jones married James Mortimer's sister Anne, Charles Mortimer's daughter, and James Mortimer married Ann

Rebecca Barnett of Wingrave in Solomon, Kansas which is near Gypsum, Kansas in 1871.

I was wondering if either of you know any of the lineage of the Thomas, William, Sara, Charles, and Charles T. Mortimer families or the William Jones families.

The Charles and Martha Mortimer home (which might be another generation earlier) is located on The Green in the town of Aston Abbotts. Since Wingrave is a small community of 1,500 people it is possible you would know some of my relatives or even the family occupying the family home."

They are flying to England in May and will be visiting Wingrave on 11th May. They are really hoping to have traced some ancestors so if anyone has any information, please contact Kelly or Paul at The Rose and Crown, 01296 708414,

info@roseandcrownwingrave.co.uk
We look forward to hearing from
you. Many thanks

Kelly and Paul

Dear Ed. From 1st April the council will charge for non household waste at Rabans Lane dump & it will be shut for 2 days a week.

I fear this is short sighted & will just encourage fly tipping. We shall see.

Paul Williams

Dear Editor

I have just returned from a well attended meeting about the village orchard. There was great support from the attendees for Peter Knight to resume his articles in the Chronicle, which along with his nature diaries, were informative and enjoyed by many. Peter does a great job with the orchard so I hope he will receive nothing but positive support. Kind regards
Liz Clarke

Dear Editor

That's good news. Ed

At the village orchard meeting the question was raised as to why Peter Knight's regular report on the orchard, and also his nature

notes, no longer appeared in the Chronicle. It transpires that Peter was told his reports were boring and he needed to "get a life". This is an outrageous thing to say (and an apology from the person who said it is long overdue). The overwhelming opinion at the meeting was that we would like to see Peter's reports reinstated. They were interesting, informative and a joy to read. They also let new people in the village know where the orchard is and served to remind us all to use it. Come back Peter, we miss you!

Jill Wenble

"At the Orchard meeting on Monday evening I was reminded of the articles that Peter Knight used to write for the Chronicle and just how much they are missed. There was a definite feeling in the room that it would be wonderful if they could be resumed as other people are most definitely missing them too".

April



Aston Abbotts and the surrounding countryside is a civil parish, and as such has a parish council - which is the lowest tier of local government. The council is an elected body, but where the number of candidates for the council is the same as, or fewer than, the number of vacancies, there is no election. If a vacancy occurs, the parish council has a duty to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy.

A parish councillor's term lasts for 4 years, and the council is elected en bloc. The number of councillors must not be less than 5, and currently stands at 7.

Aston Abbotts Parish Council is empowered to raise money for its activities through a tax, called a precept, on the village residents, which is collected on its behalf by Aylesbury District Council. The council cannot spend money except on projects or actions for which it has statutory power, but does have power to provide some facilities itself, which it has done including a recreation ground, a children's play area - and also pays for lighting roads and footpaths. It is also

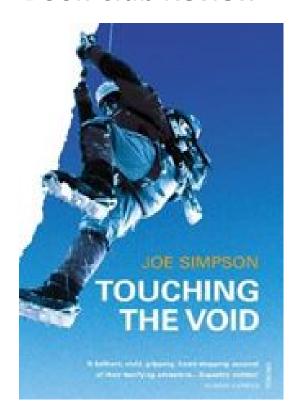
invited by the District Council to comment on applications for planning consent in its area.

All parish council meetings are public, and are advertised in advance so that members of the public can attend if wished. The chairman will normally allow members of the public to address the meeting for a brief period at the beginning of each council meeting, if they want to do so.

Comments made by members of the public at this time do not form part of the formal meeting and will not be minuted. Should a member of the public wish the Parish Council to discuss a specific matter they must make a request to any Parish Councillor. This must be done at least five days prior to the meeting to comply with the notification procedure.

Kate Curry (Chair), Frank Post (Parish Clerk), Judy Hardcastle (Vice Chair)
Colin Higgs, Simon Guy, Phil Spooner,
Lesley Clough, Jane Baylis, District
Councillor Peter Cooper, County
Councillor Netta Glover.

Book Club Review



Book Club met at Sally Clarke's on 27th February to discuss **Touching The Void by Joe Simpson.**

This is a true account of Joe's climb of the west face of Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes with his friend Simon Yates. They reach the summit despite snow storms and sub zero temperatures but, on the descent, Joe fell and badly broke his leg. Roped together, Simon lowers Joe again and again despite suffering from frostbite.

When Joe falls again over an ice cliff into a crevasse during a snowstorm, Simon finds that after two hours he can't hold Joe's weight any longer as he is being pulled off the mountain himself and he cuts the rope! Joe falls further into the crevasse and lands on a narrow bridge of ice.

Simon, believing Joe to be dead, makes it back to base camp suffering tremendous guilt. Joe's account of how he climbed out of the crevasse and descended the mountain with a badly broken leg is barely believable but he does make it back to base camp just in time and lives to tell the tale.

Everyone agreed that it was a good read and a real page turner but that the book would have benefited from a glossary explaining the many mountaineering terms that were used throughout.

A bumper section this month of reviews from events at the Waterside Theatre Aylesbury

Swan Lake



Thank you Judy, both Elizabeth and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Swan Lake danced by Moscow City Ballet.

The Story of Swan Lake

This magical ballet tells the story of the doomed love of Prince Siegfried and Princess Odette. Prince Siegfried goes hunting one evening and chases a group of swans, one transforms into Odette, who explains she and her companions were turned into swans by the evil Baron Von Rothbart.

The Spell can only be broken if someone who has never loved before swears an oath of undying love and promises to marry her. The prince declares his love to Odette and promise to be loyal forever.

At a grand reception in the palace, the Prince must choose a bride - but he can

only think of Odette. A sudden fanfare announces the arrival of two guests - it is Odette! The prince dances with her and asks for her hand in marriage.

But it is not Odette - the mystery young woman is the daughter of the evil von Rothbart, Odile. Odette has seen the whole scene. But too late Prince Siegfried realises his mistake.

Segfried follows Odette to the lake and begs forgiveness. She forgives him but nothing can change as he has broken the vow. They decide to die together and throw themselves into the lake.

The prima ballerina Liliya Orekhova - Odette glided across the stage so gracefully.

The male lead Prince Siegfried was rather disappointing, but the Jester more than compensated. The corps de ballet danced beautifully. All the scenery was excellent and costumes fabulous, it brought back lovely memories of us visiting Covent Garden as children.

The brilliant orchestra, the Hungarian Sinfonietta conducted by Igor Shavruk gave a stunning performance of Tchaikovsky's famous score.

Thank you. Elizabeth & Francesca



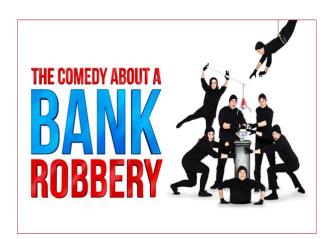
This was an enjoyable family show. Malcolm doesn't like animals, but his family do and they send him on a school trip to a farm where an old goat puts a spell on him which turns him into various animals (a tortoise, a sheep, a pig and then a monkey). He's able to communicate with the animals and learn about them which

makes him start to like them and eventually love them before becoming a boy again.

Only 6 people acted in the show, playing the family and all the animals. There was singing and dancing and the children in the audience were kept entertained for the whole hour and a half. As adults, we enjoyed the show as much as the children did.

Mel Smith, Shirley Hanlon, Nicola Ralston and Jack (age 9).

The comedy about a BANK ROBBERY.



Reviewed by Judy Hardcastle

The Plot, an attempt to steal a priceless diamond.

Many of the jokes were very corny with a play on words together with plenty of well timed slapstick much of which involved a folding bed.

In the second half there was a clever scene with a bird's eye view of their office by clinging to a set that's fixed high up at 90% angle to the stage.

I laughed all the way through and thoroughly enjoyed this light hearted entertainment.

Abigail's Party

Reviewed by Pete Lucas for Theatre Ambassadors



Cheese and pineapple sticks and gin and tonics were out in force last night at the Waterside Theatre Aylesbury for this 1970s suburban classic comedy, first aired on TV.

Unbearable Beverly (Jodie Prenger), and estate agent, 'stress ball' husband Laurence (Daniel Casey), are throwing a party for their new neighbours, 'grumpy' Tony (Calum Callaghan) and annoying Angela (Vicky Binns), and joining them later, boring, highly strung Sue (Rose Keegan).

Sue has been banished from her home as her 15 year old daughter, Abigail is having her own party.

This is uncomfortable middle class 1970s suburbia with dodgy

wallpaper, cocktail cabinet and beige furniture filling the lounge set.

As the alcohol flows, the hostess is increasingly frustrated with her husband's shortcomings, making sarcastic put downs on her sexless marriage and starts flirting with neighbour Tony.

The whole party becomes a series of arguments, ending with an ultimate tragedy.

Mike Leigh, (Writer) struck gold with this iconic comedy with its longevity so evident. The five strong cast played their roles to the highest degree not failing once in their timing to produce the humour so enjoyed by the packed house.

I cannot praise this theatre performance enough. Such a great night's entertainment and shouldn't be missed.

Abigail's Party is on until Saturday 23rd March.

April at the Royal Oak

Roaring Fire, Great food, New Specials Board, real ale and good company. <u>01296 681262</u>



Sunday 7th April 7.30pm

Big Cash Prize. Free draw

dinner for 2

Hot Food available



Easter Sunday 21st 12 - 4pm. Booking advisable



Tuesday 23rd 6-9pm. Set Menu. Book only 01296 681262

The Astonians

Burt Cartwright - astonpete

Just to let you know I went to see Burt Cartwright, the old fella with the nagging wife. Since he's moved to the assisted living centre his mood has been much better, (not surprising as his Mrs Cartwright has remained at their home).

The people who live there have small apartments but they all eat at a central dining room.

On the morning I arrived, Burt hadn't shown up for breakfast. I went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. I could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so I went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so I went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He

had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work.

I told him I was going to call an ambulance but he told me not to. He wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So I helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up the first step so they called an ambulance for him.

I waited in the waiting room for news on how he was doing when eventually the nurse came out with him and said, "He's fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts."

I'm going to tell my children about Burt's dilemma so that, if I end up in the same type of home, they don't sell the house before they know all the facts!



Good Samaritans Bingo!

£50 raised in March for:



Join us on Thursday 11th April
Aston Abbotts Village Hall
7.30pm start

In aid of: Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

Ladies Club Meetings

April 18th - A talk about PACE which is a charity which supports children with all sorts of difficulties.

May 16th - Betty Page, who is an actress, Let Me Entertain You.

June 20th - An outing to Waterperry Gardens. (We have a few spare places for £20. We will leave the village at around 9.30am and return by 5pm). Please contact April on 01296707833 if you are interested.

Easter Message

Dear friends, Last month we looked at the discipline of Lent leading towards the celebration of Easter.

There's lots of talk these days about journeying, not meaning necessarily getting on a bike or in a car, bus or plane but somehow travelling 'internally'. We all do this, either consciously or unconsciously: it's an emotional or spiritual journey, a movement of heart, mind or spirit. We can and do engage in this whether we are overtly 'religious' or not and even whether we actually choose to or not. It's just part of being human. I believe it's because, in the words of St. Augustine of Hippo (in modern day Algeria), there is a God-shaped hole in us which only He can fill. Sometimes we might try to substitute something else instead but it's doomed to

failure---a bit like putting in diesel instead of unleaded as instructed! A few years ago I had a clergy colleague who wanted to give one of his churches a 'wow' or 'gasp' moment on Easter morning to try and help them grasp the feelings some of the early disciples felt when they saw that Jesus was risen from the tomb. When it came time for the sermon

he uncovered a bowl of water on a small table by his side and proceeded to shave his beard off in front of them!

They were suitably amazed. He grew it back straight after---the revealing of his bare face was too much, for him!

Whatever journeying you do this Easter, whether literal or figurative I pray you are blessed in it and through it.

God Bless, Philip.

April Church Duties

Date	Cleaning	Flowers	Mowing Mark Davison (07525 853929) Please let Mark D or David G know if the petrol is running low
6th	Colin & David	No	Andy Bystra
13th	Ann & Caroline L	In Lent	David Gray
20th	Alex & Anita	Easter Decorating	Mark Davison
27th	Colin & Gay	Easter Decorating	Andrew Peacock

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2019

07TH April 6.00pm Evensong Revd Philip Derbyshire 14th April 10.30am Palm Sunday Parish Communion Revd Peter Binns 21st April 10.30am Easter Day Parish Communion Revd Roger Hale 28th April Breakfast in Village Hall from 9.30am followed by a short informal service in church at 10.00am

EASTER LILIES

There will, as in previous years, be an arrangement of Arum Lilies behind the Altar for Easter. If anyone wishes to donate a lily in memory of a loved one please let Caroline have the name/s of those to be remembered together with

£2.50 per lily by Friday 12th April. This can be posted into The Old Vicarage letterbox on the wall just inside the gate. The names of those to be remembered will be read out at the Service on Easter Day.

Aston Abbotts Orchard Working Party



Following on from the very successful evening in the Village Hall on Monday 18th March, I want to organise a Working Party to meet at the Orchard in the near future.

The idea is to work at tidying up the area. This could mean clearing the ground around the trees, from weeds and other unwanted growths. Watering plants where needed. Generally getting the area looking good. The day for this is Saturday 13th April 2019, from around 10am

It is a time to show that you are proud of our orchard and want to ensure that it looks its best when we have our Orchard Day in May.

You can work for whatever period is good for you. Maybe just the morning. Maybe the lunchtime would suit.

Bob Prouting 01296 681042



I BET THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SEE SPARKS IN THE BEDROOM!!!!

Vic Scott Memorial Orchard Aston Abbotts What do I need to take for the orchard clean up?

1. Yourself

The most important ingredient to a successful event. This cannot be done without your enthusiasm and help.

We don't want you to wear yourself out.

So, do as much as you feel happy with.

Weeding can be enjoyable.

You will be surprised how calm, and relaxed you will feel afterwards.

Then stop, sit down, and have a chat with the other helpers.

- Small garden hand fork and a pair of gardening gloves
 The best tools for the job.
- Old washing up Bowl
 To carry weeds and grass roots to "another place".
- Foam Kneeler
 Purchased at QD Store (shop at end of High Street in Aylesbury). for £1.29.
- 5. Phostrogen All Purpose Compost/Multi Purpose Compost
 Purchased at QD Store (in 2nd aisle in on the rightGardening). (Growmore is just as useful.) Optional
- 6. Garden fork and Garden spade To get started on the weeds etc, before t the use of hand fork Optional
- 7. Brown wheelie bin Ideal to carry weeds/grass roots back to home, for collection by council. I will talk to allotment tenants to see if the contents are any good for their manure bins. Optional

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL AFTER 10AM

Where is the Orchard?

The Vic Scott Memorial
Orchard is situated on the
Wingrave Road. Leaving the
village centre, go past the Royal
Oak pub on your left, and travel
around the bend in the road.

The allotments are on your left and you will approach the orchard, through the big gate of the allotments on the left hand side, follow the path through the allotments, and into the orchard.

The land is owned by the church, and it was decided it would be a great idea, if the village had an orchard, where the residents could plant fruit trees in memory of themselves, their family and friends and loved ones.

There are many different fruit trees, (some very rare), including apples, pears, greengages, plums, apricots, cherries, walnuts, mulberries and medlars.

Christine Scott planted the first tree, a Stewkley Plum, in the Vic Scott Memorial Orchard at 10.30 am on 22nd October 2011. The village orchard project was as a memorial to her late husband Vic.

There are still a few places left where any new residents to the village can have a tree planted in memory of their loved ones.

The best person to speak to is Peter Knight on 01296 681478 It is he that mows the orchard on a regular basis.

We are hoping that a Working Party can be formed to try and keep tidy the areas around the trees of the families who have moved away from the village.

Generally, the owners of each tree, would be expected to maintain their own tree areas.

An Orchard Party is planned in May 2019, when all (including the children of the village), can meet up and games can be played, drinks and nibbles enjoyed, and a good time will be had by all.

There is no reason why we cannot meet regularly at the orchard. It is an orchard that we should be proud to have and maintain.

ALLOTMENT DIARY



Not much to report as I write. I have ordered all my seeds, etc. for the coming season, and most of the packets of seed have arrived. I only await the seed potatoes. We have cleared the allotment, and burned all the old sweetcorn and raspberry canes, and my patch is now ready for rotavating, when the weather is right. (Recently we have been having strong winds, and quite a lot of rain, which has not been suitable).

I had a brainwave this year: normally the last crop left in the ground is the leek crop, and Adam has had to rotavate around an "island" of soil, continuing these plants. This year I still had a

number of leeks still in the ground, and I decided I would try digging these plants up, making sure that I left a large clump of soils around their roots and re-plant them in large flower pots until they were needed. At the moment, none have keeled over and died, so that it looks as though the idea is working. It might not be a good idea to do this if one wanted the plants to survive for any length of time, but they should be OK for the next few weeks, after which they will all have been picked. But it now means that Adam and his rotavator can have the whole of the allotment to turn over.

In past years I have always ordered onion sets; but this year by mistake I ordered seeds. I have planted these in heated plant trays in the greenhouse, and they seem to be coming along nicely. However, to be on the safe side, I have now also bought some onion sets as well. I suspect that even if my seed onions prosper, they will not be ready for picking as early as a crop raised from a set – and the

onions from the set will provide me with onions in the early autumn.

Finally, I pass on a tip which appeared in my paper recently. It has long been thought that planting tomatoes with marigolds will keep the tomato plants free of whitefly. Now scientists at Newcastle University have tested this piece of gardening wisdom, and found that it is not just an old

wife's tale: planting marigolds and tomatoes together cuts whitefly by about two thirds! Their conclusion is that it is the smell of the marigolds which drives the whitefly away. If you have been troubled by whitefly on your tomatoes, you might like to give this a try.

Peter Shorrock





That's a load off your mind!

IRONING AND LAUNDRY SERVICES

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Sun 31	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
9 Breakfast service	9:15 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee	19:30 PCC Beetle	12 E M Farrel	
		20 DANCING CLASS		Morning	Drive	
				19:30 Whist		
7 8	8	9	10	11	12	13
		9:15 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee		14 Wingrave
		18:15 DANCING		Morning		Singers
		CLASS		18:30 Bingo		
		19:30 Parish Council Meeting				
14 15	15	16	17	18	19	20
		9:15 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee	Good Friday	
		20 NO dancing 19:30 Annual Morning				
	class Parochial Council 14:30 L	14:30 Ladies Club				
		20 Band Practise	Meeting	19:30 Whist		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter	Easter Monday 9:15 Pilates	14 Caremark Event	9:30 Coffee			
		20 DANCING CLASS	17:45 YOGA CLASS	Morning		
			19:30 Parish Council			

Please note that although the hall might be booked from say 17.45, classes do not always start at that time. So Yoga is from 6 to 7 and Pilates from 9.30 to 10.30

Aston Abbotts welcomes new care company

I am writing to let you know that Caremark (Aylesbury & Wycombe) have moved our main office to Haybarn Business Park, just outside Aston Abbotts. We are a high quality home care business, offering personal care and companionship to adults and children who want to remain independently and safely in their own homes, and just need some support with day to day tasks and personal care, shopping, help with preparing meals, cleaning up around the house, or anything that you find difficult to do on your own. Our visits to you can be from half an hour to full time live-in care. We also run our Independence

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www.caremark.co.uk/locations/aylesbu ry-and-wycombe/

Wingrave Community Choir



invite you to a Singing Workshop in Aston Abbotts village hall on Saturday 13th April 2-4pm So if you are a soprano, alto, tenor, bass or just don't know

but enjoy singing popular songs this is for you. Ability to read music useful, but not essential. The Choir meets in Wingrave Methodist Church hall on Monday evenings from 8pm and are a very warm friendly group of people. Please come along, see how you get on. Contact Geoff Aldridge geoff.hilary19@gmail.com if you require any further information.

Wingrave Diary APRIL 2019

Every Tue 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church

Wed 3 1000 WI: Long Spinney Wood Carving Trail Methodist Church

Tue 2 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church

Fri 5 1800 WCA Village Family Evening Community Centre

Fri 5 1900 Beetle Drive for AgeUK Aston Abbotts Village Hall

Sat 6 Men's Card Night Rose & Crown

Sun 7 1030 Annual Parochial Church meeting Parish Church

Sun 7 1400 Swingrave tea dance Community Centre

Sun 7 1930 Quiz night Royal Oak, Aston Abbotts

Mon 8 0930 Weekday Walkers' walk The Green

Sat 13 0845 Men's Breakfast Talk: Is it desirable or sustainable that many core functions are being provided by Charities? Methodist Church

Sat 13 1000 Croquet playing season opens Recreation Ground

Sun 14 0930 Local ramble Nup End Lane

Tue 16 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church

Wed 17 1200 Last of the Summer Ukuleles Rose & Crown

Thu 18 1800 Copy date for Communiqué

Fri 19 NO WCA social evening Community Centre

Sat 20 Fancy Dress Karaoke Night Rose & Crown

Sun 21 Easter Day

Sun 21 Kids' Fancy Dress Easter Egg Hunt Rose & Crown

Mon 22 1800 Bowls Club First roll-up and play (open to all) Bowling Green

Tue 23 St George's Day Rose & Crown

Wed 24 1200 Pub Lunch Club Rose & Crown

Fri 26 1930 WCA Village bingo Community Centre

Sat 27 WCA 80s night Community Centre

Tue 30 WWRHA trip to Chenies Manor and Garden



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Mon 1st Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm Thursday 4th - Steak Night

2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40
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Mon 15th Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

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Friday 19th Good Friday Bank Holiday Easter Saturday 20th

Breakfasts from 9.30 - 11.00am

Easter Sunday 21st - Roast Lunch 12-5pm

booking strongly advised. Including children's

Easter Egg hunt in the garden at 3pm

Bank Holiday - Easter Monday

Mon 22nd Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Tuesday 23rd St George's Day

Thursday 25th - Steak Night

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