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*Happy Valentine from the
G.N.O.M.E.S.*

Editorial

The Church Room Again

Two items about the Church Room last month have prompted a further three submissions this time. They have also stirred up some debate in the pub.

This month Andy Bystra adds his voice to the argument and expresses the frustration that many have been feeling over the delays to this project. In another item Bob Wilmott puts the view from the perspective of the Church Room trustees.

So now we have two ideas running: continue with the currently stalled plan to refurbish the Church Room, or build a new hall *somewhere* in or around the village.

The Church Room refurbishment might still offer the quickest option *if* the legal delays can be overcome. The village has already raised a substantial sum towards this endeavour. I hear that personnel changes at the ecclesiastical solicitors may now produce some progress, so this project is far from dead.

On the other hand, there are growing calls for a new village hall to be built. Both Cublington and Wingrave have achieved success with similar projects and it is suggested that we could have a bigger and better hall if we go down this route. However there are enormous hurdles regarding location, planning and finance to be overcome.

Frankly, I don't know which is the best idea and, to be honest, in some ways I don't really care. What I do care about is that *something* is achieved before legislation changes force closure of the current Church Room and we are left without a village function room. That would be a tragedy!

Phil



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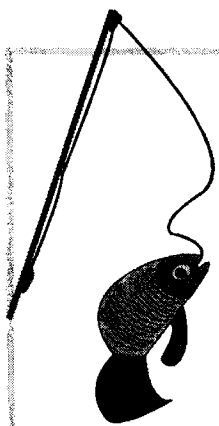
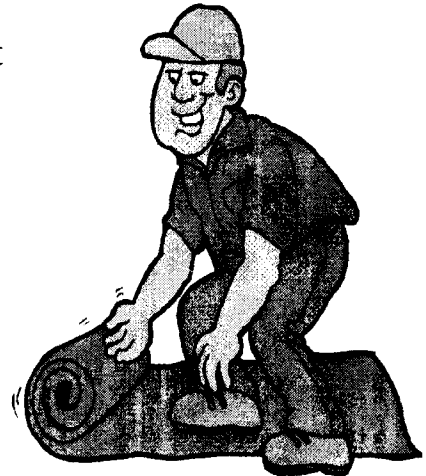
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In The Village

Gnaked Gnomes

As you may have noticed in last month's Chronicle, the Gnomes were treated to a second, equally hysterical showing of the Calendar Girls item from the Cabaret at their Christmas get together. They immediately decided that they should respond in kind and so, one January Tuesday they slipped out of the Royal Oak one by one for a DRESS REHEARSAL at the Spooner's house.

What hilarity! What non-debauchery! While Phil, the camera man, played on his computer, ten women of assorted ages, shapes and sizes stripped off their tops revealing an assortment of strapless bras to which they pinned large, red, cardboard hearts, at considerable risk to some of their most prized assets. Then they arranged themselves behind the sofa and called Phil in to take some samples - photos that is! Once these had been fed into the computer it became obvious that the idea was going to work and so Stage Two of the operation was planned.

With the kind cooperation of Teri and Gary we "borrowed" the bar of the Royal Oak at ten o'clock one Sunday morning and with our numbers made up to twelve started stripping and pinning again. Once arranged decorously in front of the bar, Phil was called in to work his magic. Quickly he whipped out his tripod, tested his equipment and adjusted the focus. Managing to stop dribbling for a while he made minor, (look no hands), adjustments to our poses and started reeling off the exposures.

Many the merry japes - sadly most of them unsuitable for publication - but if ever a man is elected to be a Gnome, Phil must be first choice for showing great fortitude and remaining calm and good humoured in the face of twelve witty women - well, I thought we were witty.

Two nights later we saw the finished article - were amazed at what a good job Phil had done touching us up - digitally removing all traces of glimpses of underwear, that is. It only remains to apologise to our husbands for all the lies we've told in order to keep it secret - very sorry, won't do it again - PROMISE!

~ Clare Shorrocks

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A. Ughs and kisses!

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On Saturday March 13th we will be holding a "Sausage and Mash Lunch" in the Church Room from 12.00 until 2.00. Tickets will cost £7.50 for adults, £5.00 for O.A.P.'s and £2.50 for children of 12 or under, and will be available from Clare Shorrocks (681260) from the end of February. The sausage and mash will come complete with gravy and onions and will be accompanied by a glass of wine or soft drink.

There will also be a Bring and Buy stall and a cake stall - all contributions gratefully received!

The PCC is planning a Flower Festival for the late May Bank Holiday weekend with gardens open on the Sunday. The Friends will be organising a Plant Stall at Oak Farm House on the Sunday, so if you have any surplus plants - seedlings, cuttings, etc., - please save them for us.

We are also planning to repeat three very successful events from last year, namely the stall on Aylesbury Market, the refreshments at the Firework Display and the Christmas Bazaar, so don't throw away any unwanted gifts or good quality bric-a-brac!

Meanwhile put March the 13th in your diary and don't forget to book your tickets with Clare at the end of February.

~ Clare Shorrocks

Village Hall Saga!

Peter's letter in last month's Chronicle leaves me with the impression that 'The Church' has little interest in assisting Aston Abbots to bring about the essential improvements so badly needed to keep this important village facility viable. - Hardly a 'Christian' attitude one would have thought!

To retain the existing hall has always been my preferred option, but I can't help feeling now, the apparent arrogance and sloth on the part of the 'Church' indicates we need to pursue alternative solutions with some speed.

The loss of the 'Bull' and the probable closure of 'the hall' in Oct. 2004 suggest we will in any event have nowhere to hold sizeable functions from this date onwards. Furthermore, taking into account the time to complete the legal 'niceties', planning permission, raise funds/grants, plus any building and/or refurbishment times, we are likely to be without a 'function venue' for several years to come.

If there are no 'legal' pitfalls and sufficient support within the village for building a 'hall' on the rec.; put me down for a team member Neil.





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The Church Room

I was saddened to read two articles about the Church Room in the January issue of the Chronicle. These seemed to be an attack on the work being done by the present Trustees (the only ones who currently have any legal status) and their solicitor to continue to make the Church Room available to the people of Aston Abbots.

Back in 1990 there was talk of adding a second outside toilet. I have to admit that it was a proposal that did not appeal to me, and I suggested then that any upgrade in facilities would involve a major project that needed to be carefully considered.

It was also clear that there were people in Aston Abbots who felt that they could organise and manage the Church Room more effectively. Their hope was that the Church Room could be leased to them for use as a Village Hall. I wonder if they had any idea of the amount of research that was necessary into Village history to separate the true facts about the Church Room from "local knowledge". But, those who are the rightful owners are the only ones who could grant the Lease they longed for, and there were questions relating to ownership that needed to be answered before further steps could be taken. Investigating the ownership threw up some other interesting facts. Did you know, for instance, that the Church Room stands on the site of the original Village/Church School – a building that became redundant when the School moved to the "Old Masters" and was subsequently pulled down? (Was it, in fact, the pulling down of the "Old" School that was behind the Villagers antagonism to the building of the Church Room?)

It is documented fact that there was bad feeling in the village when the Church Room was built, and that bad feeling seems to have never gone away. I do not know whether the Revd. Thomas Martin set about the project badly – or whether he upset people in a way that his predecessor had not done when the Church was rebuilt in 1865. But I do know that there are things that happened in Aston Abbots that we may regard as unfortunate with the benefit of hindsight. Likewise, there have been things subsequently that have not been handled as they should have been. A considerable amount of Village history has had to be re-visited, and things that should have been done many years ago have needed to be put right before a Lease on the Church Room can be considered by the Trustees. And all this has had to be done before we could even start thinking

about the implications of the 1993 Charity Act.

The Church Room was part of a huge programme of rebuilding that took place in Aston Abbots in the last quarter of the 19th century. This was redevelopment that proved necessary largely to bring housing in the village up to standards that were deemed appropriate for their time. There were to be no more "one-up, one down" thatched cottages with earth floors.

Now the Church Room, a century later, is being challenged by further legislation. It will cost a significant amount of money to comply with the regulations about Health and Safety, Environmental Health and Disability Access – to name but a few of the areas in which it is "non-compliant". There have been aspects of the Church Room that have not complied with existing regulations for a very long time – and we know that we have been skating on pretty thin ice.

Sadly, as was said, the Church Room is looking rather sad and down at heel. Yet I wonder whether people realise that this is largely due to the Church Room's share of the money from the annual Village Fete – money that would normally go for the routine maintenance of the Church Room – money which might have been used to bring us nearer to the required standards – being siphoned off for the past few years into the "Church Room Improvement Fund".

It is most certainly not the case that the Trustees are dragging their feet. We are caught in a legal web that is not of our making and that is taking far longer than we should like to untangle. Part of that "tangling web" must be put at the feet of those who have gone before us – who have tried to cut corners, who have gone for quick fix answers. Of one thing I am very sure – and that is that the present Trustees do not want to saddle the people of Aston Abbots in the future with yet another bungled or dodgy deal.

There does need to be a place where the people who live in Aston Abbots can meet socially. For the last hundred years the Church Room has tried to the best of its ability to make itself available for that purpose. Sometimes it has not been as successful as it might, but it is hoped that, although the negotiations seem to be taking for ever, the Church Room can continue to be of service to the Village for many years to come.

~ Bob Willmott

If You Must Take, Give Also

Come on Aston, get your act together. Over the years you have watched the School go, two Chapels, the Youth Club, the Post Office, the Pub, the Restaurant, and the Shop (almost). They are just the ones that spring to mind.

Now you are going to sit back and watch the Church Room go as well. What will you do then, move to another village?

Let the room go. Let the Church have it back and see how long it is before they apply for planning permission to turn it into a bungalow, and sell it off.

You need a Village Hall, a decent sized village Hall, (the village continues to grow) a new Village Hall, and you need it soon.

Build it on the Recreation Ground, and you will no longer have a Recreation Ground, so that would be something else you have lost for ever.

There are too many people in Aston Abbots who take all they can, but give nothing back in return. Time to call a halt. Ask some of these 'takers' to give something back. Not much, just a big enough piece of land to build a Village Hall on, with room to park a few cars.

If you don't ask you will never know. You might be pleasantly surprised.

~ Concerned (name and address supplied)

So what do you think should happen? Why not drop us a line and put forward your point of view—contact details on page 2. ~ Ed

Q. What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A. Hogs and kisses!

S. J. LEE

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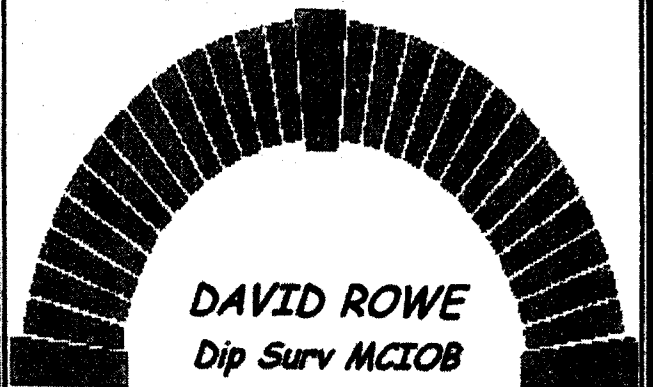
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Countryside Diary

16th January

Mid-February and we haven't had much winter yet, the grass is still looking fresh and green and, despite the recent rain, the fields are remarkably firm for the Land Rover, just the gateways getting a little muddy.

There are a few signs that spring is just around the corner. We have had our first lamb, not planned by us of course but no doubt intended by the ewe in question. Always a bit of a problem, one on its own, the ewe will need feeding "cake" to ensure a good milk supply for the lamb, so she can't be put with ewes not being fed and, on her own, she is very vulnerable now that we, unfortunately, seem to have stray dogs in the village occasionally.

Snowdrops are showing a bit of white in the gardens as does some pussy willow down at Burston and that does seem early. Mid-January and I'm on the lookout for winter aconites which should be flowering soon but no sign of them, to date, in our garden.

There is a touch of spring getting to some wild life these days. I recently saw three hares chasing each other in circles and this morning two cock pheasants were fighting in the lea of a hedge.

At the present I am laying a small length of hedgerow - a very satisfying job to be doing. Without doubt the best way to deal with an overgrown hedge, but very expensive in time. Unfortunately the days are long gone when hedges were regularly laid by skilled farm staff who needed the job in winter to keep employed - were they the good old days or the bad old days?

Unfortunately too, whenever a length of hedge is laid nowadays, it usually needed doing 20 years ago making it a difficult and slightly unsatisfactory job to be working on.

We hear a lot about farmers removing hedges and despoiling the countryside but in my time (35 years) in this Parish no hedges have been removed and four new ones have been planted.

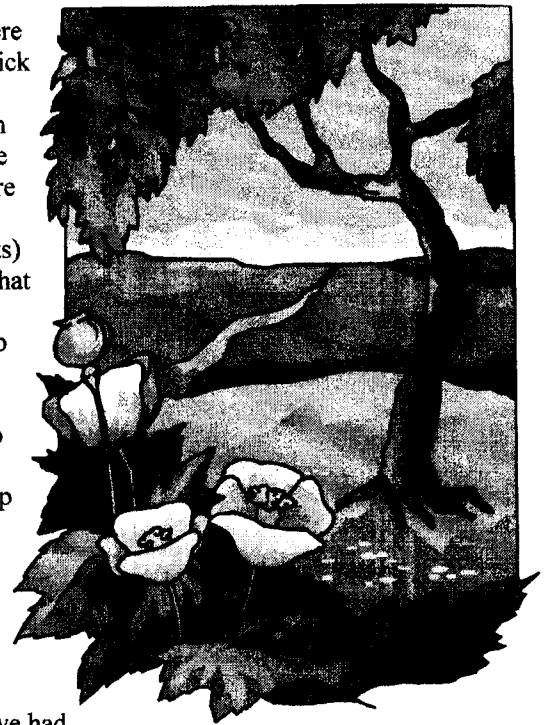
January/February are the months when huge flocks of wood pigeons feed on winter rape in our area. They are also seen in

grass fields where they carefully pick out the small clover leaves. In the Chilterns the pigeon flocks are seen feeding on beech mast (nuts) and I was told that the size of the beech mast crop had a direct bearing on the damage done to winter rape - a good beech crop in the Chilterns and less damage to rape in the Vale of Aylesbury.

Whenever I have had a local pigeon to dress the birds crop has always been packed full with the very best of natural food. "Always eat pigeon, they live on the fat of the Land" - so said Uncle George!

Talking to various people I hear that sparrowhawks have learnt the same lesson that small birds assimilated years ago. That is "feeders full of peanuts in a village garden are good eating houses". Three people have recently told me that sparrowhawks regularly frequent their bird tables looking for a meal and a feeder in Aston Abbots has been deserted and unused thanks to the frequency of a predatory sparrowhawk.

No doubt the RSPB will tell us it won't affect small bird numbers. Do we know better?



"..SHE IS VERY VULNERABLE NOW THAT WE...SEEM TO HAVE STRAY DOGS IN THE VILLAGE..."

Pete Knight

The Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club

Jan. 8th

20 members were present for our first meeting of 2004. After a short business meeting, the Chairman introduced Vic and Christine Scott who had come along to show us slides of their recent holiday in Australia. Vic began by giving a short talk about the countryside, flowers and animals and then showed us some interesting and beautiful slides. He was thanked by Irene Lowden. Tea Hostesses today were Ivy Brandon and Sheila Read.

Jan. 22nd

22 members were present at today's meeting in the church room. After a short business meeting the Chairman introduced Mrs Pamela Wright and her husband Dudley. The showed us some beautiful slides of the countryside and animals to be found around Cape Town, Pretoria, and Durban. Joan Alexander gave a vote of thanks and June Brine and Kim White served tea and cakes.

~ Shirley Ford



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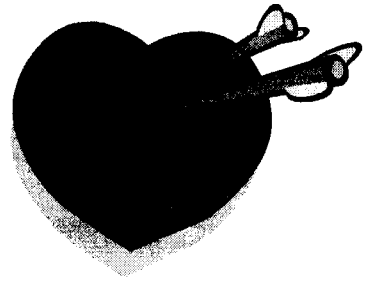
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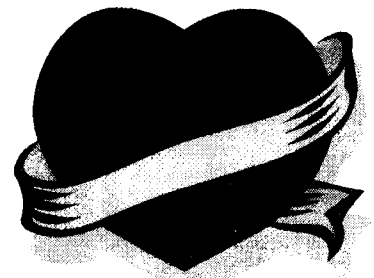
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my love always

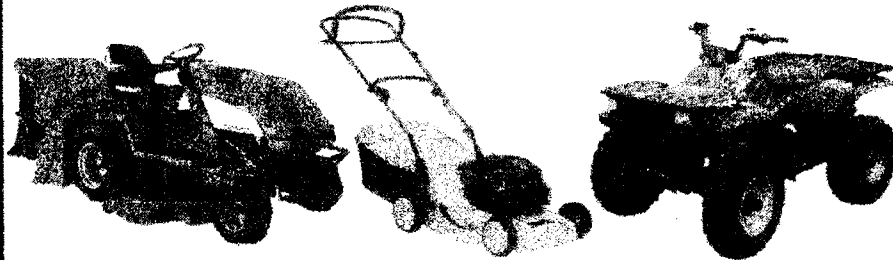
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The 'Aston' Otter!

Last month, the rain having actually stopped for a while, I decided to set off for a nice brisk walk to the stream the other side of Cublington. The wonderful smell of wet earth, jewel like droplets of water adorning every plant, the almost musical sound of water trickling into ditches, all contributed to me beginning to reflect on those wonderful observational pieces written by Peter Knight in the Chronicle. I started to wonder just how he manages to see so much out in the fields? Perhaps I needed to look take a closer interest in the countryside around me during my walk.

I did try! However, not being in Peter's league, all I seemed to 'spot' were various discarded bottles, fast food cartons, Tesco bags by the dozen and bits of cars that seem to have self-destructed whilst endeavouring to cope with our Buckinghamshire roads. Two muddy 'porno' magazines and a 'ladies' black lace suspender belt did admittedly somewhat intrigue me for a while; that is, until I arrived in the region of the Crayfish farm.

There, lying on the verge, seemingly undamaged was an absolutely beautiful otter. The wonderfully sleek coat, handsome whiskers, tail and broad feet confirmed it. A tentative prod verified it was indisputably deceased, although

clearly it had not been dead for long. What to do?

It wasn't difficult finding a large discarded Tesco bag so I decided to take the corpse to show Vic Scott.

After all, there aren't supposed to be any otters in Bucks! Are there? This could be the first. I bet Peter Knight hasn't seen an otter in the village! Who knows, it might get a mention in the Bucks Herald; or even on local television! Perhaps it will be known for years to come as the 'Aston Otter'. Would David Attenborough want to make a programme about it?

All this conjecture made the journey back to Vic's seem very short.

When I opened the bag, Vic just couldn't contain his excitement. Clearly moved, he declared it to be "one of those bl***y Canadian Mink!" Damned things kill just about anything, even new born lambs. Didn't think they were around here. Oh well! At least it's dead!"

The loud, hollow thump as it dropped into my empty dustbin just about summed up my spirits. Perhaps I'll leave any future writing about wildlife to Peter!!



Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 14th January 2004

Present : Cllrs. T.Manning (Chairman), C. Higgs, D.Dicken, M. Kent, J.Farrands, P.Shorrock and Mrs. K.Curry (Clerk). Seven members of the public were present. Apologies were received from Cllrs R.Clarke and P. Cooper.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

The Clerk had received useful advice from a professional re installation of the Skateboard Ramp on the Recreation Ground.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No representatives were present from any of the above organisations.

The Clerk was asked to contact County Cllr Jennings about the continuing poor state of our local roads.

Comments From The Floor

The bus shelter at Wingrave Crossroads is in need of repair. The Clerk will contact Wingrave P.C. and find out whether the shelter is insured.

A member of the public complained about the advertising board on the verge at Wingrave Crossroads.

To Set The Precept For 2004-5

Resolved to set a precept of £4900

Dog Bins

The P.C. discussed a request for more dog bins in the village. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of new bins, and to find out whether the existing bins are being well used.

Planning

To consider planning applications:

- 03/03009/APP Norduck House, Moat Lane -

Conservatory. Resolved to make no comment on this application.

- 03/03207/APP Home Farm, 61, The Green - Replacement entrance gates. Resolved to make no comment on this application, provided the gates are erected in the same position as the previous gates.
- 03/03093/APP 71, The Green - Insertion of dormer windows and erection of two storey detached garage. Resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the dormer windows and height of the garage would be out of keeping with the surrounding area.
- 03/02527/APP Home Farm, 61, The Green - Erection of three houses with detached garages. Resolved to object to this application. Much discussion took place on this subject and the issues are complicated. The P.C. will object to the building of the second garage and challenge the new plans, which still appear to be an inaccurate representation of the actual development.

Highways

A cherry tree on The Green has been severely pruned, ruining its shape completely. Unfortunately no one has been able to ascertain who did this, so no action can be taken.

Recreation Ground

Safety check - children's play area: up to date.

Date Of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next Meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 25th February 2004 at 8 pm in the Church Room

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk



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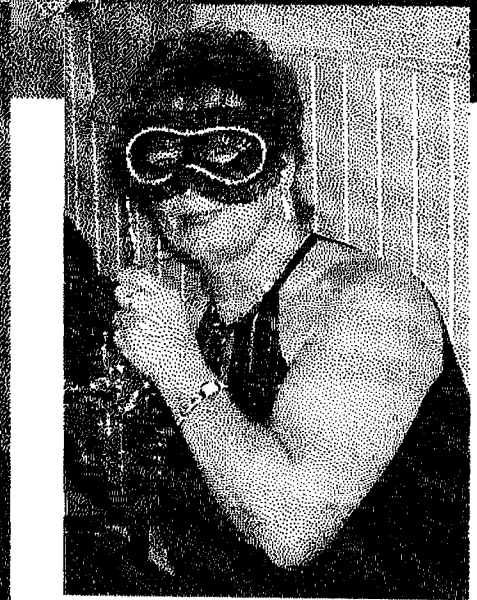
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A few familiar faces were absent from this Year's New Year's Eve party, held in the Church Room. It wasn't just people being out of village or on holidays abroad—that happens every year. This year the flu took its toll and, sadly, some people spent the evening in bed.

Even those 'familiar faces' who did make it were not instantly recognisable, however. The theme this year was a Masked Ball and everybody got thoroughly into the spirit of things, with a wide range of different masks being worn.

The girls had gone to a lot of trouble to nicely decorate our rather run down Church Room and



Dave Lewis was prised from his sick bed to come and set-up the disco equipment.

Long before midnight approached most people were dancing and as the old year drew to a close and the clock struck 12 everybody joined in an enthusiastic, if rather unruly, rendition of Auld Land Syne.

Those with enough stamina continued dancing for another hour or two, whilst 'casualties' slowly drifted off into the night. Our commiserations to those who were unable to be there, but there will always be another year (if we have somewhere to hold it).

Thanks to everyone who contributed in making it another great night—and thanks to everybody who came and (hopefully) had a good time.

~ Phil Spooner - Pictures by Anne and John Brancker



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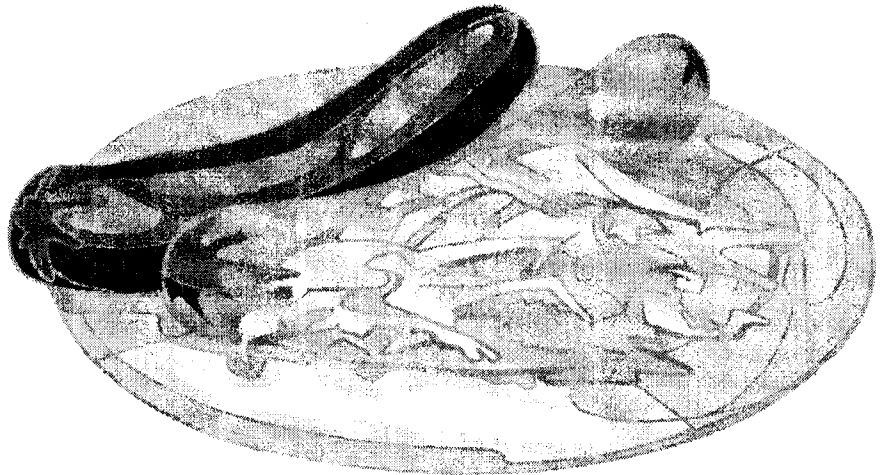
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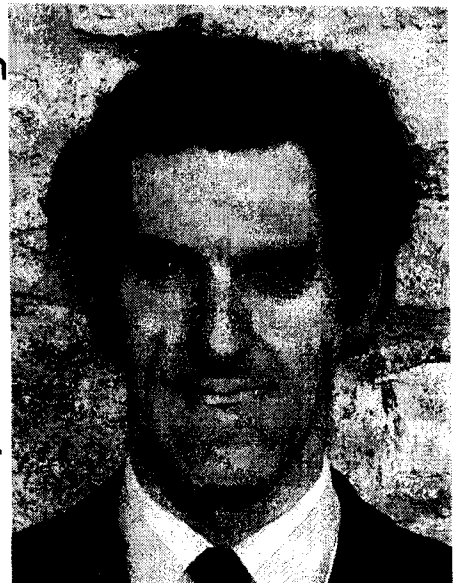
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"Once you have passed the Shortest Day and the days start to lengthen, does it get lighter in the morning, or does it stay lighter longer in the evening"? That was the discussion that a couple of people were having and having difficulty in remembering which way it happened.

By the time we get to February, it is somewhat academic – because it is lighter in the morning and also in the evening. So maybe the argument needs to move on to that quirk of the Calendar that means that every fourth year we have an extra day in February.

It is a sad sign of progress that we forget all those old rhymes that tell us how these peculiarities are worked out. Even the Church Calendar now tries to persuade us that the Sundays that we grew up calling "Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima" should now be called "Sundays before Lent".

But there again, the Church Calendar has always been a somewhat prosaic area. In the days of long boring sermons, I can remember trying to decipher the tables in the front of the Prayer Book that enabled the date of Easter to be found in any particular year. I remember making many attempts, but never really cracking it. Maybe the sermons were not quite long enough for me to finish – and you could never remember how far you had got so you had to start again from scratch every time. Or I suppose that I may actually have heard the odd snippet of sermon that made me lose my concentration on the task in hand. Yet Easter came every year on the date it was due – so there was not really any point in trying to fathom out the code.

But before we can get to Easter we have to think about Lent – and that always seems to be something of a lead balloon. We have trouble doing "discipline" these days. I suppose it may be because we live in a world where everything is always available. There is never a time when we cannot buy fruits and vegetables that a few years ago were very seasonal. It always seems strange to me that when daffodils are flowering very prolifically (as they frequently are during Lent), that we do not use them in Church – although we might make a somewhat grudging concession for Mothering Sunday.

Of course it all depends on whether the season is early or late this year, and that depends on the weather. And that depends on various other factors – like the amount of daylight there is, the phases of the Moon, and so on. Maybe these are factors that we no longer need to remember - because we know that we can look them up when we need to know them.

As the schoolboy said: "All this rememberin is doin me 'ead in - God knows!"

~ Bob Willmott

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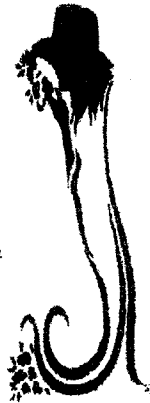
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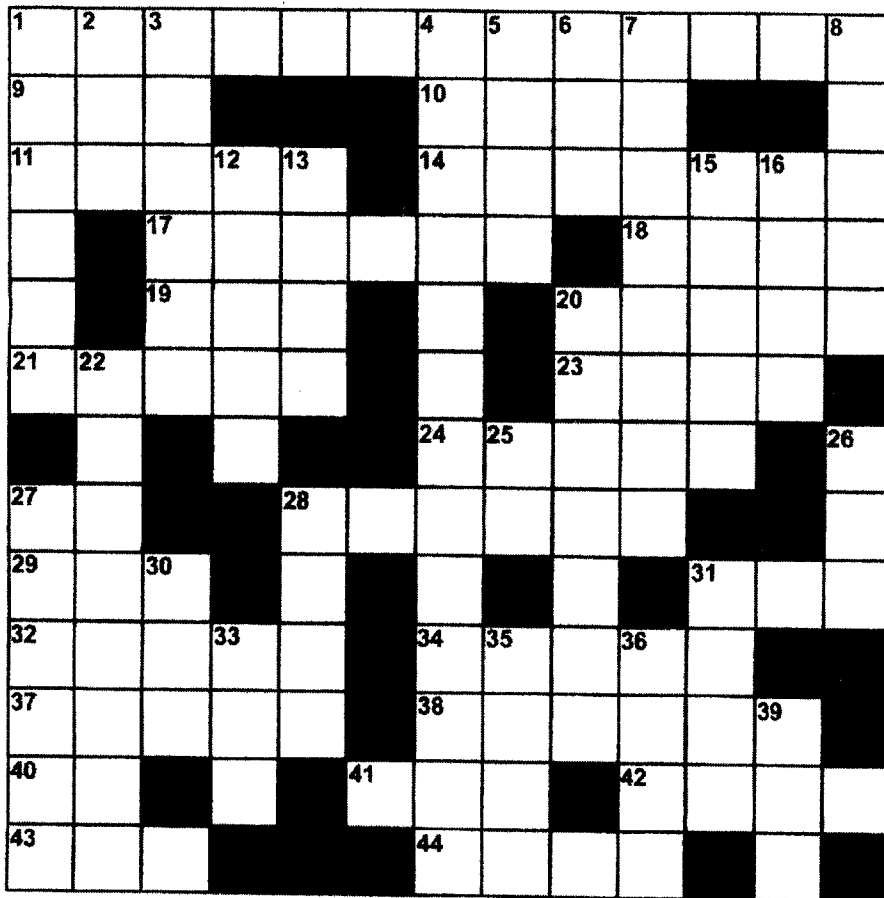
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- 14 Everlasting (7)
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- 32 Girl's name (5)
- 34 Dwelling (5)
- 37 --- down (5)
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DOWN

- 1 Time pieces (6)
- 2 Rowing tool (3)
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- 4 An Eddison invention (8 & 5)
- 5 Speed (4)
- 6 Expert (3)
- 7 End of the route (8)
- 8 Liquid measure (5)
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	Wingrave	10.00	People's Praise
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
15 th	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service with Communion
	Aston Abbots	11.15	Parish Communion
22 nd	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Aston Abbots	11.15	Morning Service
25 th	Wingrave	20.00	Ash Wednesday Service
29 th	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
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7 th Mar	Cublington	10.00	Family Service
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1 st Feb	Epip 4	1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 2.22-40
8 th	3 bef. Lent	1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
15 th	2 bef. Lent	Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25
22 nd	1 bef. Lent	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36
29 th	Lent 1	Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13
7 th Mar	Lent 2	Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

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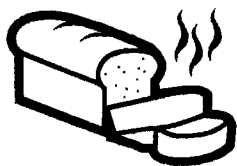
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Book These Dates

Friends Of St James **Sausage and Mash Lunch** in the Church Room on Saturday May 13th from 12—2. Funds raised go to the upkeep of St James Church. Admission by ticket only—full details elsewhere in this issue.

Sat/Sun/Mon May 29th/30th/31st.
Flower Festival St. James Church.
Teas On Sat/Sun. 2.30 – 4.30 pm, with a **Ploughman's Lunch**. On Monday between 11-1.30.

The 2004 **Aston Abbots Festival and Fete** weekend is Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th of July

Please tell us about your birthdays, anniversaries, etc, so that we can send you a greeting in Alison's Gossip Column

BUCKINGHAM MOBILE

MOBILE LIBRARY - 2003

ASTON ABBOTTS THE GREEN	10.25-10.55
ASTON ABBOTTS WINGRAVE ROAD	11.00-11.15
ASTON ABBOTTS OXLEY FARM	12.55-13.10

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Buckingham
Bucks MK18 1JP
Telephone: 01280 813229
Fax: 01280 823597

www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries/lima_lib_mobiles.stm

Surveys on the Mobile library are being carried out. If you want the service to continue - please use it!

NOTICES

The parish council has been advised, because of **LACK OF SUPPORT** the mobile library will as from June cease to call at Wingrave Road and Oxley farm stops, and the time at The Green will be reduced. However the parish council have asked that at least half an hour stop is made at The Green.

PLEASE USE THE LIBRARY OR LOSE IT ALTOGETHER, it is a service that we pay for in our council tax.

A reminder to dog owners, please keep your dog on a lead when crossing fields with public footpaths and especially sheep. Farmers now shoot straying dogs and you can be fined £1000 if your dog is caught fouling the footpath.

Lastly it is an **OFFENCE** to cross the footway and park your vehicle on the grass verge, please use your driveways or park on the roadside, and please **NOT** on **BUS STOPS**.

~ Colin Higgs

FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

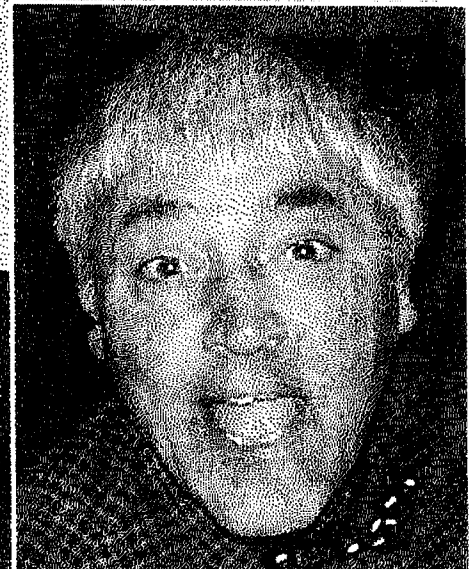
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Happy 50th Birthday Dave