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# Editorial

For the third month running we have articles about both the Church Room redevelopment and the proposal to build a new Village Centre. In his article on page 7 Neil Cheshire points out that the current Church Room is now only being used only by a "hardcore" of villagers. It is no longer used by young people or the toddlers group as the facilities are unsuitable or unsatisfactory. Neil raises an important point about how an improved or a new facility might encourage greater use and greater involvement in the community. I feel that this is a critical issue for the village, because without a suitable meeting place the village will lose its sense of community and its identity. If you have any views upon which might be the best scheme, or whether or not either scheme should go ahead, then please write in to the Chronicle and let us know what you think.

The Parish meeting takes place in April. This annual forum is an opportunity for all villagers to have a say in what goes on in Aston Abbots and also to raise any points that might concern them. There is an agenda on page 13 and if you would like any major topic included then please contact Kate Curry on 681137. More minor points can be discussed in the AOB section of the meeting. Everybody is welcome at this meeting and it would be particularly nice to see faces that are new to the village. The meeting usually lasts about one-and-a-half to two hours and, no doubt, some of us will be persuaded to pop down the Oak for refreshments afterwards. Please do come if you can.

Jackie Farrands and her fete committee are already working hard to ensure the success of the this year's Aston Abbots fete. Everybody can help make this event a success. All you need to do is to save up items of bric-a-brac, groceries, bottles for the Tombola, books and so on. These will be collected the week before the fete. Clare Shorrock is also asking that you should pot-up seedlings and other plants which can be delivered to her a few days before the fete (see page 9). You can also help by putting the date in your diary - Saturday 25th July - and coming along to the fete, buying a raffle tickets, spending a little money, and just having a good time. If anybody would like to help on a stall for an hour or two on the day, or could help with the setting up and break down then please get in touch with Jackie on 681182.

Did you get your council tax bill this week? I certainly got mine! Was it just coincidence that a team of council workers arrived to cut the village verges and grass in the same week, or am I just a little too cynical?

Yet again the increase in council tax is far greater than the increase in inflation (currently less than two per cent using the Government's new figure). Yet again we are told that to "keep the bills down" services will have to be cut. Yet again, we are to pay more but should expect less. As I drive into the village trying to avoid pot holes in the poorly maintained roads I have to question whether or not we really are getting value for our money?

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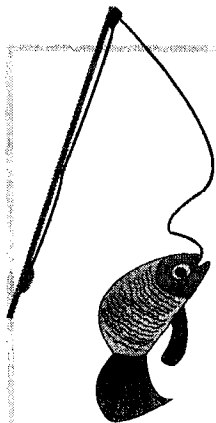
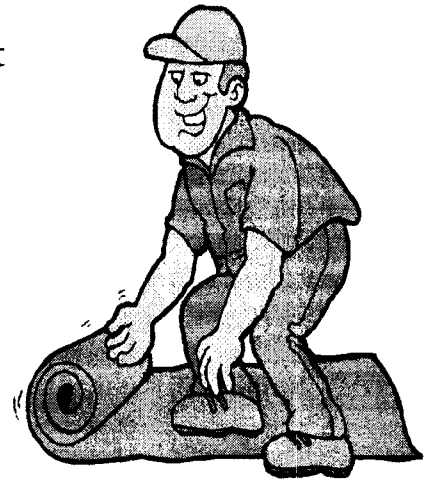
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# In The Village

## No More Second Post

There is an old adage that says that you don't know what you have until you have lost it. This is very true of the latest service to be withdrawn from Aston Abbotts.

Most of you will have received the letter from the Post Office informing us of the decision to withdraw the second post from our village. In a letter from "Royal Mail – The Real Network" titled "Changes to your mail deliveries" it was explained that the second post is only a small part of mail deliveries. This will come as a major surprise to those of us who rely so much upon this service. The delivery of our second post has become so slick and successful in recent years, and the postman has become so discreet, that one or two people to whom I spoke seemed unaware that Aston Abbotts actually received a second post!

However, we should not be distracted into sniggering at those less observant villagers, because buried within this letter was the first hint of a new postal scheme which, when fully implemented, will avoid delay, avoid losses, and eventually lead to a 100% reduction in complaints of late postal delivery.

Those of you who read the remainder of the letter will have read about the new free "Mail Collect" service available to all residents. Now, if you pre-register with the Post Office, you can collect your own mail from the sorting office. But this is not all. Although not mentioned in the letter, this is just a precursor to an even bigger and more radical scheme to be launched in 2005.

From next year you will be able to subscribe to a new Premium Postal Service (PPS). Although the cost of this is not yet known it is said to be "within the means of the average household". Unlike users of the newly announced free service who must go to the sorting office, subscribers to this new service will be authorised to collect their mail directly from the home of the sender. By utilising this premium service all forms of postal delay and losses should be eliminated at a stroke.

Of course, a radical new scheme such as this has its detractors and its prophets of doom. There are those who suggest that all this means is that we will see a two-tier postal service from April 1st next year and that it could eventually lead to the demise of the postal service as we know it now. Given the current campaign in the Bucks Herald to prevent the Post Office from closing five of its Aylesbury branches, could we indeed be at risk of losing something very valuable that we currently take for granted?

~ Phil Spooner

## Burglary

As we go to press we hear that a house in the Wingrave Road has been burgled. The burglary took place in broad daylight on a Friday, sometime between 10.30 and 2.30. Thieves jemmied open a rear window and stole several items including a laptop computer, a digital camera and jewellery.

The fact that Aston Abbotts usually has a low crime rate is of no consolation to the poor victims. However, we can all help each other by being vigilant and reporting any unusual happenings or suspicious strangers to the police.

~ Phil Spooner

## Friends of St. James

### Sausage & Mash Lunch

Many years ago, when the world and your reviewer were young, his favourite reading matter was the Dandy and the Beano.

There were two meals that featured in them on a regular basis.

One was the cow pie regularly consumed by Desperate Dan, which came in a dish the size of a small bath, and always had cow horns sticking out of the pastry. The other which was served as a treat for the other denizens of these comics (such as Lord Snooty & his Pals, Dennis the Menace, and Minnie the Minx) was sausage & mash. However, this was never sausage & mash as your mother served it, but a great mountain of mash in the middle of the plate, with numerous sausages sticking out of the mash in all directions.

After years of searching, I am happy to report that last month – on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, to be precise – I encountered the closest thing to this ideal of gastronomic perfection I have ever met, at the Sausage & Mash Lunch organised by the Friends of St James, and held in the Church Room. Each plate had a small mountain of mashed potato, with a ring of fried onions or baked beans, and the only departure from the traditional Dandy/Beano recipe was that the three enormous sausages provided were leaning against the pile of mash, rather than sticking out of it. (Perhaps the Friends of St. James had not read the right comics when they were younger – or perhaps they are all too young?)

In any event, the food was magnificent, and the meal and the occasion were much enjoyed by all concerned. The repast was complemented by a choice of red or white wine or soft drinks. It is understood that the Friends of St. James raised over £200 towards the cost of the rewiring of the church. Your reviewer for one hopes they will repeat the event next year – or how about a cow pie?

~ Our resident gourmet (aka Peter Shorrocks)

### That Elusive 15 Minutes

Driving to work one morning in mid-March I was surprised and impressed to hear our very own John Whyte on the Radio 4 Today programme, being interviewed about the latest scanning wizardry that is now being used by HM Customs to catch drugs coming in from Jamaica.

The following Saturday, engaged in conversation with Peter Shorrocks at the 630 Club, I happened to mention that I had heard John.

"John White?" he said, his eyes lighting up, "You mean the footballer?"

"No, No!" I said. "John Whyte from Bricstoc".

"Oh!" His face clouded over with disappointment, "I thought you meant someone *famous*".

Never mind John, maybe one day... .

~ Phil Spooner



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## Village Hall - Latest News

In my last article, I mentioned that we were exploring solutions to the problem that the Church wanted the Village Hall trustees to accept personal liability. Unhappily, I cannot give you any positive news yet about whether these are going to be viable. The difficulty is that in order to finance the work, it is going to be essential for us to be able to obtain a grant or grants for the work. The Community Fund (the organisation which provides grants from the National Lottery) will not give grants to local authorities - which includes Parish Councils. One suggestion which has been made by the Church solicitors, to get round the fact that trustees do not normally accept personal liability, is that the proposed lease of the Church Room should be taken by the Parish Council, as trustees for the trustees who are going to run it.

For this idea to work, we need to know whether the Community Fund will still be prepared to give a grant towards the renovation of the Church Room, notwithstanding this proposed involvement of the Parish Council; if so, what conditions they will seek to impose; and then whether the Parish Council can accept this liability. At the moment, despite a telephone call and two e-mails, I have not had a decision from the Community Fund - but I do accept that the Church solicitors' idea is somewhat unusual, and is no doubt causing them some difficulty. I am continuing to press them, and hope to have definite news for next month's Chronicle.

~ Our legal correspondent

We had lunch at G 'n' Cs in Aylesbury the other day - new Thai noodle bar - it's what used to be Hampdens Café. ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC - food excellent, and well below what you would normally expect to pay for Thai food ( starter and main, with beer, about £9.00) - worth giving it a try...

~ Andi Swain

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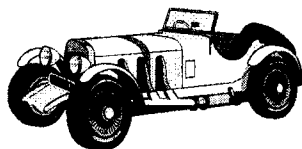
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## Aston Abbotts Village Centre

Progress on the feasibility study for the new Aston Abbotts Village Centre is being maintained and will be reported in a future edition of the Chronicle

Peter Shorrock reported his views in the last Chronicle and I thought it was time to expose the positive reasons for building a new Village Centre, at the same time as inviting further comment either through the Chronicle or directly to myself.

When the team was set up we looked at the usage of the current Church room.

Basically, the Church room is used mostly by people over 50 years old. There is no prime use by any younger generation. The users tend to be the same groups such as Bingo, Whist, Quizzes, Parish Council meetings, Ladies Club, Band Rehearsals, Cabaret and the odd party. Probably this is around 20% of the village. It is estimated to be used less than 100 times per year.

The Church Room is no longer used by Toddler groups. In fact, these have been transplanted to surrounding villages where there are more congenial and more hygienic surroundings. The Youth Club ended years ago but people remark how something similar could solve some of the issues currently in the village. The Church room only has passive use, there is no positive force creating events, clubs and occasions which involve people under the age of 50.

It is important in my view to start from the positive proposition of what do we really want rather than suggesting issues such as raising money could be a problem. The proposal under consideration is to build a new Village Centre, the size of a badminton court, equipped with modern facilities. This would house 120 - 130 people at capacity, so doubling the current capacity. Such a space could also be used for Volleyball, handball and a number of other sporting activities, as well as the recreational activities of the Church Room. Once a space is available then this would probably generate a whole range of other uses. Such a space would be warm, inviting, decorated tastefully and equipped with modern toilets, kitchen and even an area for an outside bar. It could have a demountable stage area, a sound system and a lighting rig. Things which are already owned by the village.

It really depends whether we are a 'Can Do' village or a 'Can't be bothered' village. No doubt we will find out through the pages of the Chronicle. Please contribute your views.

~ Neil Chesher

Please do write in to The Chronicle if you have a view on Neil's proposals ~ Ed

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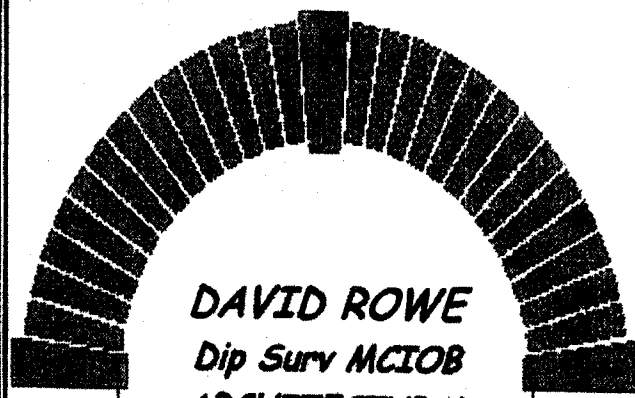
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## Countryside Diary

The 15<sup>th</sup> of March and spring does seem to have arrived, this following last week's second bite of winter.

Unfortunately for newborn lambs the mild weather has also brought considerable rain, and lambs much prefer cold and dry to mild and wet. However, the grass is growing again and that is the most important factor.

Two people have asked me if we have started lambing yet as they have seen no lambs in the Grove or Windmill. They went on to say how much they enjoyed seeing lambs as part of Aston Abbots in spring. Well the truth is that I have avoided turning out ewes and lambs in the village this year, at least as much as I can, because of the ever-present worry of dogs nowadays. One very pleasant gentleman was quite happy to tell me that one of his dogs was a "killer" and I know that, although he will do his utmost, he cannot guarantee his dogs won't 'escape'. We've had five cases of sheep worrying this winter - one serious case involving young lambs would be heartbreaking for Alex and me. Forget the financial aspect, forget all the work involved, we 'love' the little mites. Nowadays, as in all aspects of farming, we seem to be under siege.

We lamb 250 sheep indoors in a large rented shed and 60 to 70 outside in the field in natural conditions. Over the years approximately 75 per cent of the sheep indoors have twins. Outside only 50 per cent at most have two lambs. This is mostly due to foxes in my opinion. I believe that as the ewe gives birth to her second lamb the fox (or badger) takes the first.

Going round the sheep last Wednesday, a very curious sight: a ewe with two newborn lambs standing close against the hedge, three yards down from her a three-quarters grown dead badger, one of last year's cubs. Had the ewe "struck lucky" defending her lambs, and killed the badger?

Two things suggest she had; one never finds a dead badger in the fields - they always die underground and had the badger been dead earlier surely the ewe would never have gone there to lamb. Perhaps even old ewes can be killers and occasionally get some retribution.

The cold spell of weather brought flocks of lapwings - my favourite bird, into the parish. These days the lapwings have to work hard to feed themselves, harder than they did 15 years

ago. Nowadays there are always seagulls mixed in with the plovers and whenever a plover finds food it gets chased by a gull until the food is dropped or regurgitated. For every eight to 10 plovers there is a predatory gull to be fed, something the gulls have learnt in the last 15 years.

There have been many changes in the wild life round the village in the 35

years I have been here and probably the two greatest changes have been the death of the elm trees and the disappearance of frogs and toads. Years ago, and a wet night in mid-March, and Moat Lane will be alive with hundreds of frogs crossing to get to the moat at the Abbey. The ladies living on Lines Hill hated walking down to the village whist drive in March - frogs everywhere! The edges of the moat were alive with frogs. One year in June/July baby frogs had to be swept off the path and doorsteps of the Abbey every morning to allow the cleaning ladies to get in without squashing them. The place literally teamed with frogs. I didn't see one last year, I'm told a virus has caused this catastrophic decline. No doubt, like most things in nature, they will eventually bounce (or hop) back.

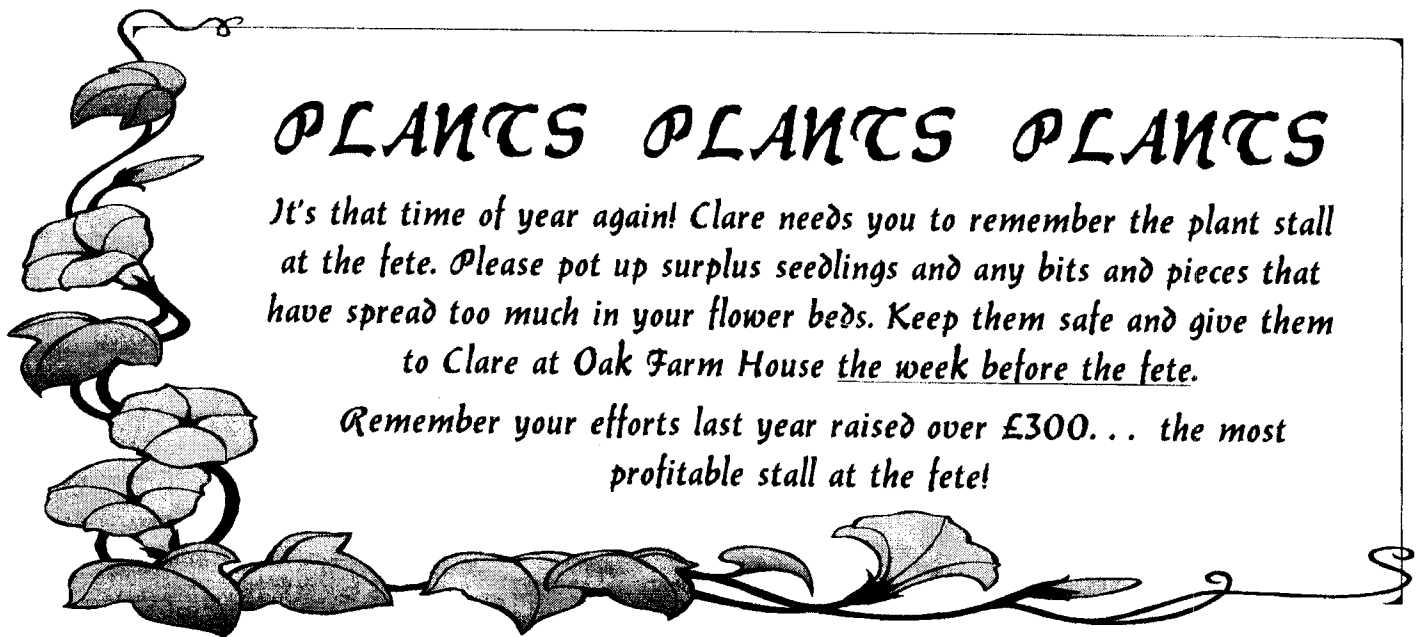


*Pete Knight*

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## Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

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The club then discussed the Spring Lunch to be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> as well as arrangements for the Summer outing in July to Savill Gardens near Windsor.

Today's speaker was Mrs Evelyn Clark from Oving who demonstrated how to make decorations in fondant icing in a very entertaining way. She was thanked by Shirley Ford. Tea cakes and biscuits were served by Sheila Read and Shirley Ford and Doreen Powis won a cake decorated by Mrs. Clark.

## March 4<sup>th</sup>

Today, 32 members, family and friends enjoyed our annual Spring lunch in The Church Room Aston Abbotts. Members provided a buffet meal with wine and soft drinks. A raffle was

drawn with about a dozen winners.

Money raised from the lunch will go into Club funds.

## March 18<sup>th</sup>

24 members were present at today's meeting where we had further discussions concerning our forthcoming summer visit to Savill Gardens.

Our recently held Spring Lunch raised £180.00 for Club funds.

Members signed a farewell card for Minnie Dogget who is leaving the village.

Our speaker today was Mr Jonathan Clover who gave a talk about the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau. He was thanked by Etherlie Gutteridge.

Tea Hostess was Doreen Powis and members served tea and biscuits.

The raffle prize was won by Shirley Ford.

~ Shirley Ford.

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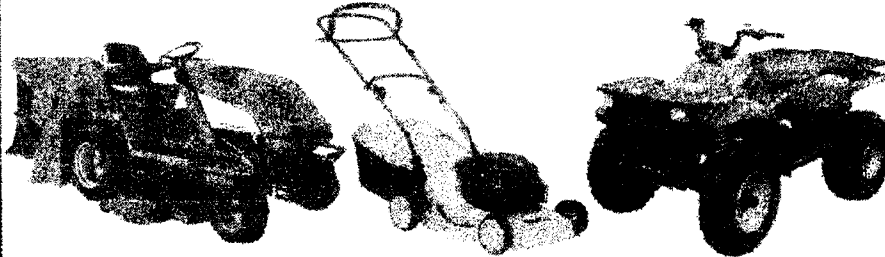
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## **Everybody Is Welcome**

If you have any issues you would like to see discussed at this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kate Curry on 681137.

### **AGENDA**

- Apologies
- To approve minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2003
- Matters arising
- Police matters / Neighbourhood Watch
- County Council and District Council Reports
- Church Room
- New Village Centre
- The Chronicle
- Fete 2003
- Fete 2004
- Recreation Ground
- A.O.B.


  
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# Last Year's Aston Abbotts Parish Meeting Minutes (2003)

Last year the annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 2nd April 2003 in the Church Room at 8 pm. The minutes are being reprinted here before their approval at this year's meeting. ~ Ed

Present: Chairman of the Parish Council (Tom Manning), Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting (Kate Curry), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), and 17 parishioners.

## Minute 1

Apologies were received from PC Print and County Councillor Brenda Jennings.

## Minute 2

Minutes of previous meeting were approved by the Meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

## Minute 3

Matters arising – none.

## Minute 4—Police and Neighbourhood Watch.=

No one was present to report to the meeting. Colin Higgs commented that cars are being parked in the bus stop outside the Bull and Butcher.

## Minute 5—District Council

Peter Cooper made the following comments:

- There is to be a District Council Election on May 1st. Mr. Cooper said he hoped everybody would use their vote.
- He expressed dismay that the Police Station at Wing now seems only to operate on a part time basis. Calls to the Police are now channelled through an Information Centre at Kidlington.
- Luton Airport – the latest information is that the second runway planned for Luton will probably now not go ahead. This is, however, a separate issue from the 'Flightpath' one.
- The District Council has a 'Vision for Aylesbury'. They want to stop it being a 'dormitory' town by bringing industry into the area along with the planned Major Development Areas. The town centre will also be redeveloped soon.
- Local transport system – the A418 is to be upgraded and rail links improved. Aylesbury may also have its own 'Park and Ride' scheme introduced.

## Minute 6—Church Room

Tom Manning told the meeting that progress has continued to be slow due to legal problems. He said that the planning permission for the improvements will expire on November 9th 2004, and new legislation regarding disabled access to halls will be in place by October 1st 2004 (this legislation would mean the Church would be unable to continue to let the Church Room). Tom thanked Peter Shorrock for all the legal work he has done so far, and this was unanimously endorsed.

Peter Shorrock said that the good news is that the Trustees have now been registered at the Charity Commission – however, there are still complicated legal procedures to be dealt with, which could foreseeably result in costs up to £3000.

Liz Barlow commented that it was sad that the village has just lost both the Old Masters Restaurant and the Bull and Butcher Pub. It would be a great pity to lose the Church Room as well.

## Minute 7—The Chronicle.

Phil Spooner said that the circulation remains static at about 200 issues, and costs have been covered this year. Two thirds of the income is from advertising, with the remainder coming from the Fete. Advertising is healthy at present and the cash flow is good. He proposed a vote of thanks to Ivan Greenaway, who is stepping down as advertising manager after 5 years. A replacement for Ivan is now being sought. Thanks were also offered to Andy Bystra (distribution), John Whyte (bank account) and everyone else who helps with or contributes to The Chronicle.

Phil asked the meeting to approve the Chronicle retaining its share of the Fete proceeds, as it is such an important part of the village. The Chronicle will celebrate its 20th Anniversary next September.

Tom Manning offered a vote of thanks to Phil Spooner for all his hard work, which was carried unanimously.

## Minute 8—Fete 2002

Gordon Smith reported that the Fete made a profit of £2567 last year. It was a most enjoyable day, for which special thanks must go to the organiser, Barbara Bellingham. Barbara has stepped down as organised this year, and the meeting welcomed Jackie Farrands as new organiser for this year's Fete, which will take place on 26th July.

Votes of thanks were given to Shirley Ford and Pam Hewitt, who have also stood down from the committee after many years of service.

## Minute 9—Fete 2003

After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:

- a) Church - 35%
- b) Church Room Restoration Fund - 50%
- c) Chronicle - 12.5%
- d) Toddlers - 2.5%

## Minute 10—Recreation Ground Account

Tom Manning told the meeting there is around £3500 in this account, which is held by the Parish Council, but was originally raised by people in the village. The Parish Council is seeking a mandate from the village to use the money for essential maintenance and repairs to the children's play equipment on the Recreation Ground. This was unanimously agreed.

Richard Clarke proposed that some of the money raised at the Fete be allocated to the Recreation Ground Account. After some discussion the meeting agreed to reinstate this contribution next year.

## Minute 11—Litterblitz

Tom Manning said that this year's Litterblitz has been organised for Saturday April 10th, and urged people to turn up and help.

## Minute 12—A.O.B.

1. The recycling bins, which were outside the Bull and Butcher, are now in the car park of the Royal Oak.
2. Liz Barlow asked whether the Recycling collection could happen weekly instead of fortnightly.
3. The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to Peter Knight for mowing The Green, The 'Merry Mowers' for mowing the Churchyard and Colin Higgs for generally keeping the village neat and tidy. These were unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

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## 630 Club 60s and 70s Party

As it was too late to have a Christmas party the 630 Club held a 60s and 70s party in the Church Room in March. As can be seen from these photographs, many people made the effort to dress up and this, along with a backdrop of 60s and 70s music, created a great atmosphere.

The Royal Oak provided an enormous buffet which fully occupied the attention for the first little while. Then, after everybody was full, several gambling tables were started and John Whyte set up as banker with a huge stash of Monopoly money and roulette chips. The roulette and card games proved very popular, despite the near-bankruptcy of several well known Aston Abbotts families, but eventually these were cleared away to provide enough space for dancing, and happy partygoers swapped wigs and danced away until the early hours.

I think everybody agreed that it was an excellent party, and our thanks must go to all of those who worked so hard to organise it. Special thanks must go to Andy Bystra for being the main instigator and 'chairman of the organising committee'. Also to Teri at the Oak for the sumptuous buffet, Clare for the flowers, Tracy and Julie for clearing up at night, whoever made the effort to make the toilet a little more pleasant, and to everybody who turned up on Saturday afternoon to decorate the Church Room and on Sunday morning to clear away the mess. Also, apologies to Teri at The Oak for losing her trays.

*Pictures on this page: Cover girl Poonam and husband Avi Gupta (right), Anne Goodman and Gordon Kemp (below).*



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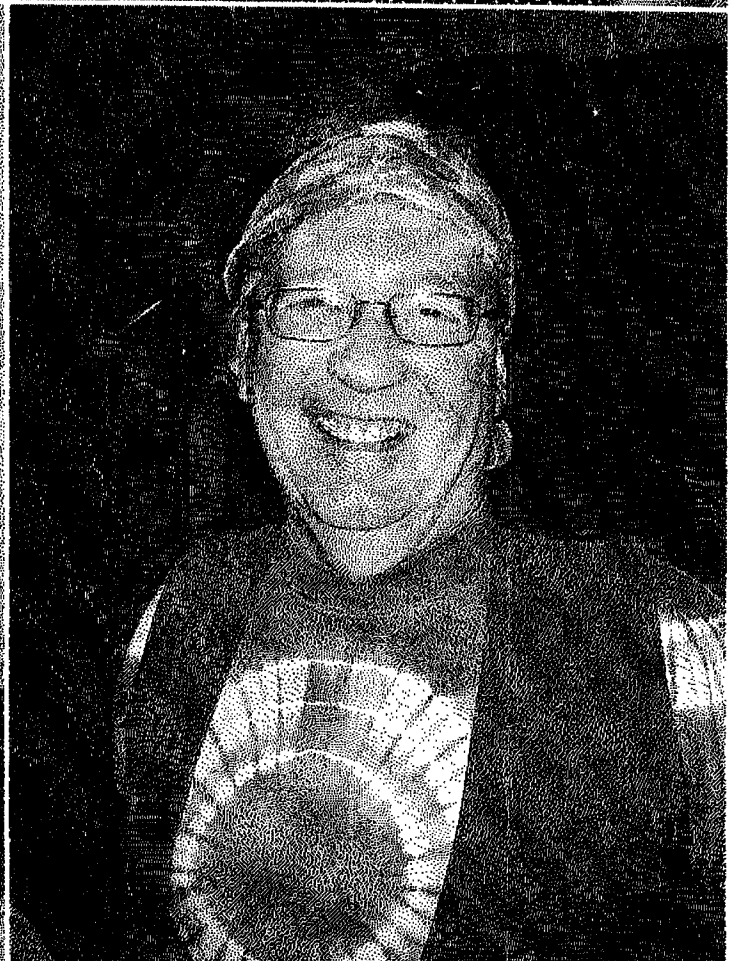
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### 2. Use computers to look busy

Any time you use a computer, it looks like "work" to the casual observer. You can send and receive personal e-mail, chat and generally have a blast without doing anything remotely related to work. These aren't exactly the societal benefits that the proponents of the computer revolution would like to talk about but they're not bad either. When you get caught by your boss - and you *\*will\** get caught -- your best defense is to claim you're teaching yourself to use new software, thus saving valuable training expenses.

### 3. Messy desk

Top management can get away with a clean desk. For the rest of us, it looks like we're not working hard enough. Build huge piles of documents around your workspace. To the observer, last year's work looks the same as today's work; it's volume that counts. Pile them high and wide. If you know somebody is coming to your desk, bury the document you'll need halfway down in an existing stack and rummage for it when he/she arrives.

### 4. Voice Mail

Never answer your phone if you have voice mail. People don't call you just because they want to give you something for nothing - they call because they want YOU to do work for THEM. That's no way to live. Screen all your calls through voice mail. If somebody leaves a voice mail message for you and it sounds like impending work, respond during lunch hour

when you know they're not there - it looks like you're hardworking and conscientious even though you're being a devious weasel.

### 5. Looking Impatient and Annoyed

Always try to look impatient and annoyed to give your bosses the impression that you are always busy.

### 6. Leave the office late

Always leave the office late, especially when the boss is still around. You could read magazines and storybooks that you always wanted to read but have no time until late before leaving. Make sure you walk past the boss' room on your way out. Send important emails at unearthly hours (e.g. 9:35pm, 7:05am, etc.) and during public holidays.

### 7. Creative Sighing for Effect

Sigh loudly when there are many people around, giving the impression that you are under extreme pressure.

### 8. Stacking Strategy

It is not enough to pile lots of documents on the table. Put lots of books on the floor etc. (thick computer manuals are the best).

### 9. Build Vocabulary

Read up on some computer magazines and pick out all the jargon and new products. Use the phrases freely when in conversation with bosses. Remember: They don't have to understand what you say, but you will sound impressive.

### 10. Have 2 Jackets

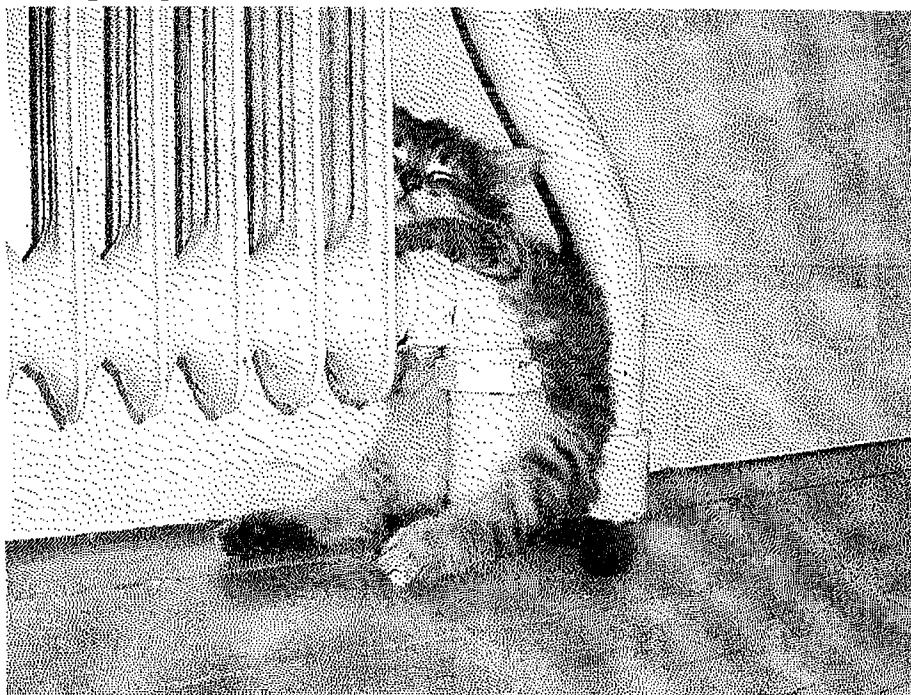
If you work in a big open plan office, always leave a spare jacket draped over the back of your seat. This gives the impression that you are still on the premises. The second jacket should be worn while swanning around elsewhere

### 11. MOST IMPORTANT:

DON'T forward this to your boss by mistake.

*~ received via the internet*

## Keeping Warm In The Cold Weather



*Anon ~ Received via the internet*

## At The Doctors

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed.

"Breast-fed" she replied.

"Well, strip down to your waist," the doctor ordered. She did. He pinched her nipples, then pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a detailed examination.

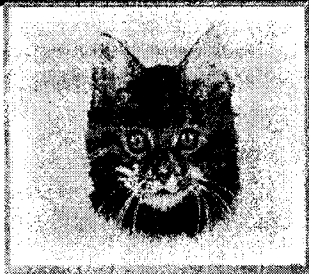
Motioning to her to get dressed, he said, "No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk."

I know," she said, "I'm his Grandma, but I'm glad I came."

*~ Submitted by Dickie Dicken*



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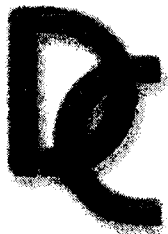
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If you broke wind consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.  
*(Now that's more like it!)*

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.  
*(O.M.G.!)*

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.  
*(In my next life, I want to be a pig.)*

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.  
*(I'm still not over the pig.)*

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.  
*(Do not try this at home. Maybe at work.)*

The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.  
*("Honey, I'm home. What the....?!")*

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.  
*(30 minutes... lucky pig. Can you imagine??)*

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.  
*(What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)*

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.  
*(I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)*

Butterflies taste with their feet.  
*(Something I always wanted to know.)*

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.  
*(HMMMMMM.....)*

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.  
*(So, if you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)*

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.  
*(OK, so that looks to be a good thing.....)*

A cat's urine glows under a black light.  
*(I wonder who was paid to figure that out?)*

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.  
*(I know some people who are like that.)*

Starfish have no brains.  
*(I know some people who are like that too.)*

Polar bears are left-handed.  
*(If only they'd switch, they'll live longer.)*

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.  
*(What about that pig??)*

~ Submitted by Mike Wenble

Peak mental activity happens between the ages of 4 and 16. At 4 we know all the questions, and at 16 we know all the answers.

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The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the objective. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs and cats sleeping, they can actually curl up in a ball! It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximise space used is nothing but sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years; canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell other dogs' butts. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

Please note that I do not stare at you when you eat, so please do the same for me

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~ Anon

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## Clergy Comment

I have been asked to publish the statement that was read out in Wing, Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublington on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> February. This is probably not really possible – because there were two statements, although they were both saying the same thing, but from different angles.

The gist of the message is fundamentally very simple:-

- ◆ Wing has been without a priest for almost a year, and attempts to find a replacement have so far proved unsuccessful.
- ◆ There is a proposal to link Wing with Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublington in the future as part of the Mursley Deanery plan to reduce the number of full time clergy.
- ◆ After consultation with the Church Councils, it has been decided to forge the link this summer.
- ◆ A date in May has been fixed for this to happen, and with the help of Siv Tunnicliffe, I shall also be priest in charge of Wing.
- ◆ At present the link will be only a “clergy” link. The legal business involved in creating a new enlarged benefice will take place probably in the next two years.

But, it makes much more sense to work on the basis that the new enlarged benefice already exists. So we shall be looking at things and trying to decide how we can work more closely together. This will bring to an end a period of uncertainty in Wing and enable things to start moving forward again. Inevitably it will involve making changes – but I am confident that they will prove to be changes for the better.

Now that the veil of secrecy has been lifted and a public and official announcement has been made (although many people have either known or suspected what is happening for weeks!) – we shall be able to discuss our plans and explain the changes much more openly.

From my point of view, the prospect is somewhat scary. For it seems at times as though I am trying to reinvent the wheel. Yet, in reality it gives us all a chance to question many of the things that we do. We can compare them with the way that they are being done by others, and then we can decide that how they can best be done in the future. It even allows us to ask whether there is real reason for some of our curious customs!

Some things are fairly easy to change – others will take some time, and may involve much heart-searching.

It is important that this is not seen as an exercise in “re-arranging the deckchairs”. We are presented with exciting opportunities for developing Christian Mission and Ministry, and our coming together will be a test of our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these villages.

~ Bob Willmott

## Five Tips For A Woman....

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. It is important that these four men don't know each other.

## Cleaning The Cat

Here is my patented method for making sure that your cat is really clean ~

Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water, and put both lids up.

Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. (You might need to stand on the lid.) The cat will self agitate and make ample suds. (Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.)

Flush the toilet three or four times. (This provides a “power-wash” and “rinse.”)

Have someone open the door to the outside. (Be sure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.)

Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.

The cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself off. Both the commode and the cat will now be sparkling clean!

~ The Dog

## VALE VOLUNTEERS

Fancy a spot of gardening?

Whether you're a beginner or an expert we need volunteers in your area to lend a hand with our Gardening Project.

If you are willing to give some time once a week or a fortnight to help older and disabled people with basic gardening tasks, then we want to hear from you!

We need help cutting back shrubs, mowing lawns, weeding, forking beds and borders, and more!

Gardening can be a major concern for older and disabled people who may have difficulty keeping things looking tidy. Your involvement in the project could really help someone keep their independence.

So get out there, flex those gardening muscles and make a difference in your community! You will meet new people, swap gardening tips with other volunteers, keep fit and have fun!

All volunteer expenses related to the Gardening Project (including travel) will be covered by Vale Volunteers. You will also be covered under our insurance policy.

If you feel you could help out in any way, please ring Laura Levac on 01296 718871 or leave a message on 01296 337456. Alternatively, you can write to Vale Volunteers, Rycote Place, 30-38 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1RS, or e-mail: [valevois@bucksnet.co.uk](mailto:valevois@bucksnet.co.uk).

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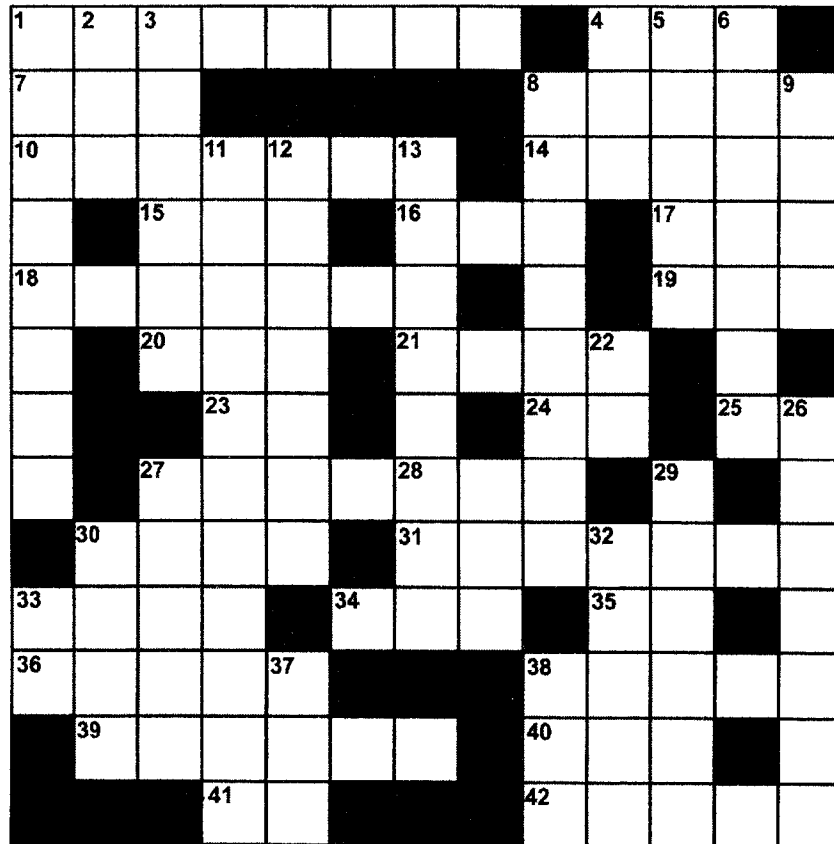
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**Saturday**  
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# The Chronicle Crossword

April 2004



March solution

**Across** 1 Happiness 8 Area 9 Indian  
11 Redrew 14 Etna 15 Caught  
18 Losses 19 Edge 21 Trigger 24 Acid  
25 Icy 26 Airs 28 Mae 29 Ergo 30 Are  
33 Inland 34 Under 36 Snoods  
37 Nested 38 One

**Down** 1 Hardly 2 Are 3 Pedestrian  
4 Parts 5 Since 6 Sn 7 Knotted  
10 Douglas 12 Energy 13 Was 16 Ad  
17 Ge 20 Beard 22 Country 23 Fix  
27 Round 28 Brain 29 Ends 30 Adorn  
31 Red 32 Erse 35 No 36 Set

## ACROSS

- 1 Local village (8)
- 4 A service (3)
- 7 Not in (3)
- 8 Pleasant sounds (5)
- 10 Dirty (7)
- 14 Join together (5)
- 15 Body part (3)
- 16 Engine (ab 3)
- 17 Plus (3)
- 18 Sound of horn (7)
- 19 Born (3)
- 20 Computer programme (3)
- 21 Related (4)
- 23 Saint (ab 2)
- 24 Negative (2)
- 27 Tugging (7)
- 30 Cape (an)
- 31 Sights (7)
- 33 Rapid (4)
- 34 Fish (3)
- 35 Northern Ireland (ab 2)
- 36 Prank (5)
- 38 Zest (5)
- 39 Boy's name (6)
- 40 Professional (3)
- 41 US city (ab 2)
- 42 Forwards (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Local village (6)
- 2 Beer cask (3)
- 3 Engraved (6)
- 4 Race (3)
- 5 From Asia (5)
- 6 Health (7)
- 8 Robberies (8)
- 9 Give way (4)
- 11 Fat removal (11)
- 12 Letter (7)
- 13 No (8)
- 22 Negative (2)
- 26 Boney (7)
- 27 PATES (an 5)
- 28 Nothing (3)
- 29 Poison
- 30 Sharp pain (4)
- 32 Accustom to (5)
- 33 Football association (2)
- 37 Weep (3)
- 38 Doctors (3)

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# St James Church

## Church Services

4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Wingrave	10.00	Three Parish Joint Palm Sunday Service (Wingrave Churches Together)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wingrave	20.00	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wingrave	14.00	Three Parish Good Friday Service
		18.00	WCT Good Friday Service
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cublington	08.45	Easter Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Easter Communion
	Aston Abbots	11.15	Easter Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service with Communion
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wingrave	10.00	Three Parish Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service

## Church Sidesmen

4 <sup>th</sup>	No service.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S. Ford.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. G. Kemp.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. A. Ford

## Church Flowers

3/4 <sup>th</sup>	No flowers.
10/11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter
17/18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter
24/25 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. C. Higgs.



## Sunday Readings

4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Palm	Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 19.28-40
11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18
18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2	Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31
25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3	Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Easter 4	Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

## From The Registers

### Baptism

29<sup>th</sup> Feb Nina Watson at Wingrave

### Marriage

28<sup>th</sup> Feb Martin Berkeley & Annabel Borley at Wingrave

### Funeral

26<sup>th</sup> Feb David Clark at Amersham

1<sup>st</sup> Mar George Liddell at Cublington and Amersham

15<sup>th</sup> Mar Elsie Hazelgrove at Wingrave

## ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Bob Willmott	681623
Gordon Kemp	681763
Shirley Ford	681865
Ann Goodman	681763
Andrew Ford	681865



## The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

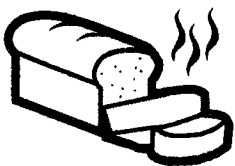
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630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690	Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229
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Bingo	Doris Scutchings	681243	Parish Council Leader	Tom Manning	07812 525703
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Chronicle Advertising	Claire Gresswell	682949	Police	Wing Police Office	396163
Chronicle Distribution	Andy Bystra	681690	Railways	Chiltern	0870 516 5165
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Church Room Hire	Doris Scutchings	681243	Roads & Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
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Coach Trips	Colin Higgs	681343	RSPCA	General Enquiries	08705 555 999
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Council	Bucks County Council	395000	Shop (Osborn's)	Bernard Osborn	681233
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District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Wingrave Preschool	Claire Upton	681700
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Floral Class	Colin Higgs	681343	Wingrave School	Office	681346
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Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000			
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865			
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# What's On In April

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Ramblers meet. Mursley Church 2 pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Rd, Oxley farm.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday.
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Easter Day Communion
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Easter Monday Bank Holiday.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive. Church room 7.30 pm.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting Church room 7.30 pm.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Annual Parish Meeting. Church room 8 pm. This is a public meeting to talk about things that concern our village. Please see the agenda elsewhere. Everybody is very welcome.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Bingo. Church room 7.30 pm.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** St. Georges Day.
- also* Deadline for May's Chronicle
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Ramblers meet at Stone 2 pm.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Highways meeting at Winslow Centre 6 pm.
- also* Whist drive Church room 7.30 pm
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May** (Bank Holiday) Coach outing to Grafham Water, depart Bull and Butcher 12.00 book with Colin.

## Book These Dates

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 12.30-2.30.

The 2004 **Aston Abbotts Festival and Fete** weekend is Saturday and Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July

## Notice

Would the person or persons who are allowing their dog to run free in the recreation ground and foul the area please refrain from doing so.

The penalty for this is £500—the penalty for child who gets it on their hands could be much more severe.

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## Bank Holiday Revised Refuse & Recycling Collections

### Easter

**Friday 16th April**

Normal collections resume Monday 19th April

### May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 7th May**

Normal collections resume Monday 10th May

### Spring Bank Holiday

**Friday 4th June**

Normal collections resume Monday 7th June

### Summer Bank Holiday

**Friday 3rd September**

Normal collections resume Monday 6th September

## Information With Regard Refuse And Recycling Collections

Recycling will be collected on the same day as your refuse, following the same fortnightly pattern. If your collection is delayed for any reason, please leave out your refuse and recycling and it'll be collected as soon as possible.

Please remember it is essential that refuse and recycling is available for collection at the edge of your property from 6:30 am.

You can contact the Refuse Office on 01296 585510,

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- \* Sergeant David's TV Parts Club Band
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- \* Without Me, No TV
- \* When I'm Fifty Four
- \* Lovely Alison
- \* What's Morning? What's Morning?
- \* Sergeant David (*reprisal*)
- \* A Dave In The Life

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## Sing-along-a-Dave

### A DAVE IN THE LIFE

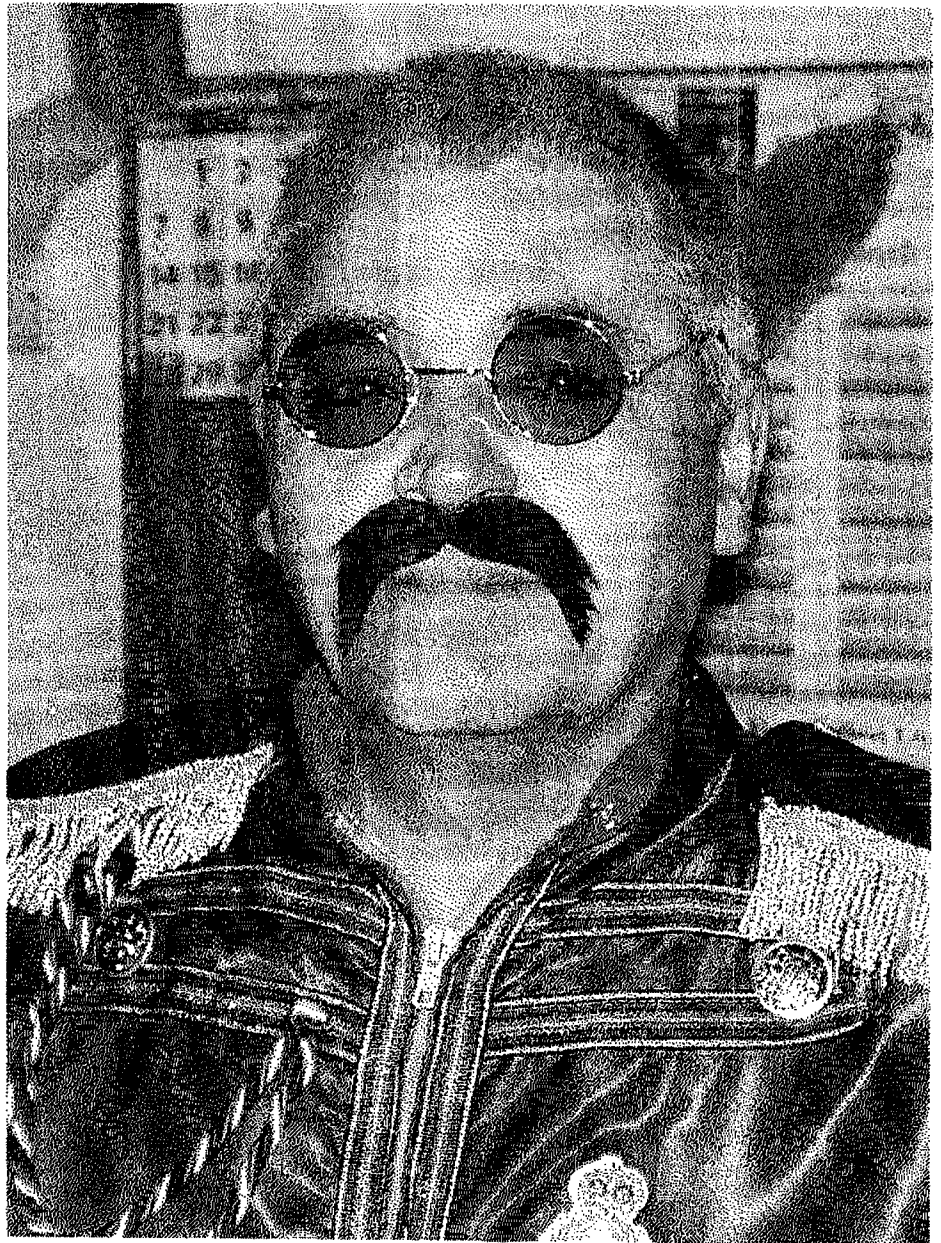
I fixed nine sets today oh boy  
Some with no picture, some had no sound

And though the faults were rather small  
Well I just fixed them all  
With TV parts I found

I blew a fuse in my workshop  
I didn't notice that the flames were there

A big Alpaca stood and stared  
He'd seen it all before  
Alison was not so sure  
That the damage could be repaired

I took the sets back then oh boy  
Four hundred miles in Transit Voyager  
And though the bills were rather large  
They had to pay each bit  
Now I know how many sets it takes to fill an old Transit  
I love to turn them on ...



### IMPORTANT NOTE

Several purchasers of this album have complained that when it finishes playing it just goes round and round endlessly repeating the same bit of gobbledeygook. This is not a manufacturing defect. This is intentional, and is intended to allow you to reproduce Sergeant David's usual Friday night pub experience in the comfort of your own home.

### STEREO HINT

To hear Sergeant David at his best you should play this album through two loudspeakers placed as far away from the listening position as possible.

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Church Farm records have strenuously denied that Sergeant David used hallucogenic substances during the creation of this album. However, a source close to The Chronicle has revealed that Sergeant David did excessively partake in his own favourite choice of mind expanding substance - known locally as "larger and lime". It is not known if this has had any long term psychological effect. In fact, we are not too sure how anyone could tell...

Sgt David is now available as vinyl, VHS, and seedy