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Editorial

Everything Changes

"This is not the village I moved to!" a friend told me recently, sadly voicing quiet discontent over the changes and disruption to village life caused by the recent building developments. His has not been a lone voice. Another friend told me how upset she is by the loss of the slide in the children's play area (see page 5). Someone else said they were fed up with the number of cars now parked in the village.

Everything changes. Sitting outside in my garden this summer I was aware more than ever of the noise of jet planes passing overhead. Sometimes it seemed that there was a constant drone of large jets going about their daily business. Some people told me that flight path changes would not create any noticeable increase in noise. Perhaps I just spent more time outside this summer, but it seemed more noticeable to me. And it could get a lot, lot worse.

This month we are very lucky to have two instalments of Peter Knight's wonderful Countryside Diary. (Peter forgot that there was no August issue!) In a particularly evocative and moving piece on page 11 Peter reflects upon how things have changed and how he used to farm in his childhood. Those memories sound so wonderful, but so far removed from the realities of rural life today.

We all tend to look backwards with fondness. Time mellows our memories and nostalgia colours them warmly. Many might yearn for a time when life seemed more simple, skies seemed more blue, and summers seemed longer, but those days are gone and we have to accept the changes that "progress" has brought.

Everything changes. Nothing stays the same. And although the world in general, and perhaps the village in particular, seem to be changing—not always for the better—there are still many good things happening in Aston Abbotts.

Although none of us like to see new buildings being crammed in where once stood farms or pubs, those new homes bring fresh blood to the village. Some newer arrivals to the village are already very much involved in village activities.

PAVAN have been doing an excellent job raising public awareness of the air noise pollution issue – see their article and update on page 13. Our pub seems to be full of happy people whenever I am in it, and long may that continue. The stalled, and almost forgotten, plan to renovate the Church room might perhaps now be replaced by a more exciting, bolder plan to provide a totally new village sports and meeting facility (news about this next month). Community spirit is still strong.

Everything changes, but although we may regret some of the changes that are invading the village and sometimes wish to fight them, don't forget that there still remains a lot to be happy with here in Aston Abbotts.

However, be careful to use, support, and nourish what we have, because the dogs of development and progress are forever circling.

Phil

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A couple of weeks ago **six sheep** wandered up our drive. We diverted them into the field, which they then had to share with the alpacas. 36 hours later we found they had come from Cublington! Did no one see 6 sheep walking in single file from Cublington to Aston Abbotts on a Saturday evening?

Rita Robinson nearly became Aston Abbotts first **illegal emigrant** last month, when airport staff stopped her leaving the country for Portugal. Rita's passport had expired last November. However, in these days of air terrorism and illegal people trafficking it's rather worrying that the airport authorities had been less on the ball back in May, when Rita passed through four countries on her way to Prague and back – using the same expired passport! ~ Ed



MANY HAPPY RETURNS to cover-girl **Lynne Maguire** who celebrates her 40th birthday this month.

A big Aston Abbotts welcome to **Clare Fletcher** who has moved from Peterborough to Number 33 The Green.

After numerous farewell parties, dinners & drinks, **John & Anne Brancker** eventually left the village with their 2 cats and are now re-settled in the Algarve.

Congratulations on three more babies for **Livanti Alpacas** who were part of a Radio 4 programme Sunday 29th August "Go For It". Hope you remembered to visit their stand at the Bucks Show.

Rena Coleman and family would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and messages of sympathy after the sad loss of Michael.

With belly dancing Gossip columnist **Alison Lewis** not present, it was left to **April Curnow** to take first prize of a bottle of champagne in the belly dancing at The Riviera last Saturday. Shake ya booty April. ~ Ed

Also at The Riviera there were a group of 50-year olds on a hen party, putting it about a bit and kissing diners. Never a shrinking violet, The Chronicle's very own **Andy Bystra** called out to make himself known to the group. So their mother stood up..... ~ Ed

Congratulations to **Sally Clarke** and **Milly** on their show success—see page 7

We have lost 3 residents over the last 2 months. Our Condolences go to the relatives and friends of Jack Turner, Michael Coleman and Alfred Parker. [Please see page 5 ~ Ed]

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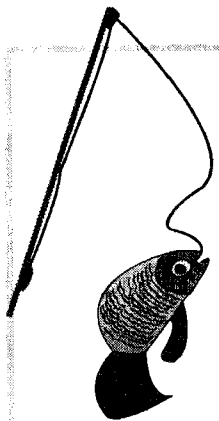
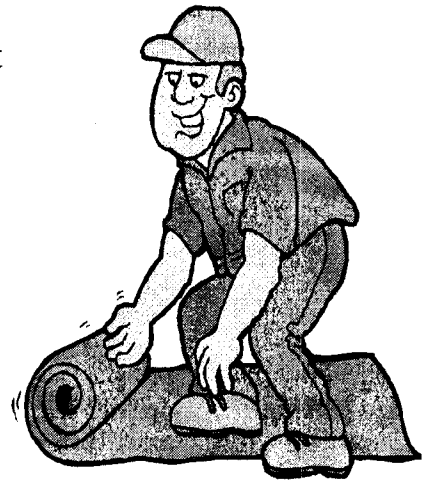
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In The Village

Farewells

Since our last issue, Aston Abbots has sadly lost three village characters who will be greatly missed by those of us in the village, as well of course by their families and close friends to whom we send our heart felt commiserations.

Firstly, Jack Turner who's gruff wit, friendly generosity and magnificent Summer floral displays were enjoyed by all who passed his bungalow. Jack died suddenly at home. He was cremated on 12th July at Amersham where several villagers joined his family in attending the ceremony. [Jack's passing was mentioned briefly in last month's Chronicle ~ Ed]

Secondly, Mike Coleman who had lived and worked in the village for a good many years. Since his retirement, he was regularly seen taking his daily walk around the village or tending his neat front garden where he always seemed to be the first to have spring flowers in bloom. Mike regrettably died during a brief spell in hospital.

Following a service at St. Josephs in Aylesbury on Wed 28th July, Mike's burial took place at St James, Aston Abbots attended by his family, friends and many villagers.

Thirdly, Alf. Parker who had lived in Aston Abbots for all of his life, scarcely spending a night away from the village. One of six children (three boys and three girls) Alf was born in Wingrave Cottages. Spending a lifetime in farming at Red Barn Farm, he also at one time helped out with the bakery at the Bull and Butcher, delivering the bread. On retirement Alf moved from Red Barn Farm to a bungalow near Longmoor Barns.

His funeral, attended by family, friends and several villagers, took place at the Methodist Chapel Weedon on Mon. 23rd August. Following the Service at Weedon, Alf was buried at St James, Aston Abbots.



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~ Clare Shorrock

Sunday 19th September

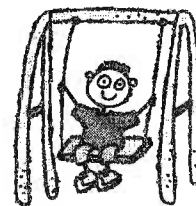
Harvest Festival service 11.15 am.

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12.45 pm. Tickets from £3 from PCC members or Colin Higgs on 681343

Children's Play Area

Some of you may know that the Parish Council has been struggling for some years now to keep the ageing equipment in the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Ground maintained and within the safety guidelines demanded by our insurance company. Each year the standards seem to have become more rigorous, and large amounts of money have been spent to keep us only just within the safety guidelines.



This year's Inspection Report, when it dropped on my doormat, was just as heavy as usual. The slide in particular came in for criticism this time - a cage would have to be built at the top to prevent children falling off, and impact absorbent surfacing installed around the whole slide. We sought further advice from experts, but eventually the Parish Council has had to admit defeat. There is simply not enough money to fund this work, so very sadly the slide will have to be removed completely (it will probably already be gone by the time you read this).

So what happens now? The swings are also nearing the end of their life, and the climbing frame will soon follow. Should we just give up and let the parents take their children to Wingrave to play there?

The cost of replacing the entire Play Area would probably be somewhere in the region of £20,000. This sounds a lot, but is not so bad when you consider we would almost certainly qualify for grants for 60% of the cost, leaving only £8,000 to be raised by the Village / Parish Council.

The Parish Council is looking for people willing to help form a committee to look at this issue. There are many types of play equipment to choose from - perhaps some of the children in the village would like to have a say in what is bought for them? So if you are a parent of children who use (or will use) the Play Area, perhaps you would consider helping us to provide a new facility for them to use - without the help of at least a few volunteers there will soon be NO facility left at all.

Please contact the Parish Clerk—Kate Curry—on 01296 681137

~ Kate Curry

Public Flightpath Meeting

Wingrave-with-Rowsham Parish Council is hosting a Parish Council meeting for the PC to understand parishioners' views on the proposed new flightpath, prior to deciding how to respond to the airport. This will be on Tuesday 14th September 8:00pm Village Hall, Church St, Wingrave

The airport has been invited, as has a member of PAVAN. Should be lively, but hopefully useful and many of your questions will be answered. So please come along armed with your questions or just to show support for the preservation of village life.

I have been asked to advise you that people from adjacent villages are welcome to attend the presentation and question-and-answer session but should then leave prior to the vote.

~ David Godfrey, Wingrave



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Champion Milly

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We arrived just after 11 a.m. and Milly had another walk around the site. We met friends there and had lunch before the



dog show started at 1 p.m.

The male dogs were shown first. There were six classes for the male dogs, ranging from puppy, through novice, post graduate, limit and open depending on the dogs' ages and experience.

Then it was the bitches' turn. Milly was entered in limit bitch, which means she has won a limited number of first prizes. There were seven entries in her class. She had been very excited meeting old friends and some new ones, but, once it was her turn in the ring, she concentrated and went really well. We had to walk around the ring twice with all the other entrants. Then each dog was put on the table for the judge to examine them closely and look at their teeth and conformation etc. Then we had to walk up and down individually for the judge to assess movement. When all the dogs had been judged we were lined up for the judge to make her final selection. We all tried hard to keep our dogs standing to attention and looking their best. To my surprise and delight the judge called Milly out first. She had won her class.

When all the bitches in all the classes had been judged, the winners of each class competed against each other for title of best bitch and the coveted Kennel Club Challenge Certificate or CC as it is known (get three of these and your dog becomes a champion). Once more Milly was pulled out first and I was over the moon - she had won her first CC. Everyone came over to congratulate us - we had made it to the final - best dog against best bitch.

Once more we were in the ring. It seemed to take an age for the judge to make up her mind. She looked long and hard at both animals. All the time I was concentrating on keeping Milly's mind on showing. She stood beautifully watching me and keeping very still, only her tail wagged when I whispered the reminder to "stand". At last the judge made her decision. The title "Best In Show" was ours!

The atmosphere was wonderful. Everyone clapped and congratulated us. We had to do a lap of honour and there were trophies to collect, a huge cup for best in show, a tankard for best blue and tan bitch and a shield for best bitch. A very proud moment.

~ Sally Clarke

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Phil,

I had the pleasure of meeting Neil Rees while I was in Britain a few weeks ago and he has given me your name . He said that you would be able to put a bit in the local paper about my late husband Vladimir Karel Pavezka. It would be interesting if anybody in the area remembered him as a young officer in the Czech army.

Vladimir always talked about Aston Abbots with affection and the welcome the people in the area gave to the Czechoslovak soldiers who were stationed there.

After my brief visit this summer, and being lucky enough to be there at the opening of the Village Fete, I can well understand his good memories. Aston Abbots is such a beautiful place and the people I was able to meet were so friendly.

Vladimir was sent to guard President -in-exile Benes after doing the Special Training Course in Scotland from the 4th December 1942 to 2nd January 1943. He was in the 2nd Czechoslovak Parachute Brigade and at the time was a First Lieutenant

So he was in Aston Abbots from about January 1943 to October of the same year.

Vladimir fought in France until June 1940 and was sent to Russia in July 1944 to take part in the Slovak Uprising.

We lived in Prague for a year after the war ended and then in England for ten years. We came to Canada in 1956.

Vladimir died very suddenly in 2001 at the age of 87. We had been married for 57 years. We have three sons, Vladimir John born 1946 , Stephen born in 1950 and Peter born in 1954.

They would all be interested if anybody in the area remembers him .

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e-mail [maryval@nrtco.net] or [maryval@cvnet.net]

Yours sincerely ,

Mary Pavezka



Phil,

I would like to thank Tony and Diana for arranging such a lovely surprise birthday party for me in July at really short notice. Not that they didn't know it was my birthday, but I had kept saying I didn't want any fuss and then about a week before said I would be disappointed if nothing happened, so that is why a few people were mistakenly left out. The word didn't get round quickly enough - sorry! Thank you to Tony for getting all the meat, Andy and Lol doing an excellent job on the barbecues, Diana for getting all the extras like balloons and special serviettes, Tony for hard boiling 60 eggs while I was out a and Julie and Tracy who had the job of shelling them! Thank you too to all the ladies who made such super salads and puds.

Finely thank you to Ray who travelled down from Blackpool to be there, Steve and John who came straight from work, and to everyone who came and helped, making it a wonderful evening. And the weather was perfect too!

~ Margaret Hinds

Dear Ed

I'm sure I am not the only person to dislike the new yellow and blue decorative signs that Thames Valley police has seen fit to adorn the Green and Bricstock with.

Obviously the police have decided that the village idiots of Aston Abbots are not aware that leaving valuables in their cars will attract thieves. As far as I am aware the major car crime problem in the area is actually with apparently mindless vandalism of cars parked on the road overnight. I do not see that these signs and their advice will do anything to solve this problem.

As we are not a tourist area, and only a few people from outside the village walk the local footpaths, I really cannot see the point of them. I would prefer the significant proportion of my council tax which goes to the police to be spent on pro-active policing. Furthermore and more importantly I think these signs detract from the appearance of the village which is already suffering from the increasing numbers of vehicles parked all over the place without regard for verges or kerbstones which are regularly displaced particularly around the Green.

~ Sally Palmer

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Countryside Diary

10th August

I spend quite a lot of time at mundane tasks, weeding, hoeing, tractor driving and it is then that ideas for the Chronicle come forward. The problem can be that when I come to write, 10th to 14th of the month, the subject I thought of has been given a thorough airing in the National Press.

This month that subject is wasps, or Jaspers as I called them as a youth.

So far this summer I have known 12 wasps nests and five of them within a hundred yards of each other. Now wasps are one of those creatures that has a good and a bad side. Early in the season they rear their young on a diet of small caterpillars and insects, then, come August great numbers of them are released from domestic duties and so into an orgy of fruit eating, and boy are they doing well this year! At home we grow a variety of early plums called the Tzar - always ripe the first week of August. This year we shall be lucky if we ourselves consume one per cent of the crop - the huge numbers of wasps are decimating the plums even before they are ripe. They even attacked the raspberries and gooseberries in July, something we haven't seen happen before.

I recently saw an article in a gardening magazine "Encourage wildlife in job gardens and reap the rewards". I spend a lot of my time trying to discourage wildlife!

At the moment, beside the Wasps, pigeons are attacking brassicas, squirrels have taken most of the figs, badgers are digging up lawns, a fox has had the chickens, and a rabbit has dug a burrow in the leek patch. All we need is a few marauding elephants to finish to the job off.

I'm very grateful for the feedback I receive from people who actually read these articles, particularly for the favourable comments that encourage me to keep on writing. Information other people give me can quite change the picture I have of the distributions of birds or animals.

For instance I have not seen a flycatcher in the village this year. They were reasonably common and most years one nested in Abbey Cottage Gardens when it was the Estate Office. I think they are less common now, but there I may be wrong - at one end of the village there may be several pairs. It was good news to hear that Housemartins nest at Norduck as they did in the past and that they cover the house in guano (birdshit to you, Neil).



The heavy work is over and some beautiful hay was made in ideal weather. As Alex commented there is something both lovely and horrendous about hay work. We still rely on our own muscle power to lift and stack the bales and on a very hot day this can be horrendous. However to sit on a bale in the hay field and have tea is lovely - the hay itself is a beautiful product when well-made, natural and sweet-smelling and full of memories - no different, in some cases to a 1000 years ago.

I will never forget the teas I loved as a boy in the hay and harvest fields. Harvest was the peak of the year on our family farms and all hands were called to help. First of all my uncle would scythe round the field to make a track for the horses pulling the binder. Uncle would scythe and I would collect up the wheat and tie it into sheaves with a rope of wheat stalks, these sheaves were then put in the hedge out of the way of the horses. The field would then be cut by the binder which left all the wheat in sheaves. A gang of men and boys would then "go shocking" - standing the sheaves into shocks or stooks, eight to a shock, knots outwards. The wheat would then stand like this for up to a fortnight - "Let it hear the Church bells three times my boy" - before being carried by horse and cart to the farm where it was built into its stacks which were then thrashed by the visiting thrashing drums in the winter and spring. What a contrast to the modern-day with huge machines harvesting 20 tons of wheat/hay putting it straight into trailers and from there to the store or even the mill.

The old days were the days of people, not machines; as young as five I would accompany my cousin as he took tea to the harvest fields. We would literally stagger into the field weighed down with baskets full of sandwiches and cake, trying not to spill the cans of cold tea, which were so heavy for me. A dozen men would see us coming and stop work. The horses were unhitched and given a nosebag of oats and a bucket of water from the ditch. We would then build a circle of shocks and all sit down to the communal meal. To a small boy this was heaven. 12 men, all either related or close neighbours quietly eating and talking and sharing life and experience with two small boys. Boys who were expected to carry on the traditions of farm and countryside. Boys who would never forget the quality of the men who made England what she once was.

Pete Knight

There is an extra Countryside Diary column on page 23 ~ Ed



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Proposed New Flightpath

A Small Victory

A new flightpath, Option 3a, has been proposed by Luton Airport that would see planes as low as 3,500 feet descending over Aston Abbots. Consultation documents have been circulated to stakeholders, including parish, district and county councillors, and community groups such as PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise).

The deadline for responses was originally set for 27th September, but after representations from PAVAN and several Parish Councils that the summer holidays would make a proper discussion with villagers very difficult, the airport agreed to delay the deadline until 8th November.

However, PAVAN is asking villagers not to be complacent and to act now to help stop Option 3a as effectively as they stopped Option 3. PAVAN is asking villagers to:

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- Contact Aston Abbots Parish Council and tell them how you feel - Luton Airport has asked for their views (use the letter you are writing to PAVAN if this helps).
- Please send a donation to help us with stationery and printing costs. Please send cheques payable to PAVAN to the address above for £10, or whatever you can afford. We greatly appreciate all gestures of help.
- Write to / e-mail the newspapers - Bucks Herald, Exchange St, Aylesbury HP20 1UJ / _editorial@bucksherald.co.uk (mailto:editorial@bucksherald.co.uk) , and Leighton Buzzard Observer, Bridge St, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1AH. <mailto:news@lbobserver.co.uk> (use the same letter again if you prefer).

The airport hopes to have the new route in place by spring 2005. It has conceded that the current approach route over Luton town, in use for about 14 years, is "completely safe." The new route, however, would allow a "more expeditious air traffic service" meaning we will see and hear a large increase in planes at a much lower altitude, day and night, and Luton can move closer towards its published growth target of a Heathrow-size airport.

~ Rachel Webb PAVAN Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise - 01525 240950

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago.

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local



BEWARE OF LOW FLYING CHILDREN

We understand this new road sign has just been approved by the Parish Council

Flightpath—August Update

Luton WILL use 3a for take-offs and night flights

Luton Airport were forced to concede at a recent meeting that Option 3a could be used for take-offs and for night flights. PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) has been warning about this for some time, and is relieved that the airport has finally come clean.

Luton's expansion plans include a significant increase in freight traffic, which will mainly fly at night, which makes Option 3a even more alarming for people living in quiet neighbourhoods.

PAVAN is asking people to write NOW - short letters are fine - to express their opposition to the plans, before it's too late. Write to PAVAN at Blackberry Barn, 4 Lidcote, Dunton, Bucks, MK18 3RY, or e-mail _Rachel@pavan.org.uk. Email (mailto:Rachel@pavan.org.uk.Email) , or phone 01525 240950, for more information. Correspondence will be copied to Luton, the CAA and the Government. Wingrave -with- Rowsham Parish Council is holding a public meeting for their parishioners on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm at the Community Centre, Church St, Wingrave. People from other villages can attend but not vote.

Representatives from PAVAN will be there, and the airport has also been invited.

~ Rachel Webb PAVAN - Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise
www.pavan.org.uk 01525 240950

high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1971. Why?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely, and then asked, "What did you teach?"

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 28th July 2004

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), D.Dicken, P.Shorrocks, R.Clarke, J. Farrands, T.Manning and Mrs. K.Curry (Clerk). Four members of the public were present. Apologies were received from Cllr. M.Kent.

Before the meeting opened the Chairman invited Comments from the Floor.

Neil Cheshier gave a report on the proposed new Village Centre. A Planning Officer from AVDC has been to look at various sites around the village, and concluded that the most ideal site for the development of a village amenity would be the Recreation Ground. Neil has also spoken to the architect who designed the pavilion at Cublington. The next stage will be to circulate a questionnaire to every house in the village to invite comments from residents.

A comment was made about the damage done to The Green by the various contractors working on housing developments.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising

It was reported that all landowners of overgrown hedges affecting the highway have now been contacted.

County Council, District Council & Police Matters

No one was present from the County Council.

District Cllr Peter Cooper gave a brief report on the Luton Airport Consultation process. A meeting has taken place at Cublington, which he attended. The objections to the proposed new flightpaths are mainly based on technical points, such as the exact location of the flightpaths and height of the aircraft. He said there is to be an open meeting at Wingrave on 14th September, which anyone can attend.

Police matters - there were no comments to put on the Community Feedback form. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to reinstate the meetings between the Police and other local Parish Councils.

Church Room Development

The Parish Council has been asked to take on the lease of the Church Room building on behalf of the Charitable Trust. The response from the legal department of BALC suggested this would not be a good idea because of the possibility of the burden of high repair costs in the future. It was Resolved not to accept the lease as Trustee for the Charitable Trust to run the Church Room.

Housing Allocation

Comments have been made that the OAP Council bungalows in the village are being allocated to people from outside the area rather than offered to local residents. District Cllr Peter Cooper explained the system, which operates as follows: Non-warden bungalows are available firstly to local residents, then to anybody else. People on the housing list are allocated 'points', with more being available to people actually living in the parish. Those with more 'points' are nearer to the top of the housing list.

Planning

- 03/02496/APP Willowbrook Farm. "Change of use of part of redundant poultry building to equestrian uses, and the construction of an outdoor manege. Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian use. Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 92/0961/APP to a person mainly employed in a mixed agricultural equestrian enterprise. Resolved to make no objection to this application.

Highways

It was considered a good idea to use the Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D.) again in the near future. A co-ordinator will be sought.

Recreation Ground

The Children's play area was discussed. Quotations for surfacing the areas around the apparatus with I.A.S., and for the modifications needed to the slide, are beyond the current financial scope of the Parish Council. Without these modifications the slide does not fulfil the current safety criteria demanded by our insurance company. It was therefore Resolved to remove the slide from the play area. The Clerk will seek volunteers from the village to help set up a new committee to consider the total replacement of the equipment in the play area.

Date Of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th September 2004 at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk



Chilterns Dog Rescue will be having Cream Teas from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sunday 12th September at Cholesbury Common. As well as the cream teas, there will be various stalls including a fantastic display of charity Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, note pads, memo boards, door mats, jigsaws & more - a great chance for Christmas shopping with no hassle or queues! All welcome - with or without dogs.

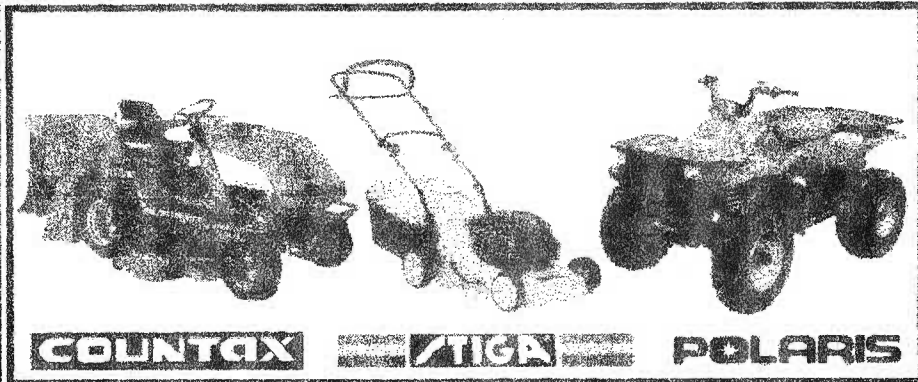
Chilterns Dog Rescue will also be having one of their famous race nights. This will be on Saturday 23rd October at Northchurch Community Centre. These nights really are great fun! Tickets are £8.50 to include a hot supper. Bring your own drinks. Call 01442 876009 for tickets or more details.

~ Liz Clark

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Aston Abbots Fete 2004—Reports and Accounts

The Fete

This year's fete, by all accounts, was a very enjoyable and successful day. I was amazed yet again by the fact that at 10.00am The Green looked completely normal, at 2.00 pm it was full of people, stalls, brass band etc and yet at 6.00 pm, apart from a pile of rubbish, it was completely back to normal, and the village had raised nearly £3,000 toward village funds! This amazing feat is only possible because of the people who help, either on the day or beforehand. The fete committee would therefore like to say a

VERY BIG THANKYOU

to everybody who helped. It is obviously impossible to name all of these people, some sold raffle tickets or helped with the collection, quite a number turned up on the green in the morning to help set up, and then even more were involved during the afternoon running stalls or attractions or refreshments. Everybody worked very hard and put in a great deal of time and effort into ensuring the success of the fete - and weren't we lucky with the weather!

For various reasons I have decided to step down as Fete Co-ordinator next year, but luckily Poonam Gupta has volunteered to take over.

~ Jackie Farrands

The Plants

Thank you thank you thank you to everyone who donated plants or produce for the stall at the fete. We made a record amount again, thanks in part to a generous donation from Mrs Ollie who took all the leftover plants for the Abbey Garden. All the contributions are valued as they add variety as well as quantity.

Clare Shorrock

The Breakfasts

What a fantastic day we had after the fete cooking breakfast for over 50 villagers! The weather tested us with a shower at 8 am, but this soon cleared and the morning was glorious for all our "customers" to sit out on the chapel patio in lovely sunshine. The Sunday papers were provided and a steady stream of hungry villagers congregated (pun intended!) in my back garden. This was our third year and we're beginning to get the hang of it now!

Thanks to everyone who came on the day and especially to those people who donated food & cash to the fund-raising event. Thanks also to the hard-working kitchen crew - Janet & Mick Turnham and Laura Wade. We raised over £200!

Andy managed to sell over 250 raffle tickets for the Padstow holiday draw and the winner was picked out of the hat by Rosie Manning on Sunday morning. Congratulations to Mr Rousseau. As the winner was not from the village, Andy generously donated a second week's holiday accommodation and the second winner picked out of the hat was Richard Clarke. Well done to both winners.

The total raised was topped up and rounded off by the kitchen staff to a very worthy £500 which will go to village causes.

~ Sally Turnham

The Raffle

I would like to thank all of those who supported the fete raffle by buying tickets and, in particular, those who worked so hard to sell tickets around the village and elsewhere. The raffle this year raised over £770 - and as always was a major contributor to the success of the fete.

~ Gordon Smith

DO YOU PLAY BADMINTON - DO YOU WANT TO START AGAIN ?

Have you played badminton in the recent or distant past ? Would your children like to learn how to play ? Do you want to play competitive badminton or just for fun ? Wednesday Badminton Club could be for you !

Wednesday Badminton Club plays every Wednesday at the Aylesbury Grammar School from 8 pm. It is an excellent new sports hall with excellent facilities. We have the use of 4 courts and, in addition to the club play, we hold home matches on Wednesday nights.

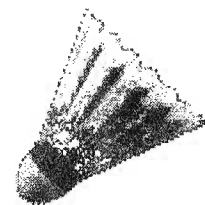
We are a friendly, sociable club but also compete in the Aylesbury League. We have also just entered a team into the Wycombe League. We also have a thriving junior section, which enters a team in the Aylesbury junior league. The children play from 7 pm every Wednesday and we accept children from about 7 years old - including beginners . A qualified coach teaches the juniors and there is additional good adult supervision.

The club has been running for 35 years. Wednesday Badminton Club took all 4 top divisions of the Aylesbury & District League this season. The Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Medley Teams all won Division 1 events while the Junior Team took the C Division of the Aylesbury Junior League. However, we also have other teams entered in lower divisions and accommodate all standards of play.

Andrew & Helen Peacock from Ross Road both play at the club and have done for many years. If you are interested in coming along - juniors and the not so young - ring us for more information on 01296 681358. You would be welcome to come along as a visitor to see what we are like. The season restarts in September.



• OPEN EVENING Wednesday 8th September. Phone Helen on 681358 for more details.



ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

VILLAGE FETE 24 JULY 2004

RECEIPTS

	£
DRAW	£771.00
TEAS	£230.25
STALLS	
Pimms	£204.38
Tombola	£377.90
Cakes etc	£126.70
Gardens	£389.43
Groceries	£47.65
Bric-a-brac	£311.24
Ice Cream	£120.93
Gifts	£238.81
Books	£200.10
Childrens Toys	£95.55
Indian Cuisine	£149.75
Crafts	£10.00
Face Painting	£8.00
Welsh cheese	£12.00
	<u>£2,292.44</u>
SIDESHOWS	
& COMPETITIONS	
Roundabouts	£27.00
Coconut shy	£55.80
Skittles	£70.80
Pony rides	£0.00
Lions	£25.00
DONATIONS	
Royal Oak	£21.50
Gun Club	£25.00
CHURCH COLLECTING BOX	£30.00
	<u>£255.10</u>

GROSS PROCEEDS £3,548.79 **NET PROCEEDS** 2,879.93

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*Thanks to Dickie Dicken for
the fete accounts ~ Ed*

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**2003 AND 2004 Village Fetes****RECEIPTS**

	2003	2004
DRAW	£970.49	£771.00
TEAS	£262.80	£230.25
BARBECUE/PIMMS	£156.00	£204.38
STALLS		
Tombola	£113.20	£377.90
Cakes etc	£142.70	£126.70
Gardens	£299.76	£389.43
Groceries	£30.00	£47.65
Bric-a-brac	£260.31	£311.24
Ice Cream	£82.95	£120.93
Gifts	£173.45	£238.81
Books	£199.40	£200.10
Childrens Toys	£95.55	£95.55
Indian Cuisine	£281.50	£149.75
Crafts	£35.50	£10.00
Face Painting	£13.55	£8.00
Welsh cheese	£10.00	£12.00
	<u>£3,127.16</u>	<u>£3,293.69</u>
SIDESHOWS		
Roundabouts	£26.00	£27.00
& COMPETITIONS		
Coconut shy	£79.40	£55.80
Skittles	£78.45	£70.80
Pony rides	£18.90	£0.00
Lions	£25.00	£25.00
DONATIONS	£36.60	£46.50
CHURCH COLLECTING BOX	£21.36	£30.00
	<u>£285.71</u>	<u>£255.10</u>

GROSS PROCEEDS**£3,412.87 £3,548.79 NET PROCEEDS****EXPENDITURE**

	2003	2004
Band	£110.00	£110.00
Draw Licence		£17.50
Draw Tickets	£87.41	£69.92
Draw prizes	£200.00	£228.86
Drinks Licence	£10.00	£10.00
Advertising	£85.33	£58.00
Morris Men	£60.00	£60.00
Traction Engine		£50.00
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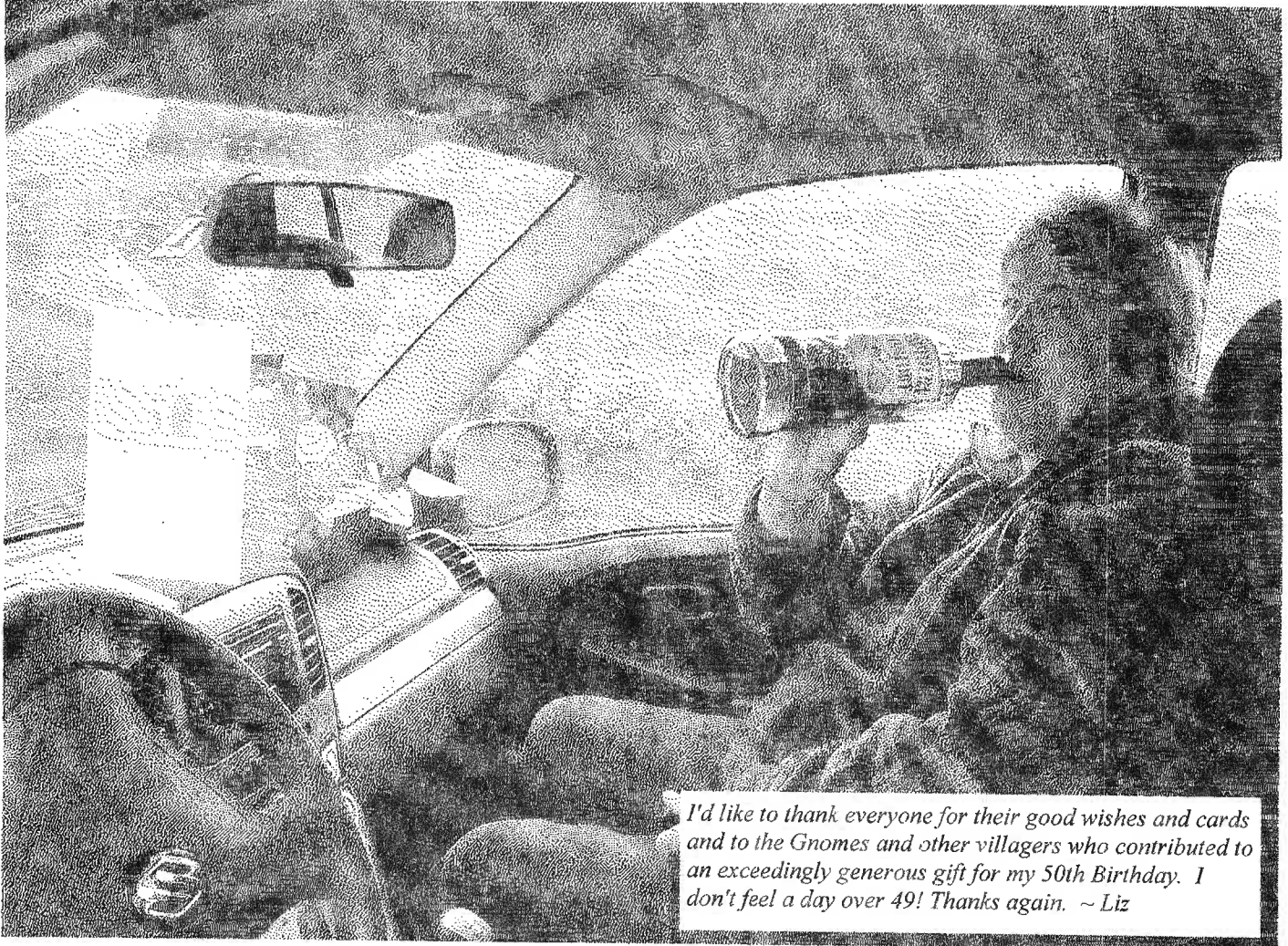
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Liz Barlow Celebrates her 50th



I'd like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards and to the Gnomes and other villagers who contributed to an exceedingly generous gift for my 50th Birthday. I don't feel a day over 49! Thanks again. ~ Liz

Liz Barlow celebrated her 50th birthday in style, as you can see from the picture. She also celebrated with a very enjoyable party and pig roast. Happy birthday Liz!!!

Canine Corner

Man, those little sheep are annoying . . . they've been on The Grove for a good few weeks now and I haven't had a peek at that pond for a while. What are they doing there anyway, I'm sure they cut the grass before the Fete and I'm desperate to get back to sniffing each and every prominent pile of poo, in one of my tireless efforts to annoy HIM, rather than chase those fuzzy balls HE kicks around for me. The ball's a great choice of colour in that field, I must say . . . like nothing else isn't a shade of grey there . . . fool. Still, it is amusing that HE ventures up to the gate every few days, only to have to turn tail, muttering about the Welsh and mint sauce.

Same story over the road, even though we manage to negotiate the various vehicles that seem to be taking forever just to flatten out that bumpy track, HE never seems to get the timing right. We're always over the first field and approaching the stile just as those cows are moseying over with that air of "maybe we're just checking you out, maybe we're capable of mindless stampede, so you'd better keep to the edge of the field, little fella." Yeah right, HE would see them off if they started to go for me . . . at least I think he would . . . he does move pretty swiftly through their patch . . . mmmm . . . maybe not as brave as HE makes out.

Another funny thing . . . haven't quite worked out that lonely

'bit' of fencing with the gate in, either. What's the gate for, when you can just run around the side of the fence, 10 yards back, when HE doesn't do a Jonny and hooks one off to the right. Does give me an excuse to chase those pointy little black birds. They're quick mind you and they don't really play fair . . . why can't I fly anyway, I've got the ears for it. I run alongside, but it's obviously not catching the flight thing.

Talking of catching, what's up with that bumpy road area anyway? Building seems to be catching . . . new houses, extensions, conversions, refurbis . . . wish I was a builder. Come to think of it, I wouldn't look great in a van or a truck and I can't hold a hammer for toffee . . . paws is for digging, not DIY. Really think they should loose the big metal fences aswell, can't see anyone reversing around those every day to get out of their driveway. And what's with the pictures on that board . . . why don't people just walk to the end of the bumpy road and see what the view and the houses looks like.

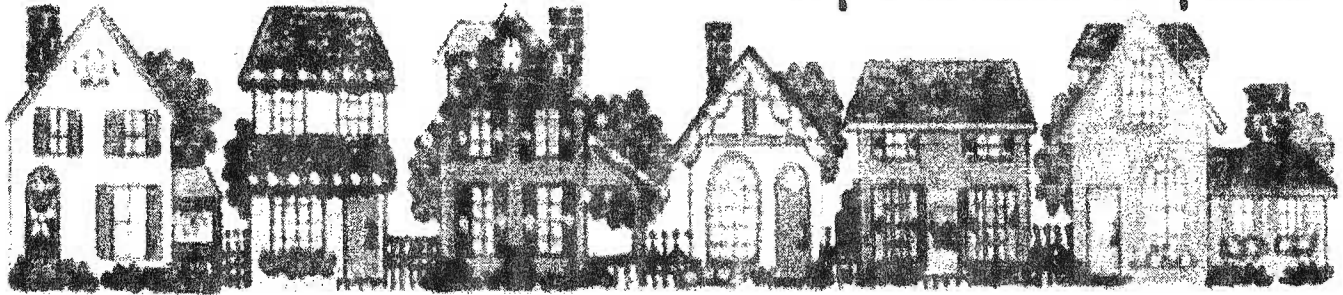
There's nout as queer as folk, as my dear old great grandpaw used to say.

Back at you next time, with more muttly musings. Woof

Contributions from other canine correspondents will be very welcome ~ ED

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Countryside Diary—Extra!!!

Here is the column Peter wrote for August, forgetting that there is no August issue! Never mind—we're more than pleased to have an extra bonus from him ~ Ed.

Now in June and there will shoot again soon
Now in July and they're bound to die

Another of the sayings I was brought up with to teach me the art of farming - the science came later when I went to college, but to me the art is still the most important. This particular saying refers to Thistle's or more accurately Thistle Topping.

This has played a big part in the lives of Leicestershire farmer's. for a start there was, and still is, a law which allowed prosecutions of a landowner who allowed weed seed to blow from his land onto a neighbours. So, if your thistles flower and seeded you could be up before the magistrate. With most farmers it was a matter of pride that their thistles were mowed and their fields tidy, but there was always some farm that was considered a disgrace by its neighbours. Generally a quiet word to the offending farmer at market achieved a result, "Have you still got your cows Tom?". "Well you know I have!". "Funny! I couldn't see them as I came by, but then perhaps they were lying down and hidden from view!". Or, "nice crop you got in the long Meadow Tom". Whatever it took to get some action.

I started thistling at the age of seven or eight, sent out into the cow close with a thistle spud - a small sharp blade on the end of a long handle which is used to stab the stalk through at, or preferably below, ground level. Slow, laborious, with very little to show an hour's work.

In my early teens I went scything thistles with my uncle, out all day with a bottle of orange squash hidden in the cool of the ditch for when we got too dry to bear it. Up and down the ridge and furrow lands swinging a great scythe. Once we did nothing else for a whole week except scything and of course the farmyard chores and feeding of stock.

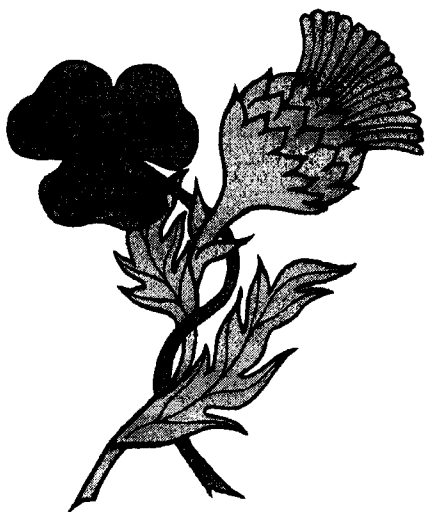
Late teenage years saw me out with the old tractor and a trailed mower, round and round, up and down, but a real joy after the labour of the scythe.

Much later sprays came in - a quick squirt with a selective weedkiller and the job was done permanently - too easy!

Now in our own fields I'm back with a tractor and mower as we use no sprays - expensive, but rewarding.

Thistles themselves are a butterflies delight and they give off a lovely sweet scent when in flower. I recently took the time to count the butterflies I could see round a five square yard patch of flowering thistles - I counted 27 individually and there must have been more at rest and six species.

So what do these butterflies do when I have my mowed their food store? Well they move on to the white clover which is

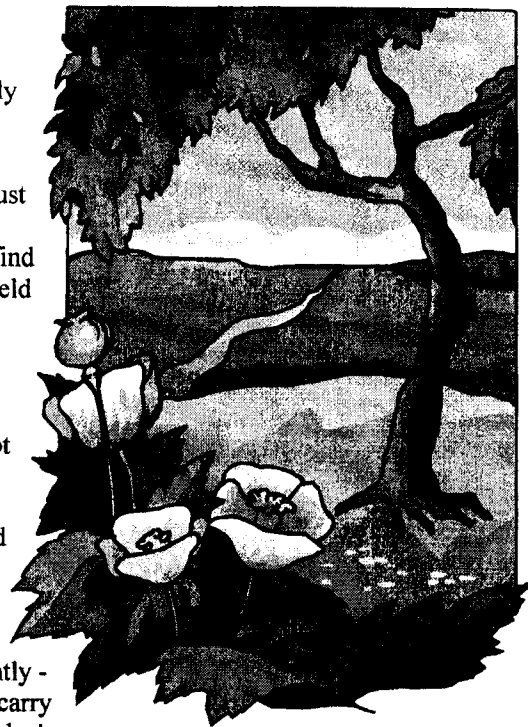


flowering in profusion and which I carefully set my mower height to miss.

Some things must be having a harder time to find food than the field butterflies. The barn owl in the Grove is now hunting at 11am - no doubt mice and field voles are difficult see and catch in the long grass.

One fox has done well recently - he managed to carry away eight of Alex's chickens during the hours of nine to five. He obviously works to union hours. To my great surprise we found no trace of the hens or where he took them. It must have been a fair way away as we obviously searched all the near fields for evidence of possible survivors - unlikely, but you have to look.

The sheep are pretty contented now they have their coats off and plenty of fresh clover to eat. They all put weight on remarkably fast and some of the ewes get too fat on their life of ease and plenty. Bit like me I suppose.



Pete Knight

Bugs

A woman was having a passionate affair with an inspector from a pest-control company. One afternoon they were carrying on in the bedroom together when her husband arrived home unexpectedly.

"Quick," said the woman to her lover, "Into the closet!" and she pushed him in the closet, stark naked. The husband, however, became suspicious and after a search of the bedroom discovered the man in the closet "Who are you?" he asked him.

"I'm an inspector from Bugs-B-Gone," said the exterminator.

"What are you doing in there?" the husband asked.

"I'm investigating a complaint about an infestation of moths," the man replied.

"And where are your clothes?" asked the husband.

The man looked down at himself and said, "Those little b*st**ds"

My Old Man

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." ~ Mark Twain

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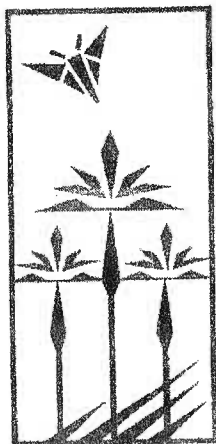
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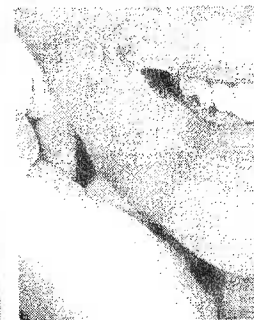
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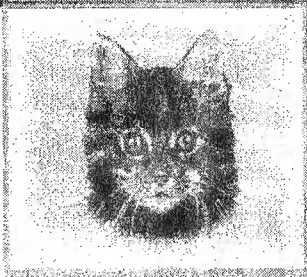
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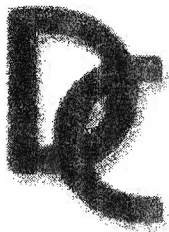


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Programme for 2004/2005

- September 23rd Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance
- October 7th Toybox Childrens Charity - Sarah George
- October 21st Curtains and Cushions - Clare Shorrocks
- November 4th Annual General Meeting
- November 18th Waddesdon Manor - Talk by Mr Keating
- December 2nd Christmas Floral Decorations - Mrs Pat Trunkfield
- December 16th 2005 Carol Service - Aston Abbotts
- January 6th Entertain ourselves afternoon
- January 20th Slides - Pamela Wright
- February 3rd Slides - Spring Flowers of the Swiss Alps - G Atkins
- February 17th Talk by Joyce Whipps
- March 3rd Spring Lunch
- March 17th R.S.P.C.A. - Talk by Richard Musgrave
- March 31st Snapshots of Italy - Peter Fellows
- April 14th Talk by St John's Ambulance
- April 28th Crossroads, Caring for Carers - Talk by Claire Dalton
- May 12th Musical Afternoon - Lindsay Stafford-Smith
- May 26th Sight Savers - Talk
- June 9th Vale Speakers Club - Talk by Penny Dabten
- June 23rd Competition Afternoon
- July 7th Summer Outing
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Clergy Comment

They say that August is the silly season. So, having to write my section, in August, I hope you will bear with me.

It started with a Sunday when we were going to be without an organist in Aston Abbots and Cublington. Our "fall-back" position is about 30 CDs. These have either, hymn and song backing tracks, or sung hymns on them. The hymns we are going to use are then transferred onto tape (losing a significant chunk of quality) so that they can then be used on a simple "Start/Stop" principle. I have tried "burning" them onto a compilation CD – but I haven't worked out how to add or subtract extra verses.

The problem was that none of the four hymns chosen for this particular Sunday were on CD. This meant having to record them (one-fingered) from the keyboard – this is really "High-tech stuff".

One thought, as they say, leads to another.

"Why, Oh! Why?" I thought. Wouldn't it be a great idea if I could just log onto the internet and download the tunes I wanted. Select the number of verses I needed. And Bingo! Job done. After all, I am told that the young people are very good at downloading pop music from the internet. The chances are that all the hymn tunes I am ever going to need are also there – if only I knew where to look.

This was where the silly ideas came in thick and fast, because I

also thought that I had seen something about downloading ring-tones for mobile phones.

What we really need to announce in Church is the "ring-tone number". Members of the congregation can then key that number into their own mobile phone and sing along as it "plays". If Pop music sounds OK when downloaded, then I am sure that the quality of hymn tunes will be just fine. The next stage is to arrange for the words of the hymn to appear as a "text-message" on the mobile phone screen. You can guarantee that there will always be someone who will decide that they prefer to sing either another tune, or a different version of the words.

The trouble is that someone is sure to challenge my "technophobia". I know that, in theory, the technology is there to do what I want. Although it is not much use trying to explain it, because I need simple instructions like "Press start now!" – and "You haven't switched the sound on yet!" I am aware that it is possible to do fantastic things with MIDI files, but you need both the know-how and the equipment. The big problem is that none of the Churches that I know is in a position to spend the money needed to experiment. This is even more difficult when what we want is really only a "back-up" system for when we haven't got an organist.

~ Bob Willmot

Thoughts For The Day

Isn't having a smoking section in a restaurant like having a peeing section in a swimming pool?

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

I don't do drugs. I get the same effect just standing up fast.

Sign in a Chinese Pet Store: "Buy one get one flea..."

I live in my own little world. But it's OK, they know me here.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

I don't approve of political jokes. I've seen too many of them get elected.

Most of us got married to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

I am a nobody, and nobody is perfect; therefore, I am perfect.

A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but, a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, "Damn...that was fun!"

Everyday I beat my own previous record for number of consecutive days I have stayed alive.

Why is it that most nudists are people you don't want to see naked?

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."

The worst thing about accidents in the kitchen is eating them.

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?

Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realise you haven't fallen asleep yet.

My husband/wife says I never listen to him/her (at least I think that's what he/she said).

Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

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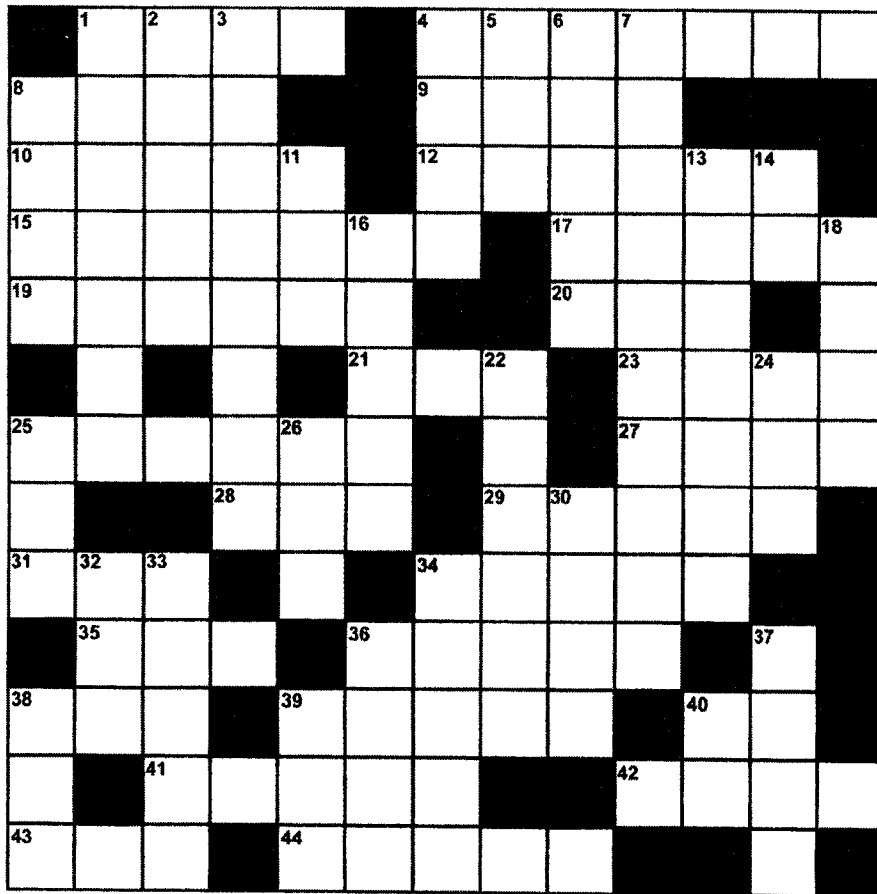
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September 2004



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ACROSS

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- 8 Sense (4)
- 9 Desire (4)
- 10 Mistake (5)
- 12 Self-possession (6)
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- 19 Cattle feed (6)
- 20 Cat (sl 4)
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- 23 Weight (4)
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- 29 Decease (3)
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- 39 Teams on ships (5)
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- 1 Alien (7)
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- 4 Booty (4)
- 5 Body part (3)
- 6 Religion (5)
- 7 Gramophone (10)
- 8 Headland (4)
- 11 Fix (3)
- 13 Settle abroad (7)
- 14 Communications company (2)
- 16 At no time (5)
- 18 Peak (4)
- 22 Boy's name (6)
- 24 Tree (3)
- 25 Ocean (3)
- 26 Pep (3)
- 30 Consumes (4)
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5 th Sep	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service
	Aston Abbots	11.15	Parish Communion
12 th	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	People's Praise
	Aston Abbots		(With Wingrave)
	Cublington		(With Wingrave)
19 th	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion (extension)
	Wing	10.00	People's Praise
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Communion
	Aston Abbots	11.15	Parish Communion (Harvest)
26 th	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion (Harvest)
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Morning Worship
3 rd Oct	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion (extension)
	Wingrave		(With Aston Abbots)
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service(Harvest)
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion

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5 th Sep	Trinity 13	Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33
12 th	Trinity 14	1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10
19 th	Trinity 15	1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13
26 th	Trinity 16	1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31
3 rd Oct	Trinity 17	2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

From The Registers

Baptism

18th July Lola Daniels at Cublington

8th Aug Isabel Bateman & Ethan Bone at Wingrave

Marriage

24th July Richard Hurd & Karen Haywood at Wingrave

7th Aug Darren Parry & Rachel Gadsby at Aston Abbots

Blessing

14th Aug Andrew & Paula Schofield at Aston Abbots

Burial

28th July Michael Coleman at Aston Abbots

Church Flowers

4/5 th	Christening
11/12 th	Mrs. A. Parker
18/19 th	Harvest Festival
25/26 th

Church Sidesmen

5 th	Mr. C. Higgs
12 th	Mrs. S. Ford.
12 th	Mrs. S. Ford
26 th	Mr. A. Ford
3 rd . Oct.	Mr. C. Higgs

If you are unable to do sidesman duty on your allocated date please advise next on the list.

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- Tuesday 7th Mobile Library The Green, 11.35 – 11.55 am (note revised time)
- Wednesday 8th Parish Council meeting in the Church room 8 pm
- Thursday 9th Bucks County Council special meeting Re. Luton Airport in the Winslow Centre at 6 pm.
- Monday 13th Coach departs Bull and Butcher for Whitby week. 8.45 am
- Tuesday 14th Aylesbury Vale Transport meeting Buckingham 2 pm
also **Luton airport flightpath meeting.** Wingrave-with-Rowsham Parish Council public meeting for residents at 8 pm at the Community Centre, Church St, Wingrave. People from other villages can attend but not vote.
- Thursday 16th No whist drive.
- Sunday 19th **Harvest Festival** St. James Church at 11.15 am. Followed by lunch in the church room at 1.00 pm. Tickets £3.00 from PCC members.
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- Tuesday 21st Mobile library The Green, The Green, 11.35 – 11.55 am.
also Floral class. Church room. 7.30 pm
- Thursday 23rd Bingo in the Church room at 7.30 pm
- Sunday 26th Village footpath walk. Meet at The Green. 2 pm
- Thursday 30th Whist Drive in the Church Room. 7 pm

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We always welcome articles, letters, jokes or any other submissions.

Articles can be as long or short as you like. Maybe you have done something special, or you want to tell a funny story. Or maybe you'd just like to write a letter or email to voice an opinion about something.

So why not put pen to paper and write something for the Chronicle. Go on—you know you can do it!

Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list

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Do you need a **BABYSITTER**? I am experienced in looking after children of all ages and am willing to offer my services. Contact Nikki on 01296 681413 or 07903 083085.

BABYSITTING—Phone Claire Biddle on (01296) 681102

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BATHROOM MIRROR 75 cm high by 60 cm wide approx. In a red/dark wood frame. Also a bathroom cabinet in similar wood. £10 the pair. Phone Carol on 681544.

CLEANING JOB SOUGHT in Aston Abbots. Good references. Reliable. Please phone Mary on 681356.

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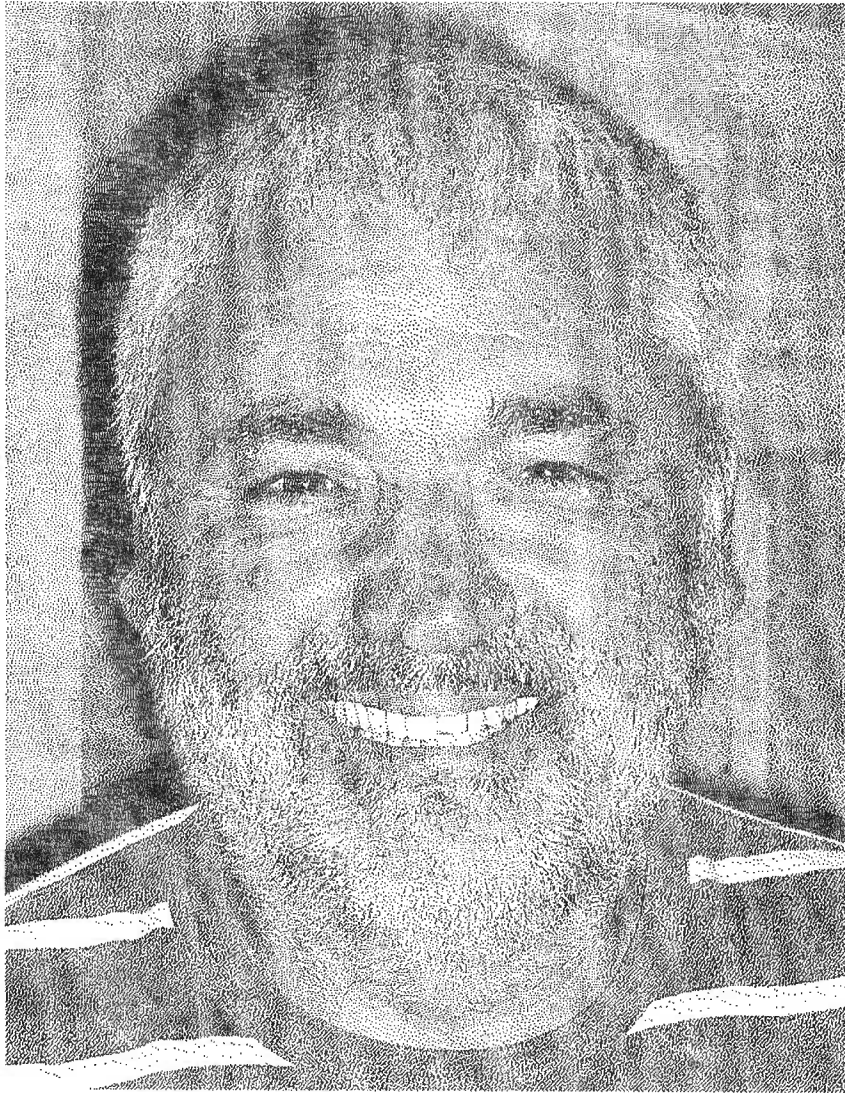
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CLEAN IT UP
OR MAXIMUM PENALTY £1000

This applies to the Recreation Ground and all footpaths and verges inside the 30 mph limit

WANTED



David W Lewis

For the hideous crimes of

- * Being in possession of seriously dodgy facial hair, *and...*
- * Assault with a deadly beard (charge pressed by Mrs A Lewis)

Do not approach this man - he may be bristly

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