

THE CHRONICLE

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE ~ Issue 239 ~ November 2004



EMAIL: EDITOR@ACHRONCLE.CO.UK

Editorial

Don's Crossword

I am sad to announce that Dom Bellingham has decided to retire as the Chronicle's crossword contributor.

Don's crossword has been a regular feature of the Chronicle for many years, certainly as long as I can remember. From the comments that have been made to me in the past I know that many people will greatly miss it. The inclusion of local elements was an attraction for many, and the occasional juxtaposition or omission of clues just added to the fun.

I would like to extend our grateful thanks to Don for his immense contribution to this little parish magazine. He has certainly earned his "retirement" and we wish him well for the future.

Of course, Don's retirement leaves a void. Should anybody like to contribute a monthly crossword or a monthly puzzle, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Contact details are on the right hand side of this page.

Websites

A couple of years ago I launched two websites for Aston Abbots - www.aston-abbotts.co.uk and www.aachronicle.co.uk. Recently a number of people have mentioned their disappointment that the sites have not been kept up to date.

I created the sites at a time when I was working from home and it was relatively easy to find the odd few moments to update them. Nowadays, due to a change in work circumstances, I spend much more time working, including a couple of frustrating unproductive hours each day sitting in the car. This change has caused me to re-prioritise my time and, with The Chronicle taking priority, I'm afraid that the websites have rather fallen by the wayside.

However, I do not plan to let them go entirely and I will be making every effort to update them by the end of this year. In the meantime, my apologies to those people who have been disappointed.

Public meeting

Next month a public meeting will be held in Aston Abbots to consider holding a significant exhibition or celebration to mark the 60th anniversary of VE day. Aston Abbots has a particular connection with the former Czechoslovakia, so much so that the Czech ambassador visited the village privately during October. You can find more background information, news of the ambassador's visit, and details of the public meeting on pages 9 and 17.

This could be an exciting event for the village and I hope to see many of you at the meeting on December 8th.

Phil

NB. Next Issue early deadline : Friday 19th Nov

In This Issue

In your November Chronicle ~

- Wingrave Road Closure
- Aston Abbots VE Day Celebrations
- Church Room Update
- Friends Of St James Market Stall
- Countryside Diary
- Your Letters

and much, much more.....

THE CHRONICLE

Issue 239

November 2004

Contacts

Editorial / General

Phil Spooner
The Birches
Wingrave Road
01296 681544
editor@aachronicle.co.uk

Distribution

Andy Bystra
31 The Green
01296 681690

Advertising

Claire Gresswell
19 The Green
01296 682949
cgresswell@abbotts19.fsnet.co.uk

~o~

A note to all would be advertisers -

More than 202 households receive The Chronicle 11 times a year and with rates from just £10 per annum (far cheaper than some local Parish magazines)...

...Can you afford not to be in?

~o~

Copy date for the next issue is:

Friday 19th November 2004

Please pass items to Phil Spooner at The Birches in Wingrave Road or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

Printed at Waddesdon School and distributed free of charge to all Households in Aston Abbots, our local Doctor's Surgeries and to Wing Police House.

Alison's Gossip Column

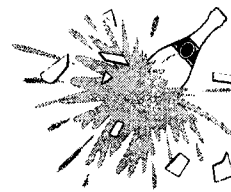
Happy Birthday

Eleanor Farrands	4 th
Thomas Farrands	4 th
Bridget Brandon	8 th
John Brancker	7 th
Caroline Hall	7 th
Anna Mogford	8 th
Ray Wilkinson	10 th
Percy Humphries	19 th
Rod Rothero	21 st
John Whyte	23 rd
Olivia Gresswell	23 rd

Friends of St. James 100 Club

October winner -
Ticket no. 4—Mr. J. Bannister

Congratulations to **Sally and Richard Clarke** on their new arrival—**Tilly**. (Tilly is an Australian Terrier, for those of you who were wondering...)



Kidney Appeal

Many thanks for the Kidney Research Fund contributions. A total of £26.00 was raised which I am sure will be much appreciated by the charity.

~ Rita

We were sorry to hear that former Astonian **Jackie Coates** has been in hospital with a broken ankle. We send our best wishes for a very speedy

Gnome Secrets

It was revealed at one of our usual Tuesday night gatherings that one of our members, who is on a strict diet and who shall (at least for the present) remain nameless, was secretly observed in a restaurant tucking into an unhealthy looking and very sticky Danish pastry!!

Will this 'Mrs Gnome' own up?

We are all waiting to see whether a guilty conscience will bring forth a confession!

~ Anon

GRAB SOME GRUB

HOT DOGS ~ SOUP ~ JACKET POTATOES
available at the
Aston Abbotts Fireworks Display 2004
See advert on page 19

All food proceeds to The Friends of St. James

Aston Flooring

ARE YOUR FLOOR COVERINGS LOOKING OLD AND TIRED?

Then revitalise your home with a new floor!

All makes of flooring supplied and fitted to the highest of standards

Have you thought of a wood laminate or maybe an Amtico/Karndean design floor?

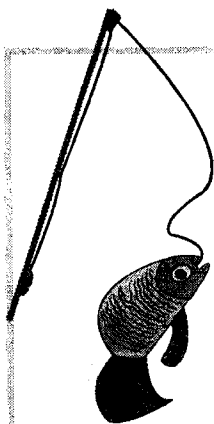
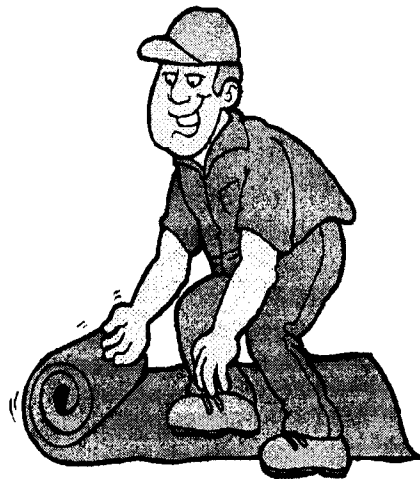
All types of cushion vinyl and hard flooring

FREE ESTIMATES

For a quality finish ring ~

Lol Hinds 01296 688479

07767 786671 (mobile)



3 Island Lake Fishery

COARSE FISHING

**Mount Pleasant Farm
Dunton Road Stewkley**

**FISHING LIMITED TO
MEMBERSHIP**

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS
WELCOME**

TELEPHONE 01525 240451



The Chilterns Dog Rescue Society



Founded in 1963

01442 876009

Hog Lane, Ashley Green, Bucks

Open 7 days a week 10.30 am – 2.00 pm

Please call or visit the office if you are interested in :-

- adopting a dog
- assisting with fundraising
- dog walking
- donating blankets/towels
collars/leads/money

No Dog Needlessly Destroyed

Registered Charity 257557

www.cdrs.btinternet.co.uk

In The Village

Wingrave Road Closure

Wingrave Road will be closed from 8th to 12 November to enable resurfacing and drainage work to be carried out. However, school buses will be escorted through.

The part of the road affected will be from the speed limit signs on the Wingrave Road entrance to the village up to the Royal Oak public house. This will effectively block access to the village from the Wingrave crossroads. The alternative route into the village from Wingrave crossroads suggested by Buckinghamshire County Council suggested is to take the A418 to the Aylesbury ring road, join the ring road, turn up the A413 towards Buckingham and then head into the village through Weedon and up Lines Hill. A detour of around six miles!

~ Phil Spooner

Notice

On behalf of the members of the Parochial Church Council may we say thank you to the friends of St James who have held several fund raising events over the year, which has enabled the new clock motor to be fitted and the electrical work to be carried out.

Also a big thank you to all the mowing lads who have done a splendid job and earned a lot of praise from lots of people on how neat and tidy the churchyard is kept. Thank you all.

Quiz Evening Raises £140

Over £140 was raised for St James Church at Collins quiz evening on 22nd October. Seven teams competed, answering questions on a variety of topics which included people, what is, Buckinghamshire, pubs, sweets, and general knowledge.

First prize was taken by the oddments team, which included the Reverend Bob Wilmot and Caroline Lane.

Cheese and wine was served at the interval and the highly successful evening was enjoyed by one and all.

Minor Vandalism

There has been a minor spate of vandalism around Bristoc and the entrance to the Recreation ground recently, with hubcaps and air filler caps being stolen from some cars.

One resident of that area has asked me to request that consideration be shown when people from other parts of the village park there, as it is sometimes difficult for the residents to find spaces.

It has also been suggested to me that the reason the Recreation ground gate is coming away from its hinges is probably due to youngsters pushing it open with their bikes.

~ Phil Spooner

Skateboard Graffiti

I hear that last month's articles about the graffiti on the skateboard ramp has resulted in one very public-spirited resident coming forward to admit that their offspring was involved. I understand that the resident concerned has offered to assist with the clean-up. I'm sure we would all like to extend our thanks to that person ~ Phil Spooner

Throwbacks

Plans are well under way for this year's Aston Abbotts Show, titled "Throwbacks".

In recent years the show has been replaced by a musical cabaret, but this year the plan is to have a more wide-ranging show.

Musical director Neil Chesher and comedy director John Whyte have assured me that the title is not intended to be any reflection upon the audience or the artistes.

The show will be on December 11th, in the Church Room.

~ Phil Spooner

Friends of St. James

Last year we made over £300 towards the upkeep of St James Church by running a stall at Aylesbury market, thanks to the generosity of people donating items for sale. On November 13th this year we will be doing it again!

Please Please Please

YOU Can Help!

Please give us donations of the following items, which we can sell to raise funds for St James ~

- + Cakes
- + Jams
- + Pickles
- + Gifts
- + Toys
- + Handmade items
- + LPs
- + Cassettes.

... or any other saleable items of that type.

If you can give us any of these we would be most grateful. Please deliver any items you have to Clare Shorrocks, Oak Farm House, Wingrave Road. Telephone 681260.

Thank You!

Do come and see us at Aylesbury Market on November 13th between 9 and 4 pm



PAINTER AND DECORATOR & GENERAL REPAIRS

“VALENTINE COTTAGE”
43 QUANTON ROAD
NORTH MARSTON
BUCKS
MK18 3PR
Home 01296 670950
Mobile 07803 610 152



FULLY LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR

BUTLERS

AT YOUR SERVICE



We specialise in airport and long distance work:-

- ★ Fixed prices - what we quote is what you pay
- ★ No additional charge for weekends, bank holidays unsocial hours
- ★ Absolutely no hidden charge
- ★ Modern air conditioned cars

FOR A BOOKING OR A QUOTE
Please Ring Colin on:-

01296 583577

07802 746711

E-mail: colin.butler@taxidriver.co.uk
www.butlers-private-hire-cars-aylesbury.com

53 Ramworth Way, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7EY



A Peaceful Country retreat
for your Cat in Spacious
Heated Farm Accommodation

- ▽ Individual and family units,
in a converted barn
- ▽ Each unit incorporates a
separate heated sleeping
area and very spacious run
- ▽ All diets catered for -
24 hour supervision
- ▽ Secure and peaceful -
Inspections welcomed

Mrs Gillian Alexander -
01296 681104
South Tinkers Hole Farm,
Cublington Rd, Wing



Kitchens - Bedrooms
Studies - Offices
Fitted Furniture

Kitchens & Interiors

Showroom at
54 Western Road
Tring
Herts
HP23 4BB



Setting the Standards

Tel: 01442 890808

Eve: 01296 688878

You Could Advertise Here...

A half page advert costs just £25 for a whole year (11 issues)
Phone Claire Gresswell on 01296 682949 ~ cgresswell@abbotts19.fsnet.co.uk

Letters To The Editor

Much as I have enjoyed composing the Chronicle crossword each month, I have decided it is time for me to retire. Perhaps there is someone else who would enjoy the challenge as much as I have and be willing to take over.

In the meantime, I should like to thank everyone for filling in the squares and, I hope, scratching their brains as much as I've scratched mine.

~ Don Bellingham

Please see the editorial Comment on page 2. Here are the answers to last months Crossword. ~ Ed

October solution

Across : 1 Railway 6 Break 10 Na 11 Settee 12 Verse 14 Alec 15 Eyot 16 Pleads 18 Real 19 As 20 Donkey 22 Rad 25 Dam 27 Good 29 Adage 31 Lone 33 Ted 35 Eg 36 Bar 37 Lager 39 Fat 40 Grazed 41 An 42 Art 43 Yea 44 Yours 45 Ripen

Down : 1 Rivers 2 Inroad 3 Last longer 4 As 5 Yell 6 BT 7 Reader 8 Eels 9 Kicks 13 Eye 17 Ely 19 Adage 21 Knot 23 Ada 24 Isobar 26 Megan 28 Delays 30 Died 32 Natty 34 Daze 38 Gear 39 Far 40 Gnu 41 Ape

Dear villagers,

As senior member of the Humphreys family, and a recent landlord of the Bull and Butcher I wish on my family's behalf to thank all of the villagers of Aston Abbots for having my family's name printed on the new road sign, which the family feel is a great honour. So thanks again in appreciation

F. Humphreys

6 Wingrave Road Aston Abbots

Dear Phil,

In reply to Lyn's letter in the October Chronicle, I would point out for almost 100 years or so St James Church has held a fete on the nearest weekend to the 25th July to celebrate St James day and raise money for the upkeep of the Church, a valuable amenity to the village for all occasions and open to all who care to attend.

In recent years, however, it was decided to share the proceeds among other village organisations - i.e. the Church Room, Toddlers Club, Recreation ground [and, of course, the Chronicle - Ed], but the larger proportion to the Church, as it is after all St James festival.

However there is nothing to stop anyone holding a fund raiser for whichever project (new village hall, play area equipment, etc), but the Church still has to be kept up - and also the Church room as it is the only available venue for village functions.

The parish council are hoping to obtain grants towards new play area equipment, and progress seems to be going ahead towards working for a new village hall, so things are moving.

The Church Council holds several fund raising events, again open to all to join in, the more the merrier. That in turn would perhaps mean not so much fete money going to the Church. We shall see.

Colin Higgs

"I finally quit smoking by using the patch. I put six of them over my mouth" ~ Wendy Liebman

New Rules For Fireworks

Firework season is upon us and this year could be significantly quieter than last due to new laws.

In recent years, there has been a big increase in the use of fireworks. They are now used at every possible event and bonfire night can last three or four weeks. With celebrations such as Diwali, Chinese New Year, New Years Eve, weddings and birthdays, fireworks are becoming a very regular occurrence. More menacingly fireworks have been used in the street and public places late at night to cause deliberate damage and nuisance.

The new laws are aimed at reducing firework use to an acceptable level without completely banning them. Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police will be responsible for enforcing the law.

The police will deal with antisocial behaviour including:

- Possession of fireworks in a public place by under 18 year olds
- Possession of professional display fireworks unless employed in the firework profession.
- Letting off fireworks between 11 pm and lam except on Chinese New Year, Diwali and Bonfire Night, when the curfew starts at 12 midnight and New Years Eve when the curfew starts at lam.

Trading Standards will deal with:

- Those selling fireworks to under 18 year olds
- The sale of especially noisy fireworks

Existing rules over the sale of fireworks, which can only be sold from registered premises, will remain as will the ban on letting them off in the street.

From next January shops will only be able to sell fireworks all year round if they have a licence from the Council, which could cost up to £500. This licence will not be required if the sales period is restricted to three days before Chinese New Year and Diwali, six days before New Year's Eve and three and a half weeks before Bonfire Night.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? For more information call Trading Standards on 01296 383212 or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/trading_standards

Thanks...

...to all those who foolishly answered their doors to us in September and were stung for sponsorship for the bike ride for the Historic Churches Trust this year. We had a good ride around Wingrave, Linslade, Leighton, Old Linslade, Soulbury, Drayton Parslow, Stewkley, Dunton (a bit out of the way but we'd heard someone had been baking - we were not disappointed), and the church with its box pews and gallery is really special), Cublington, and... Aston Abbots. We raised about £50, if I remember rightly, half of which goes to the general Trust and half to St James's here. Thank you.

~ Caroline Lane & Daniel Smith

"We use a really strong sunblock when we go to the beach with the kids because we're always afraid of cancer. It's SPF 80: you squeeze the tube and a sweater comes out."

~ Lew Schneider

For the best beaches and the best restaurants Come to North Cornwall this year!

How about an Autumnal break in North Cornwall this year – a week's holiday to really relax, or that long weekend you have been promising yourself to re-charge your batteries. Why not go for a fantastic coastal cliff top walk to blow your mind and then share your experience with like-minded people around a roaring fire in the local pub with a pint or two of the local brew – or just listen in to the locals discussing the latest fishing news! Maybe take a trip to the unique Eden Project, or one of several National Trust properties in the area. We have two traditional Cornish cottages full of character, available for holidays, weekend breaks – or any time that you want to get away from it all.

The choice is yours:



TREGERRICK

A cosy two bedroom cottage in the historic fishing village of Padstow, just up the road from TV chef Rick Stein's restaurant and 400m from the harbour. It is fully furnished and fully equipped for self-catering with all the usual mod cons, including TV/DVD, CD player/radio, dishwasher, telephone, washer/drier, microwave, gas central heating and open fireplace.

ANNET

Another two bedroom 18th century character cottage with garden, three miles from Padstow, opposite the church in St. Issey, near the village pub and backing onto fields with a footpath leading to the Camel estuary and the famous Camel Trail for walkers & cyclists. Newly refurbished, with original slate floors, pine floors, exposed stone walls, ledge & brace doors and a brand new modern kitchen. All mod cons – TV/DVD, CD/radio, dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, gas central heating, shower and bath.

Price for a week's self catering starts at just £225.00 for up to four people



Late availability in November – One week for 4 people for £200 – that's just £50 each!

Please contact us for further details.

Email: andyars@hotmail.com

Mobile: 0774 295 7684

Home: 01296 682716

A division of Stuff Developments

STOP PRESS....

... See next month's Chronicle for news of our next venture...

Aston Abbotts Czechoslovak V.E. Day Weekend May 2005

Aston Abbotts:

The exile capital of Czechoslovakia!

May 2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. For Aston Abbotts there are special reasons to celebrate this anniversary, because during the war Aston Abbotts was the wartime home of President Benes (pronounced "Benesh") of Czechoslovakia and a platoon of the Czechoslovak Army.

Czech Ambassador in Aston Abbotts

On Monday 11th October the Czech Ambassador, Stefan Fule, his wife, his Defence Attache and his chauffeur came to Aston Abbotts for a private history tour of the village starting at the bus shelter. They met Colin Higgs, who remembers the Czechoslovak soldiers and Victor Scott, who was a friend of President Benes. They saw the Nissen huts where the Czechoslovak soldiers lived, before going to the Royal Oak for large English dinners!

Czechoslovakia today

Today's Czech Republic was the ancient Kingdom of Bohemia giving us "bohemian lifestyle" and the "Bohemian Rhapsody". Today the Czech and Slovak Republic are known for au pairs, tennis players like Martina Navratilova and Skoda cars. Beer drinkers will know the names Pilsener Urquell, Budweiser Budvar and Staropramen. The Czech language has given English the words "robot" and "Semtex". There are cheap flights from Luton and Stansted to Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, making it a popular city break destination. In recent years the Czech Republic and Slovakia have joined NATO and the European Union. But 60 years ago things were not so happy.

Czechs in Exile

Prime Minister Chamberlain talked of Czechoslovakia as "a far-away country" and its "people of whom we know nothing!" During appeasement he allowed Hitler to invade the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia by the Munich Agreement. Later Hitler took the rest of the country under the pretence of the "protectorate" of Bohemia and Moravia, sending about 20,000 Czechoslovak refugees, soldiers, pilots and political leaders into exile to Britain. And it was to Aston Abbotts that the President of Czechoslovakia came to live, making Aston Abbotts the exile "Prague" - being the wartime capital of Czechoslovakia from 1940 until 1945.

Czech soldiers and pilots

Czechoslovaks made a major contribution to the British war effort. Czechoslovak pilots had their own squadrons in the RAF and were some of the best pilots. The "ace of aces" of the Battle of Britain was a Czech, Sgt Josef František. The Czechoslovak Army was organised into units based at Leamington Spa and they were involved in the invasion of Europe in 1945. A platoon of the Czechoslovak Army was based along the Norduck Drive in Aston Abbotts where two Nissen huts survive. During the war many pilots and soldiers married English women and there were 600 British war brides in Prague in 1945.

Secret Activities at Aston Abbotts

President Benes used "The Abbey" as a base for many important meetings. General Sikorski, the exiled Polish leader and Winston Churchill were amongst the distinguished visitors

that came to Aston Abbotts. Many of the meetings were top secret, such as the plan to assassinate Reinhard Heydrich, the German governor of Bohemia and Moravia, known as the "Butcher of Prague" because of his brutality. President Benes along with the Special Operations Executive based at Woburn planned a top secret operation where two assassins from Leamington Spa where parachuted into Czechoslovakia. They successfully assassinated Heydrich but in the resulting German reprisals the Czech village of Lidice was destroyed and almost all its occupants murdered. Lidice became synonymous with Nazi brutality and a British movement called "Lidice Shall Live" raised money which rebuilt the village after the war and planted many rose bushes as a symbol of peace.

60th Anniversary of V.E. Day 2005

The Ambassador was very interested in the connections between Aston Abbotts and Czechoslovakia, and the importance of Aston Abbotts in modern Czech history. The Ambassador has offered to help if the village want to organise a Czechoslovak Weekend in Aston Abbotts to mark the 60th anniversary of V.E. Day next May 2005. If an event is organised the Ambassador has made many generous offers including the offer to supply Czech beer, offering competition prizes, inviting war veterans to a memorial service, help with twinning with a Czech village, getting some roses from Lidice and trying to organise a state visit by the Czech President.

Czechoslovak Weekend May 2005

The first weekend in May 2005 starting Saturday 30th April and then Sunday 1st May and May Day Monday 2nd May is the ideal time for a Czechoslovak Weekend. Actual VE Day is 8th May but the bank holiday falls the week before, (unless the government change it). There are already plans for a history exhibition about the Czechoslovaks in Aston Abbotts, and there is great interest amongst the Czechoslovak community. There is also the possibility of getting Czechoslovak folk groups, wartime re-enactment societies, a Battle of Britain flypast and a parade of Czechoslovak war veterans.

Meeting in the Church Rooms

If you are interested in plans for a VE Day celebration weekend with a Czechoslovak flavour, please come along to an open village meeting. If you want to help, want to join in, want to know more or share your own ideas etc Colin Higgs is organising an open village meeting at the Church Rooms in Aston Abbotts on Wednesday 8th December to discuss it. We will invite representatives from the Czech and Slovak Embassies in London.

~ Neil Rees

Aston Abbotts VE Day Celebration

OPEN MEETING

December 8th

Church Room

See page 17 for more details

Countryside Diary

10th October

"Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness"

My goodness me it's certainly a fruitful year, ranging from the figs in the Abbey gardens to the wild fruits in the hedgerow. A real abundance, even the yew trees seem loaded with berries.

One stretch of lawn is quite covered with beech mast. Why are beech nuts called mast? And another so littered with chestnuts that the mower has a real problem.

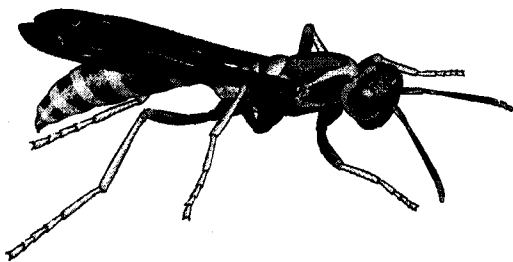
If I were to suggest something that may have not fruited quite so well, it's perhaps the oaks. Curious things, acorns. Horses, sheep, and pigs all love to eat them, but too many can kill a sheep. The squirrels are having a fine time burying conkers and acorns by the score.

Curious that although hawthorn leaves vary slightly from bush to bush, the fruit all looks identical. All sloes seemed identical, but crab apples vary so much that everyone is different from its neighbour; the spectrum ranges from russet to green to red with size and shape varying two. Now, although every wild rose is also different from its fellows all the rosehips appear identical.

Some insects seem to be thriving. I have seen more hornets this year than in the rest of my life. In fact I was surprised by the size of some that I saw - each one carrying a serious weapon.

White fly amaze me - I don't remember the brassica crops of my childhood being smothered in white fly, but this year the "flying dandruff" is rampant.

However there are no Daddy Long Legs. Now usually in September the permanent pasture fields give birth to countless swarms of Daddy Long Legs and I always thought that the swallows fattened up on them before leaving. Well this year I've hardly seen one of those insects - even rarer than the swallows.



Time was when the telephone wires by Nash's Farm were the collecting

point for scores of swallows. We used to enjoy their company and then someone would say "the swallows have gone - winter waiting round the corner".

As yet I haven't seen so many deer as last year. Although there was a young Chinese water deer virtually in the village last week.

Autumn is the second busy time in the sheep Calendar. The selling of lambs and breeding sheep, and a sorting of the flock to see what should be kept for breeding and what is sadly too old and ought to go. The rams are put into the ewes and, hopefully, the whole cycle starts again.

Autumn is nowadays also the seed time with most of the arable land being sown to winter wheat and rape - a lot less winter barley been planted these days as the price is so poor. After all barley is primarily animal feed and if government policy has decimated the livestock industry then what is there to eat the barley crop? But that's politics!

One major disappointment to Alex and I this year: we expected a bumper crop of mushrooms. A dry summer, the ground warm and then good rains in August, the perfect recipe. We looked forward to bucketfuls but in fact we had very few. I think the ground is seriously dry two foot down. It amazes me that we can't graze New Field as there is no water in the ponds - in October!!!

Pete Knight

What's another word for thesaurus?

Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

I had amnesia once - or twice.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

They told me I was gullible ... and I believed them.

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

Is there another word for synonym?

The speed of time is one-second per second.

Is it possible to be totally partial?

Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a motorway.

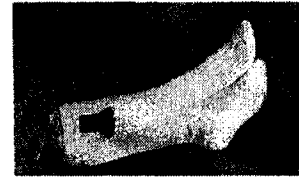
herdsires • sales • training • advise • agistment • products

Want to give something unusual and useful this Christmas?

Then think about Alpaca products - Soft, light, warm and luxurious



Jumpers and Cardigans
Scarves and Socks
Handbags
Novelties and Children's gifts



Come for a drink and browse through our stock (no obligation)
Friends & colleagues are welcome

10am to 4pm

1, Nash's Farm, Aston Abbotts

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER



Livanti Alpacas
'Naturally Luxurious'

01296 682605

Phone for more details
07976 671701

www.livanti-alpacas.com

You Need T.O.O.TM *(The Other Option)*

A Not-for-Profit Organisation

We have been in business since February 2003 and our service is proving to be popular and successful

You Need TOOTM provides a sympathetic and flexible personal accompanied companion service. Companions will give CONSTANT ASSISTANCE and are friendly, reliable and trustworthy. No journey is too far! Wheelchair users are welcome. Our rates are affordable:-

- An appointment taking 1hr 45mins - **£16.00**
- A shopping trip taking 1hr 15mins - **£12.00**
- A companion in your home for a 7hr day - **£50.00**

Please note: our charges are calculated per booking NOT per person

Our service is available 365 days a year



TO FIND OUT MORE

Visit our website at www.youneedtoo.co.uk
E-mail us on companions@youneedtoo.co.uk
Or call and speak to either Michelle or Pam

RING US NOW ON (01296) 681902

**FOR CARING COMPANIONS
YOU KNOW You Need T.O.O.TM**

**PLANNING & BUILDING
REGULATIONS DRAWINGS,
PARTY WALL MATTERS
PROJECT SUPERVISION**

DAVID ROWE
Dip Surv MCIQB
**ARCHITECTURAL
& TECHNICAL
DESIGN**

**TEL 01296 682529
MOB 07867 977 575**

What's Happening With The Church Room??

Many of you will recall that there has been a group in the village trying to obtain a lease on the Church Room, so that it could be extended and refurbished. This has been going on since 1999 and has been fraught with legal problems. In the meantime the move to build a new Village Centre has emerged so we thought that it was time to update the village on where we are.

The aim of most people in the village is to have somewhere that can be used for events and functions; we all want the same thing. Although this group started off with the plan to improve the Church Room, it was because it seemed the only possible option at the time. We certainly don't want the village to be divided into Church Room or Village Centre factions.

In view of the fact that the new Village Centre may become a reality, it seems a waste to consider extending the Church Room, until we know the future of the Village Centre. However, we still need somewhere for the village to meet in the meantime.

Therefore, we, the Church Room restoration group, propose to liaise with the existing Church Room Trustees (Colin Higgs, Shirley Ford & Bob Willmott) in order to ensure that the Church Room stays open and is SAFE, HYGENIC & LEGAL.

The plan is to spend the minimum possible to ensure a useable facility for the next few years. Once the future of the Village Centre is known, then we can re-assess the situation. In the

meantime, the planning permission is about to lapse so we will renew this to leave our options open.

Due to the plans for refurbishment, very little work has been done on the Church Room in recent years and the only funds for maintenance are from the lettings revenue. The money allocated from the Fete proceeds for the Church, is for Church costs only and doesn't include the Church Room, which is completely separate.

We may need to use some of the funds that we originally raised for the restoration/extension, to bring the Church Room to a safe, hygienic and legal condition and we'd like to hear YOUR views as to whether you are comfortable with this approach. If the new Village Centre goes ahead, it could be several years until it is useable, and so we think it is ESSENTIAL to keep the Church Room open.

Please contact us and let us know what you think.

E mail: Liz Barlow - liz@livanti.com

Phone: Liz Hall on 682078

Write or Visit: Peter/Clare Shorrocks, Oak Farm House

By 20th November please, so that we can report the response in the next edition of the Chronicle

~ Liz Hall

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

"I used to be scared of dogs. Then I realized that dogs are just as scared of me as I am of them; they just show it differently. They show it by barking and snapping at me, and I show it by soiling myself." - Dakota Shepard

STOP PRESS !!!!!

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES!

Jet off to the Mar Menor on the Costa Calida in Murcia, South East Spain - rated the best micro climate in Europe (WHO) with an average 320 days sun per year!

Fantastic brand new 3 bed / 2 bath house at Los Narejos beach full air conditioning and central heating, marble floors throughout fully kitted kitchen / Washing machine/ TV / DVD / Music System. JUST 30 metres walk to the beautiful sandy beach Windsurfing / Kite Surfing / Sailing centre also at the beach

10 minutes drive Murcia Airport / 45 minutes Alicante Airport Great for families, couples and groups..... house sleeps up to 7 Available for rent for CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR, and throughout 2005.

Incredible Introductory prices for Christmas and New Year breaks. Airport collection available - car hire available

Contact Andi and Becky Swain on 641848 for more info

The Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

7th Oct. 2004

18 members were present at today's meeting in The Church room. The chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members. The minutes were read and signed. Mrs Alexander then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Mrs Sara George from Cublington who works for the children's charity Toy Box in Guatemala.

She was thanked by April Curnow. Today's tea hostesses were Robin Anson Owen and Joan Alexander. Raffle winner was Ivy Brandon.

21st Oct. 2004

The Ladies Club met today in The Church room where 16 members were present. The chairman welcomed members, the minutes were read and signed. After a short business meeting, the chairman introduced Mrs Clare Shorrocks, our speaker today. She had come to give us a talk and demonstration on how to make curtains and cushions. She gave us many good tips and lots of examples.

She was thanked by Shirley Ford. Tea was served by Joan Alexander and Mary Morris Our raffle winner Robin Anson Owen.

~ Shirley Ford

Deductive Reasoning

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time." The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

The Carpenter's Arms

"We drank here, socialized here, and so we 'bought' the Pub!"

WINNER OF THE BEST PUB IN AYLESBURY VALE 2003



- Well Kept Real Ale
- Freshly Prepared Food served Tuesday to Sunday,
- No Smoking Area
- wide Range of Wines
- Sky TV
- Take Away Food
- Off Sales
- Games Machine

OPEN:

Monday	16:30 to 23:00
Tuesday—Friday	12:00 to 15:00 16:30 to 23:00
Saturday	12:00 to 23:00
Sunday	12:00 to 22:30

In Stewkley, on
the junction of
High Street
South, Wing
Road, and
Dunton Road.

Bar Staff Required
☎ 01525 240272

PAVAN Goes For Another Delay

PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) has asked Luton Airport to extend the deadline to the consultation process for Option 3a, the proposed new flightpath over Aylesbury Vale. The grounds for the delay is the late circulation of additional information to consultees and the lack of remaining time available to analyse this information and prepare a considered response.

PAVAN has asked Vale Parish Councils to write a similar letter as there is strength in numbers.

The deadline is currently set for November 8th 2004, having been extended from 27th September following a previous successful application, and PAVAN hopes that a date in December can be agreed.

For more information, please visit www.pavan.org.uk (<http://www.pavan.org.uk>), email rachel@pavan.org.uk (<mailto:rachel@pavan.org.uk>), or phone 01525 240950

Mathematical Puzzle


My thanks to both Margaret Hinds and Dickie Dicken, both of whom sent in this little puzzle. ~ Ed

1. Pick the number of times each week that you go out for a drink. (the number should be between 0 and 10 NB. The maximum limit of ten means that 630 Club members are allowed to lie about this)
2. Multiply this number by two,
3. Add 5
4. Multiply the result by 50
5. If you have already had your birthday this year, then add 1754 to the result. If not add 1753
6. Subtract the year that you were born (4 digits)

You should now have a 3 digit number. The first digit is the original number you entered, the next two numbers are your age !

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

SATURDAY
13th November
10am to 12 noon

 You are warmly welcomed to a

COFFEE MORNING

In the Village Hall
~ Aston Abbotts ~

Bring & Buy Stall
All welcome

In aid of the Poppy Appeal

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

**POPPY
BINGO**

SATURDAY, 20th November
7.30pm start

in the VILLAGE HALL
ASTON ABBOTTS

All ages welcome

LINE AND HOUSE PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE

In aid of the Poppy Appeal

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Members of the Wingrave & District Branch of The Royal British Legion will this year be attending the Remembrance Day Service

at The Parish Church, Long Marston.

on Sunday, 14th November

Commencing at 10.45am at the Memorial,

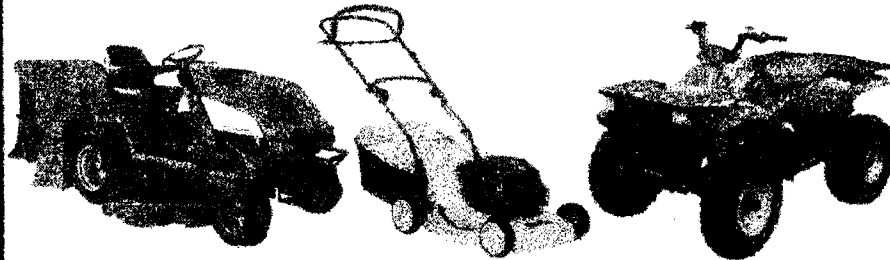
followed by a service in The Parish Church, Long Marston.

'We will remember them'

LAWN MOWERS

GARDEN MACHINERY - QUADS

SERVICE - SALES - REPAIRS
USED MACHINES AVAILABLE



COUNTAX

TIGAN

POLARIS

RGC ENGINEERS, MURSLEY

Tel: (01296) 720066 or (01296) 681007

LOCAL COLLECTION & DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE



ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



WINGRAVE GARAGE

Terry Bracey Wright & Michael Mitchell

Telephone 681543

YOUR NEW LOCAL MOT CENTRE

By Appointment 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday.
(Saturday mornings by arrangement)

PLUS all the usual services:-

Petrol Sales

Servicing and Repairs

Free Courtesy Car

We are happy to give you an estimate even for the smallest job!

PUBLIC MEETING

To discuss proposals for

Aston Abbotts Czechoslovak V.E. Day Weekend—May 2005

If you are interested in plans for a VE Day celebration weekend with a Czechoslovak flavour, please come along to this open village meeting. If you want to help, want to join in, want to know more, or want to share your own ideas, then this is your opportunity to do so.

The open village meeting will be in
The Church Room, Aston Abbotts
Wednesday 8th December.

Representatives from the Czech and Slovak Embassies will be invited.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Some People Are Just SO Dumb!

WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP? AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS: Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing 10 tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."

WHAT WAS PLAN B??? An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

THE GETAWAY! A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik-Stop, and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

DID I SAY THAT??? Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the Lineup to repeat the words, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted,

"That's not what I said!"

ARE WE COMMUNICATING?? A man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!! In Modesto, California, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. Hellllllloooooo!

AND THE GRAND FINALE Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour East of Bakersfield, Cal. some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22-foot cruiser going. It was very sluggish in almost every manoeuvre, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the outdrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath, he came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!



Woodland Flowers

 by **Margaret Jarvis**

 Tel/Fax: 01908 503502 Mobile: 0403 197799

Thrift Wood, Buckingham Rd, Whaddon

 Milton Keynes MK17 0EQ



Wingrave Netball Club

7-9 year olds, 9-10 am every Saturday during term time at WINGRAVE SCHOOL (£1 per session)

10-13 year olds, 9-10 am every Saturday during term time at WINGRAVE NEWPARK. Contact Sandy (coach) if interested on 688952

14 yrs—adults, 10-11.30 am every Saturday at WINGRAVE NEWPARK (£1.50 per session)

ALL NEWCOMERS ARE MADE VERY WELCOME

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN 01525 240869



Lakeside Trout & Coarse Fishery


Lakeside Farm, Wing Road, Cublington

Nr. Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 0LF

Tel: 01296 682201

Stear Farm

Boarding Kennels



Stewkley Road, Cublington

 Nr. Leighton Buzzard, Beds

Spacious Kennels in open

 countryside catering to

 your pets needs

Aylesbury 688764

Your local butcher for all your farm fresh needs:



- ✓ Poultry
- ✓ Home Cooked Hams
- ✓ Sausages
- ✓ Pies
- ✓ Preserves
- ✓ Fruit & Veg
- ✓ Home Produced Beef and Lamb

Order now from the family butcher. Established since 1914

PARROTT BROS

Butchers and Farmers, Beechmoor Farm, Cublington Road,

Whitchurch, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 4LG Tel: 01296 641207

The Aston Abbotts Fireworks Display

Friday November 5th

at The Recreation Ground

Bonfire lit at 6.30 pm

HOT FOOD ON SALE

**Your price of admission is one LARGE
firework (bring it with you on the night)**

Quality
Painting & Decorating

by Adrian Bystra



Tel: 01296 688429
www.ambdecorate.com

Talbot Sheepskin Products

Lambskin Coats
Flying Jackets
Wool Lined Leather
Waistcoats
Wheelchair Seat
Covers
Rugs
Babycare Rugs
Car Seat Covers
Trapper Hats
Leather Gloves
Insoles Etc



Moccasins
Mules
Slippers
Bootees
Ladies Hats
Lambskin Gloves
Childrens :
Boots
Moccasins
Mitts
Strollerfleece
Hats Etc

Burston Hill Farm Weedon Rd Aston Abbotts
For further information or a brochure call us on:
Aylesbury (01296) 681218 or visit www.talbotssheepskin.co.uk

The Good Deed

A man is in bed with his wife when there is a rat-a-tat-tat on the door. He rolls over and looks at his clock, and it's half past three in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time," he thinks, and rolls over. Then, a louder knock follows.

"Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife.

So, he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is a man standing at the door. It doesn't take the homeowner long to realize the man is drunk.

"Hi there," slurs the stranger. "Can you give me a push?"

"No, get lost! It's half past three! I was in bed!" screams the man as he slams the door.

He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened. She remarks, "Honey, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby sitter and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?"

"But the guy was drunk," says the husband.

"It doesn't matter," explains the wife. "He needs our help and it

would be nice to help him."

So, the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door but he can't see the stranger anywhere in the dark, so he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?"

He hears a voice cry out, "Yes, please."

"Where are you?" shouts the homeowner.

The stranger calls back, "I'm over here, on your swing."

A distraught dog owner called his vet pleading for an immediate appointment. He explained that his dog had a large growth or swelling near the corner of its mouth. The vet told him to bring the animal right over.

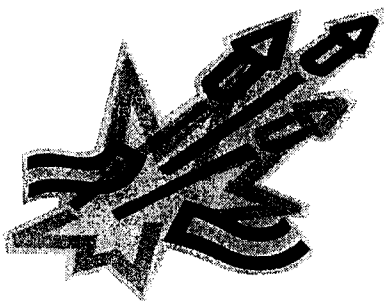
When the man came in, the vet examined the dog as the man stood by, anxiously waiting. At last the vet turned to him and asked, "Do you have any children?"

"Oh, good grief, is it contagious?" the man gasped.

"No," the doctor answered. "It's bubble gum."

WINGRAVE SCHOOL PTA

Bonfire & Spectacular Fireworks Display



**Saturday
6th November
2004**

On the Knoll, off Church Street, Wingrave

*BBQ, steaming hot soup, mulled wine,
sparklers, and much more ...*

Bonfire 6.30pm

Fireworks 7.00pm

TICKETS:

**£3.50 adults/£1.50 child - in advance
£4.50 adults/£1.50 child - on the night
on sale at School Office or Wingrave Shop**

Please note: there will be parking restrictions in Church Street to allow for emergency vehicle access. Parking will be available at the school.

*Don't
forget
to tell us
about your
birthdays,
anniversaries,
etc, so that
we can send
you a greeting
in Alison's
Gossip Column*

Aromatherapy JTEC

European Body Massage

Indian Head Massage

IN YOUR HOME OR OFFICE

Telephone Mel Eden

07989 470131 or 01296 398734

THE CHRONICLE

Advertising rates per annum

FULL PAGE	Back £ 70
	Inside £ 40
HALF PAGE	Back £ 40
	Inside £ 25
QUARTER PAGE	Back £ 25
	Inside £ 15
EIGHTH PAGE	Back £ 15
	Inside £ 10
Front page 1/8 th size per month	£ 5
OTHER SIZES	Inside £ 10

Seasonal, short term, or one-off ads are also accepted at these rates

Send copy and cheque payable to

'The Chronicle' to

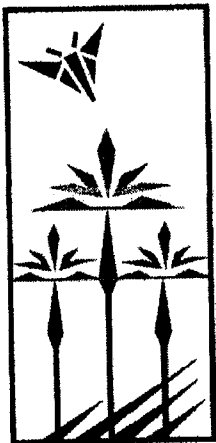
Claire Gresswell

19 The Green, Aston Abbots, Bucks

01296 682949

cgresswell@abbotts19.fsnet.co.uk

Country



Style



Hair & Beauty



“Our philosophy is quite simple, an absolute commitment to outstanding quality of haircare with total care and commitment to quality beauty treatments coupled with an unparalleled level of service and good humour”

6/8 High Street

Wing

Leighton Buzzard

Bedfordshire

LU7 0NR

Tel: (01296) 688117

www.countrystylehair.co.uk

ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM



Available for

Wedding Receptions

Birthday Parties

Folk Evenings

Dances : Bingo

Just about anything!

Maximum 60 people

For further details call
Doris Scutchings on
01296 681243

Cost £5 per hour +
metered electricity

£2.50 per hour + metered
electricity for Parish
residents

Clergy Comment

They say that what goes round, comes round.

We are going through another spell of being told that the Church cannot afford to run its affairs as it has in the past.

One solution (but one we've already tried) is to try to generate more money to keep the existing Church set-up going. This is hard work and is ultimately doomed to fail because all it does is to change our focus away from the Good News of God.

Yes, those were the days when each village had its own clergyman!

But we frequently forget that in many villages, the "Parson" was the second or third son of the Squire, and was effectively one of the "estate" workers. He (and in those days it was "he") was housed and given a small income in return for keeping the Church going. If there was no family member who could be

Letter To The Rector

[A question in Colin's recent quiz about Gray's Elegy In A Country Churchyard reminded Caroline Lane of this skit. My thanks to her for sending it in. ~ Ed]

Dear Rector,

The Scribbling Gentleman has been here again. He keeps wandering around the churchyard muttering to himself and talking gibberish and writing in a notebook. Yesterday I found him staring at a grave and saying, "Each in his narrow cell for ever laid, the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep." I told him there was no need to call my father rude or anyone else's for that matter. He peered at me in a strange fashion and then asked, "Are you some mute inglorious Milton? Or perhaps some village Hampden that with dauntless breast the petty tyrant of the field withstood?" I told him to keep a civil tongue in his head. It is well-known that Half-Witted Jack is the village Hampden. I am a married man myself.

Later he quarrelled with John Molesworthy, who had just been ploughing fifteen-acre. "Ah, my good fellow," he said, "I perceive the lowing herd is winding slowly over the lea."

"Indeed they are, your reverence," said John, "and that is because you have left the bloody gate open. I shall have to go and fetch 'em back and stop 'em winding."

"Then," said the Scribbling Gentleman, "you will doubtless homeward plod your weary way."

"No, I shall not," replied John. "I shall run to Widow Johnson's so as to have half an hour with her before her lodger comes home."

I also fear the Scribbling Gentleman may be unduly attracted towards the fair sex. He keeps muttering about "storied urn and animated bust".

In the end I could tolerate his behaviour no longer. I pointed to him the way out of the churchyard. "There is your path home, sir," I told him. He replied, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." "No, sir," I said, "the graves are the other way." He merely laughed at me and went off.

I wish your reverence would return and deal with him.

Your obedient servant

Amos Jacob, verger

From Don't Swing from the Balcony, Romeo by Michael Green, 1983, acquired at Aston Abbots fete, 2004

cajoled into becoming incumbent, then someone was brought in from outside. But they would be expected to contribute to the local economy – perhaps by subsistence farming.

What seems to be happening today is that we are having to relearn the lessons of former times. But we do have the benefit of hindsight – and subsistence farming is probably not an option.

By definition, Church buildings are places where people meet together to worship God. What we need to rediscover is how that can best be achieved when there are not enough "paid" clergy to conduct the services. That is relatively simple – use "unpaid" clergy and worship leaders.

Those who are "unpaid" are restricted by the amount of time they can give (after all they will need to spend a significant part of their time earning a living). The more people who can be involved overall, the less time each person will need to give individually. The problem comes in terms of the supervision and accountability. There will need to be a large element of trust, that those who are involved in leading worship will not be spreading heresy. My own feeling is that we should be far more trusting with groups of Christians. For the group itself should be capable of keeping itself "on track".

So I have no fears about the Church in the future as it relies less and less on full-time paid clergy, and becomes much more a meeting place for Christians to join together in the worship of Almighty God.

~ Bob Willmot

?COULD YOU HELP?

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN FOR THE BUCKS. PYRAMID SCHEME

Help the shy and quiet build their confidence
through fun activities.

All kinds of people become Pyramid Club Leaders,
from students to business people, through to older
people looking for something worthwhile to lend
their time to.

What they will all have in common is that they are
confident, emotionally intelligent people, who are
good at organising and relating to primary children.

Contact: Diane House
Direct lines: 01296 382668/01494 732719
E-mail: dhouse@buckscc.gov.uk



The National Pyramid Trust is a Registered Charity
Registered Charity No. 1017817

**ARE YOUR
PHOTOGRAPHS IN A
BOX OR CUPBOARD ?**

We can help you preserve your precise memories in a safe, meaningful scrapbook for generations to come with no more fading of photographs.

Your priceless photographs capture your special friends, events & stories of your life in original colour.

THE VILLAGE SCRAPBOOKERS



The workshops for preserving your precise photographic memories. These can be held in small groups of friends & family, or a complete day workshops which are held throughout the year for existing scrapbookers to complete their albums with no

interruptions and to share ideas with other scrapbookers, these

workshops are ideal for new scrapbookers to have fun & encouragement and to try a new hobby.

For bookings & further details on workshops please contact
Mrs Elaine Harris 01296 681116 or 07905 366899 (Evenings)
Mrs Laurette Draper 07766 727753 (Daytime)

WINGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

for ages 2½ - 5

Monday to Friday 9:30 - 12:00

The Community Centre, Church Street, Wingrave

Qualified staff

Ofsted inspected

Government voucher scheme for 3-4 year olds

Children's learning is promoted in a friendly
& fun atmosphere

Contact:

Claire Upton on 01296 681700 or Sonya Hardy on 01296 688833

Aylesbury Vale District Council

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

NO FOULING



CLEAN IT UP

OR MAXIMUM PENALTY £1000

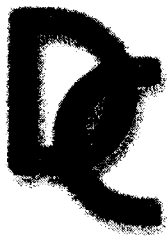
*This applies to the Recreation Ground
and all footpaths and verges inside
the 30 mph limit*

The Toy Chest

Traditional Wooden Toys,
games, puzzles, fancy dress,
Hama, Tantrix plus much more.

Open Monday to Saturday 9-5
3 High Street Mews
Leighton Buzzard
01525 370060

TO PLACE AN ADVERT IN
THE CHRONICLE PLEASE
CONTACT CLAIRE
GRESSWELL ON
01296 682949



Electrical Contractors and Property Maintenance

- Additional sockets to re-wires
- Storage Heater installations
- Showers and immersion heaters
- Outside Lighting
- Electrical testing and inspection
- Fault Finding
- Portable appliance testing
- All types of other domestic maintenance undertaken
- No job to small
- Free estimates

Tel: 01296 712776

Mobile: 07812 070147

Tel: 01582 668698

HARDWICK PRE-SCHOOL

We are a small friendly village Pre-School for children from 2 ½ years of age.

Children 3 years and over are free subject to Government funding.

We are open 5 mornings per week Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00

Focusing on learning through play (indoors and outdoors) and working together with Whitchurch Combined School.

To arrange a visit and meet our friendly caring staff please contact:

Holly Searles: 07762 272410

Rachel Cope: 01296 640920

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

COLIN HIGGS (Chairman)
6 Wingrave Road ~ 681343

KATE CURRY (Parish Clerk)
2 Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane ~ 681137

MARGARET KENT
6 The Green ~ 681454

RICHARD CLARKE
Maplewood, The Green ~ 681286

JACKIE FARRANDS
1 Norduck Cottages ~ 681182

PETER SHORROCK
Oak Farm House ~ 681260

DICKIE DICKEN
Norduck House ~ 688577

TOM MANNING
The Bungalow, West Park Farm, Wing,
Beds, LU70PG

District Councillor

PETER COOPER
Brewhouse Lane, Rowsham ~ 681250

County Councillor

BRENDA JENNINGS
25, The Green, Soulbury ~ 01525 270610

Margaret Kent is Street Light Officer, so people should let

LEARNING FRENCH or SPANISH CAN BE FUN

- With tuition at home that you can share with friends
- Courses for complete beginners or any level, at times to suit
- Includes background to the culture of the country
- Plenty of variety, lots of practice (Social and/or business)
- Tutor currently teaching in Cublington, references can be supplied

Please phone **Malcolm Burrell**
for further information telephone



01525 221413



Laura Dempsey Qualified Saddler



*Full repair service, including rugs
Side saddle renovation and repair
Saddles repaired & reflocked - plus fitting service
Authorised Supplier & Fitter of
"Flair Ride on Air" Saddle System
Why not try riding your horse in a "Flair" Saddle?
For a trial, contact me.*

24, High St. North Marston, Bucks MK18 3PD
Tel/fax :- 01296-670201
e-mail :- Dempsey@cheekpiece.fsnet.co.uk

Hair by Jane

In the comfort of
Your own home

20 years experience
Special rates for
pensioners

For enquiries or appointment
please ring Jane on:-

01296 437624
Or
07778 971848 (mobile)



Painting and Decorating

Interior and Exterior

including specialist finishes
graining, marbling, murals etc.

Highest quality work,
lowest rates

References available.

LJ Waring 01296 688185

For bookings & further details on workshops please
contact

Mrs Elaine Norris 01296 681116 or 07905 266899
(Evenings)

Mrs Laurette Draper 01296 727753 (Daytime)

Chartered Certified
Accountants and Business
Advisors

For a friendly and
professional service
for your business and
taxation matters

Now is a good time to start thinking
about completing your Self-
Assessment tax return.

Need help?
Please give Paul Benham or
Anne Powell a call.

Tel: 01296 611511
Fax: 01296 611515

Litton House, 52-56 Buckingham Street, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire. HP20 2LL



GP PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES



All Plumbing & Heating Work Undertaken
Free Call Out & Estimates

Tel: 01296 584019
Mobile: 07702286512

QUALIFIED CARPENTER

RELIABLE WITH COMPETITIVE RATES

KITCHEN, FLOORING, WARDROBES, DOORS,
DECKING, ANY HOUSEHOLD CARPENTRY
NO JOB TOO SMALL

COME ON LADIES! GET SOMEONE ELSE TO
DO ALL THOSE JOBS YOU'VE BEEN ASKING
HUBBY TO DO FOR AGES!

PHONE ANDY ON: 01525 240691

Meadow Flowers

by Sally Roff

for

Wedding and Function Flowers

From Beautiful Bouquets to Innovative
and Vibrant Arrangements for Church
and Reception

We also offer a comprehensive Linen and
Banqueting Hire Service

Phone 01296 660490

Mobile 07984 392136

Evening 01296 688852

In association with Meadow Marquees,
Cheddington



Chiltern Lifestyles

Health - Fitness - Therapy

Get back into shape for the
summer with one to one Personal
Training

Get Fit - Stay motivated

Enjoy our private gym

Take advantage of our nutritional advice

Achieve your health & fitness goals

Book your FREE consultation today

Sports Massage Therapy

Rehabilitation following injury or illness

To compliment your ongoing training programme

To loosen tight, tired and aching muscles

Keep Fit Classes at

Wing Village Hall

Thursday evenings - call now to book your place.

Call now for more information or to book

01296 688664

Member of the National Register of Premier Trainers and Therapists

THINKING ABOUT HOLIDAYS NEXT YEAR?

We have a holiday home for rent in

LYME REGIS, DORSET

for weekends or weekly lets all year round.

Sleeps 4-5. Close to town and beaches,

beautiful views overlooking

Lyme Bay and Golden Cap.

Ring Helen and Simon Dowling for further details

01525 383315

St James Church

Church Services

7 th Nov	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion (extension)
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
14 th	Wingrave	08.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Holy Communion
	Wingrave	10.45	Remembrance & People's Praise
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	18.00	Evensong
21 st	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion
	Wing	10.00	People's Praise
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Communion
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Family Communion
28 th	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	18.00	Advent Carols
	Aston Abbots	18.00	Evensong
5 th Dec	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion (extension)
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion

A Prayer Session takes place at 08.00 in Wingrave Church each Monday morning, whilst a Service of Holy Communion takes place at 09.30 at Wing each Thursday morning.

Church Flowers

6 th /7 th	Miss. A. Goodman
13/14 th	British Legion
20/21 st	Donated

Then no flowers in Advent.

Sunday Readings

7 th Nov	3 before Advent	2 Thess. 2.1-5,13-17; Luke 20.27-38
14 th	2 before Advent	2 Thess 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19
21 st	Christ the King	Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43
28 th	Advent	Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44
5 th Dec	Advent 2	Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

From The Registers

Baptism

4 th Sept	George Elliott at Wingrave
4 th Sept	Annie Copping at Aston Abbots

Marriage

16 th Oct	Howard Gregory & Sarah Ellis at Wingrave
----------------------	--

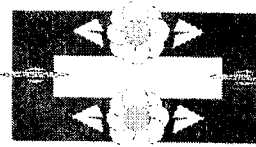
Funeral

15 th Sep	Dolly Higgs at Cublington
27 th Sep	Grace King at Wingrave & Crownhill

Church Sidesmen

7 th	Mr. G. Kemp
14 th	Mrs. S. Ford
21 st	Mr. C. Higgs
28 th	Mr. A. Ford
5 th Dec.	Mrs.S. Ford

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



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
Colin Higgs	681343

The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343			482838
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690	Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229
Astonbury	Peter Shorrocks	681260	NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47
AVDC	Switchboard	585858	Parish Clerk	Kate Curry	681137
Bingo	Doris Scutchings	681243	Parish Council Leader	Colin Higgs	681343
Busses	Arriva	468730 or 423445	Police	Emergencies	999
Chronicle Advertising	Claire Gresswell	682949	Police	Non-emergency	0845 8 505 505
Chronicle Distribution	Andy Bystra	681690	Police	Aylesbury	396000
Chronicle Editorial	Phil Spooner	681544	Police	Wing Police Office	396163
Church Mowing Rota	Gordon Kemp	681763	Railways	Chiltern	0870 516 5165
Church Room Redevelopment	Tom Manning	07812 525703	Rambler's Club	Colin Higgs	681343
Church Room Hire	Doris Scutchings	681243	Rector	Reverend Bob Willmott	681623
Citizens Advice	Aylesbury	0870 126 4056	Refuse Collection	Enquiries	585510
Coach Trips	Colin Higgs	681343	Roads & Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Council	Aylesbury Vale District	585858	Royal Oak	Teri & Gary Moul	681262
Council	Bucks County Council	395000	RSPCA	General Enquiries	08705 555 999
County Councillor	Brenda Jennings	01525 270610	Scouts	Julia Ellis	681118
District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Shop (Osborn's)	Bernard Osborn	681233
Fete Coordinator	Jackie Farrands	681182	Toddlers Group	Claire Gresswell	682949
Floral Class	Colin Higgs	681343	Wingrave Preschool	Claire Upton	681700
Friends of St James	Clare Shorrocks	681260	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	681011
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000	Wingrave School	Office	681346
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865	Wingrave Stores	Shop	681696
LBO Reports	Colin Higgs	681343			
Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies				

Please let us know of any errors or omissions

Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

Programme for 2004/2005

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

For more information about these events, or to find out about the Ladies Club, please contact Shirley Ford on 681865. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME

Eclipse

Beauty Therapy

01525 240249/07796 171274

Need that special gift or an excuse to be pampered
A full range of beauty treatments in a friendly and professional atmosphere

- Manicure/Pedicures
- Facials
- Aromatherapy Massage
- Waxing
- Eye Treatments

*Introductory offer 25% off
all treatments*

Please call Clare to book an appointment or for more information on 01525 240249
Don't delay take advantage of this special offer before it's too late

What's On In November

- Tuesday 2nd** Mobile Library The Green, 11.35 – 11.55 am
- Friday 5th** Aston Abbots Fireworks, Recreation Ground. 6.30 pm. Hotdogs, soup, jacket potatoes on sale in aid of St James. Price of admission is one large firework.
- Saturday 6th** Church Yard sweep up 10.30 am
- Monday 8th** **Wingrave Road CLOSED** for up to 5 days—see page 5
also The Refuse Freighter was due to be at The Green between 12 and 15.30, but at the time of going to press it is not confirmed that this is still happening
- Tuesday 9th** Aylesbury Vale transport meeting, County Hall, 7.30 pm.
(Bus/Train queries to Colin please)
- Thursday 11th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 13th** Friends of St. James Aylesbury market stall, 9 – 4 pm.
- Sunday 14th** Remembrance Day service. St. James Church 10 am
- Tuesday 16th** Mobile library The Green. 11.35-11.55 am
also Floral class. Church Room. 7 pm
- Saturday 20th** British Legion Bingo. Church Room 7 pm
- Sunday 21st** Rambling Club members meet at Caldecote Lake Milton Keynes 2 pm
- Tuesday 23rd** Aylesbury Farmers Market
- Thursday 25th** Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sunday 28th** Village footpath walk Meet at The Green 2 pm
- Tuesday 30th** Mobile library. The Green, 11.35 11.55 am.
- Wed 1st Dec** Parish Council Meeting. Church Room. 8 pm
- Sat 4th Dec** Christmas shopping trip to Northampton, (book with Colin).
Departs Bull and Butcher 9.30
- Wed 8th Dec** Open Meeting in the Church room to discuss options for Aston Abbots VE Day celebrations

Book these Dates

Saturday 4th December Christmas shopping trip to Northampton, (book with Colin ~681343)

Thank you to all our advertisers for your patience regarding the new invoicing process and, of course, for your continued support of the Chronicle.

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



Classified

IRONING - Never enough time? Do you hate it? I can help! Phone Denise on 077 9939 4752

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

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

Sarah Smith is available for **BABYSITTING**. Phone 01296 681373

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE in The Chronicle. Phone us on 01296 681544 or email editor@aachronicle.co.uk

INSTRUMENTAL TEACHING NOW AVAILABLE FOR DRUMS AND CELLO

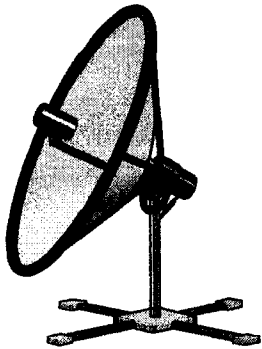
I have recently opened up a teaching space in central Aylesbury and am eager to find new pupils of all abilities. I aim to provide inspirational instruction of an excellent standard. Interested? Call Anthony on 01296 681152 or 07932 496164

MOBILE LIBRARY

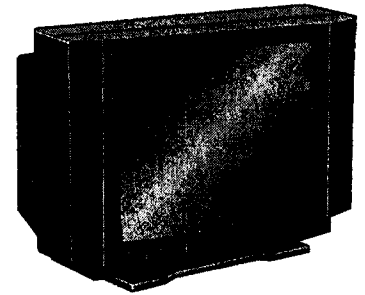
Please note that the new schedule means that the van now stops only at The Green at 11.35 am.

FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

OF CHURCH FARM, ASTON ABBOTTS

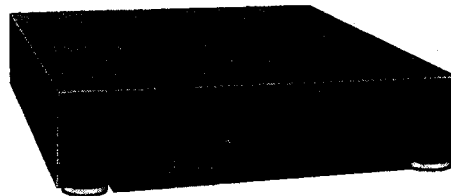


T.V. VIDEO AND
SATELLITE
SERVICING AND
GENERAL REPAIR



RENTALS, NEW
AND USED SALES

MOST MAKES
REPAIRED
THE SAME
DAY

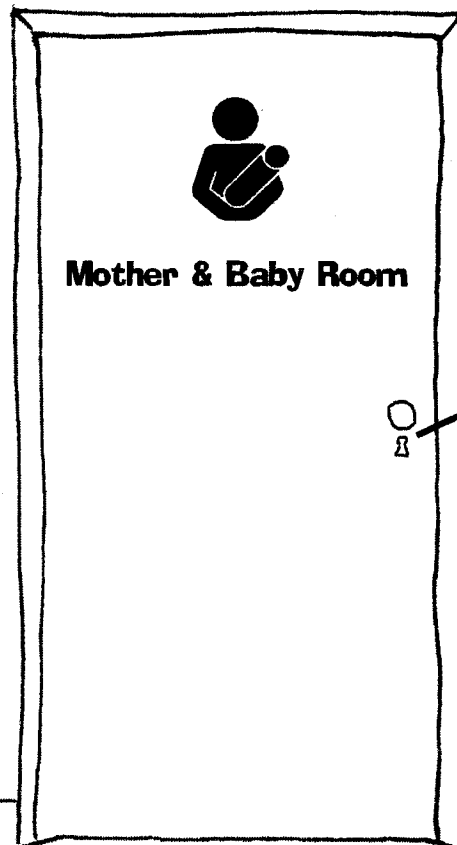


NO CALL OUT
FEE WITHIN
ASTON
ABBOTTS

PHONE DAVE LEWIS
ON 01296 682126

STOP PRESS

Dave Lewis
launches
his new
Alpaca
suckling
service!



OUCH !!