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Christmas
to all of our
Readers



**A NEW VILLAGE CENTRE?
- REPORT INSIDE**

Editorial

VE Day Celebration

On December 8th there will be an open meeting in the Church room to discuss the possibility of celebrations on VE day next year. Aston Abbots was home to the exiled Czech President during the war and it is hoped to have some form of celebration of this connection.

Several ideas have been put forward, including a full weekend of celebrations, a fly past, and possibly a 1940s dinner-dance. The meeting on December 8th will be an opportunity for anybody to put forward suggestions and discuss what we, as a village, would like to do. Details are on page 17.

It should be an interesting meeting and I look forward seeing many of you there.

The Village Centre

In past issues we have mentioned the work going on behind the scenes exploring the possibility of building a new village hall or village centre. Now Neil Chesher and Simon Gresswell have completed a detailed feasibility study, which should have been presented to the Parish Council just before you receive this issue of the Chronicle.

If the response from the parish council is positive, it is hoped to have a village meeting in January, at which all of the issues and ideas can be discussed openly. Look out for details of the meeting, either in next month's Chronicle or on an advertising flyer posted through every letterbox in the village.

Neil and Simon are to be congratulated on the tremendous effort that they have put in to get this far. If you want to read the full feasibility study, then it is available on the Chronicle website, or you can read an overview on page 13.

The Chronicle Website

A couple of people have asked me if the Chronicle could be made available on the Web for "expatriate" Astonians. I attempted to do this before, but the file size was very large (>50 Mb in Adobe Acrobat format) which makes it impractical. So, sorry folks, unless I can find a way of reducing the file size it's not on at the moment.

Season's Greetings

With this issue I finish my 4th year as Chronicle editor, and it just remains for me to extend seasonal greetings from Carol and myself to everybody who has helped and contributed during the last year. Greetings also to our advertisers, without whom there probably would be no Chronicle. To you and all of our readers may I wish you a Merry Christmas and may you have a happy, peaceful, healthy, and successful New Year.



See you in 2005.

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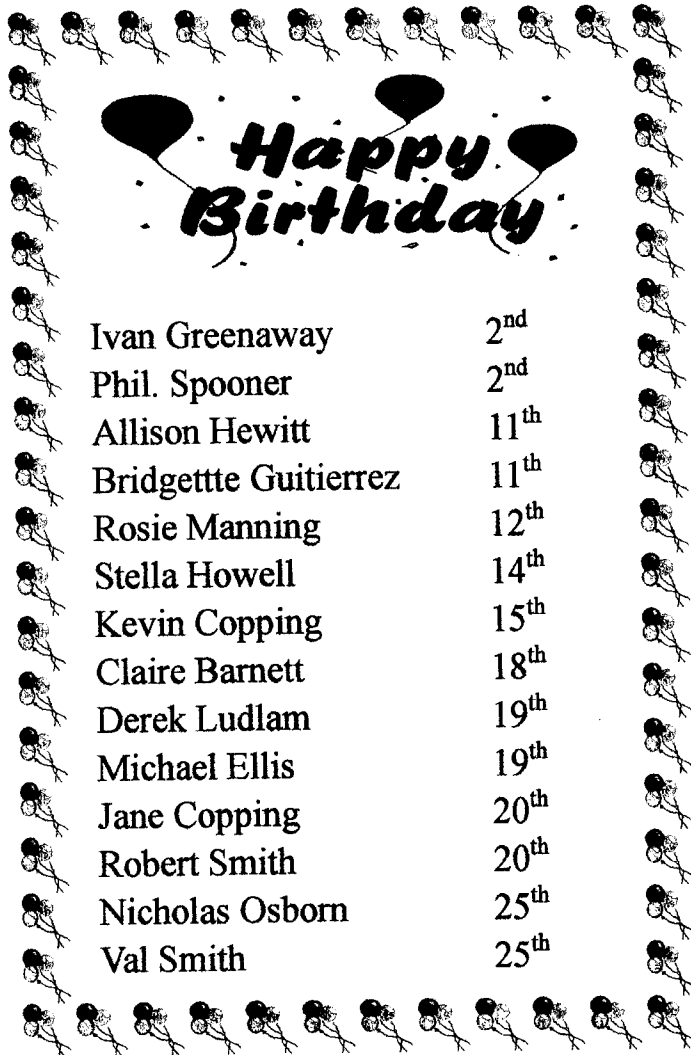
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and much, much more.....

Alison's Gossip Column



Happy Birthday

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- Phil. Spooner 2nd
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Good luck to **Andy Stefanczyk** and **Sally Turnham** with their new Cornish venture (see page 8)

Clare & Peter Shorrock, Margaret & Tony Hinds, Francesca & Bob Bean, April & Geoff Curnow, Deirdre & John White, Alison & Dave Lewis, John & Judy Hardcastle, Carol & Phil Spooner, & Sally & Nigel Palmer

Wish everyone in the village a very Merry Christmas. Instead of sending out Christmas cards we will be making a donation to charity.

Happy Christmas

Andy and Rita would like to wish all their friends in Aston Abbots the very happiest of Christmas's and a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2005.

Liz, Ivan and all the alpacas would like to wish all their friends, neighbours and helpers a wonderful Christmas and a brilliant 2005.

Congratulations to new grandparents **Bob & Francesca Bean**. Daughter **Victoria** gave birth to an 8lb 8oz baby boy called **Luca**, in Sydney Australia.

Congratulations also to new parents **Phillipa & John** who have a baby daughter Meagan.

Get well soon **Kate Waite** who has just been discharged from hospital after a hip replacement.

Who would believe that our very own breeders of Alpaca's could go to Peru and EAT Alpaca & worse still, ENJOY IT!! See **Ivan** for **Alpaca Stroganoff** recipe!

Amber McManus raised £65 for the NSPCC taking part in a sponsored walk on 21st October at Cottesloe School.

Amber would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Aston Abbots who sponsored her.

Birthday greetings to **Bridgette Guitierrez** who celebrates her 60th birthday in December. Many Happy Returns Bridget

We are sorry to hear that **Tim Loder** has been in hospital and we send our warmest wishes for a speedy recovery.

Best wishes also to **Peter Curry** who should be recovering from hospital treatment by the time that you read this.

To All my Four Footed Friends in AA and the human lot as well. Have a lovely Christmas and a good New Year. 'er indoors also sends all good everythings to everyone in AA. With love from Jacko (that lovely brown and white springer) and my Mum XX

On 29th October **Andrew Parker** and **Valentina Belaya** married at High Wycombe Registry Office. There are currently living in Chesham. We send our best wishes and congratulations.

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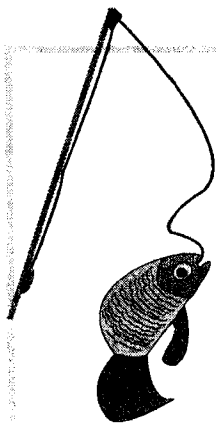
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In The Village

Church Room Update.

Following our request last month for views on the "way forward" with the Church Room, we received 4 positive responses, requesting that we go ahead to do what is necessary to keep the Church Room open in a "safe, hygienic and legal" way. We haven't received any negative responses and one correspondent rightly pointed out that we were more likely to hear if people weren't happy! We will therefore be working with the Church Room Trustees, the Parish Council and those involved in the "New Village Centre", to ensure that the Church Room remains open and in a usable condition for as long as is required.

~ Liz Barlow

Fireworks Go With A Bang

Very many thanks to all those involved in organising, financing and running a truly excellent Fireworks Display. The combination of the weather for once being kind to us, a selection of hot food and the amazing spectacle created by those brilliant fireworks made for very entertaining evening. ~ A. Bee



Congratulations to Lol Hinds and his team of volunteers for perhaps the best fireworks display that we have had in Aston Abbots. It was a shame that thirsty Astonians drank the mulled wine supply dry almost before the bonfire was lit, but The Great Baked Potato Glut Of '04 will probably be written into the next issue of the Aston Abbots History book. ~ Ed

Friends of St. James

Thank you to everyone who ate and drank our food at the Bonfire Night - we made a very healthy £145. Hope you enjoyed it, sorry the mulled wine ran out so soon and yes, once again we had far too many baked potatoes!

Sadly our stall on Aylesbury market on November 13th was a disappointment - we only made £135.65 due to the fact that AVDC had double booked the Charity Stall so we weren't in nearly such a prominent position and without the crowd's passing the stall our profits were less than half last year's. But thank you to all those who contributed so generously to stocking the stall.

Friends Go Into Retirement

The Friends are now going into retirement as in the last 18 months we have raised enough money to pay for the rewiring of the Church and a new motor for the clock. We will be leaving quite a reasonable sum in the account to act as a rainy day fund or to be put towards another project. If, in future, another major need arises, the Friends can be reformed in order to finance it. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated things to sell, helped man events or just supported us by turning up on the day to buy.

~ Clare Shorrocks

On behalf of the village can I also thank all of those who were behind the Friends Of St James and organised their fund-raising activities. Particular thanks must go to Clare Shorrocks for working so hard to organise the group. Together they raised much-needed funds to support our church. Thank you one and all ~ Ed



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Letters To The Editor

Thanks Don

Just couldn't let this month go by without saying how sorry I was to hear that Don is no longer going to produce the Chronicle crossword. I have always enjoyed having a go at it as soon as I had finished reading each new issue (though not always managing to complete it). So far as I was concerned, I liked the inclusion of 'local' clues and felt he seemed to have the knack of constructing each puzzle with just the right amount of difficulty. Many thanks Don for what has probably amounted to a good few hours of pleasure and, on occasions, the odd headache!

~ Andy B.



Dear Editor,

Alex and I would like to record our thanks to Don Bellingham for all of the many entertaining crossword puzzles he has contributed to the Chronicle.

I imagine it being more difficult to compile a crossword than to solve it.

Thank you very much Donald, for all your splendid puzzles.

Yours,

Peter Knight.

White Wheels Aston Abbots

9 November 2003

To the Editor of The Chronicle

Dear Phil

I read with interest Colin Higgs' letter in the November Chronicle, in reply to Lyn Clark's letter in October, and I feel that in the interest of historical accuracy, I must add to this correspondence.

I cannot be certain of exact dates, as I no longer hold the documents, but I believe it is correct to say that the Village Fete has not been organised by the Church since some time before 1972, with the possible exception of one year, when the Festival Committee declined to organise the fete because of lack of support! The Aston Abbots Festival Committee was set up by the Annual Parish Meeting, which is independent of the Church and of the Parish Council, and this committee adopted a constitution which provided, inter alia, that the allocation of the proceeds of the annual fete should be determined by the Annual Parish Meeting.

From the outset, the Festival Committee agreed that the timing of the fete should coincide as nearly as possible with the Church's patronal festival, and the Church has co-operated fully by opening and decorating the Church during the weekend, allowing free use of the Church Room, and holding the festival "Songs of Praise" on the Sunday evening.

The village as a whole, through the Annual Parish Meeting, has determined, quite properly each year, that the village Church should be a major beneficiary of the fete, but all residents of the village are invited to attend the APM (usually in March), where they can have an opportunity to request assistance for any organisation within the village.

Yours sincerely,

David Watts

Many Thanks!!

What a wonderful 70th birthday I've had this year; lasting well over a week and full of surprises. It started on the Saturday with a family dinner at Waddesden Manor (which can be highly recommended for a special occasion). I wasn't able to pretend I was younger than I am as the table was surrounded by balloons which were much more honest than me!

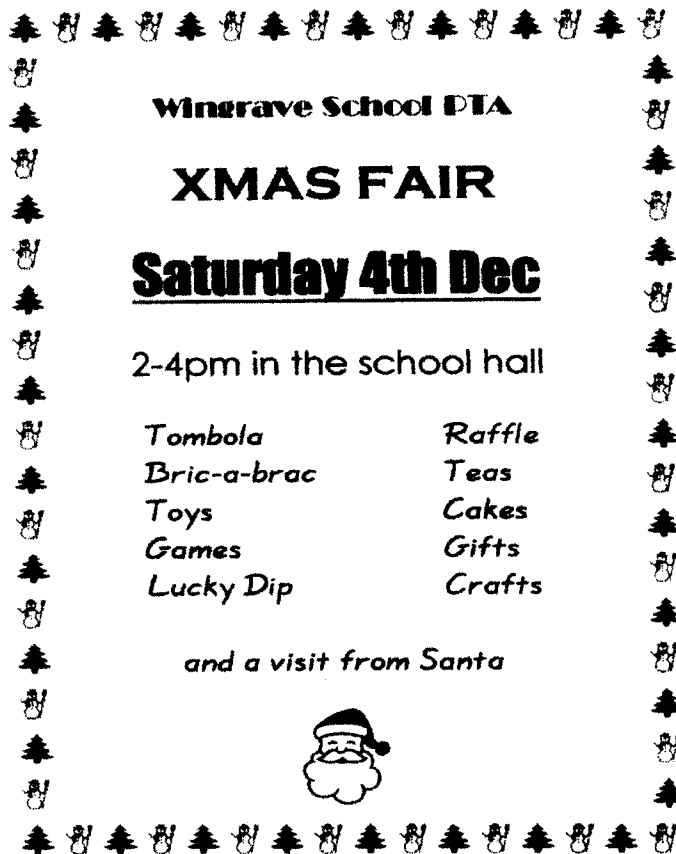
I was given to understand that the evening of my birthday (Tuesday) was being spent having a quiet meal at Clare and Peter Shorrocks and then going onto the Pub to join the 'Gnomes'! Not so! Quite a few people had been beavering away in secret preparing a surprise party. I was absolutely stunned to be confronted by so many people at Peter and Clare's, all giving me such a wonderful welcome; I didn't have an inkling!

So, many thanks to Clare and Peter for hosting that lovely party, to Karen for making my birthday cake and April for icing it so cleverly (a work of art). Also to Francesca and April for organising all that delicious food – and drink! I know there were others who contributed to the party in other ways – thanks – it was just BRILLIANT. Also thank you all for the very generous gift voucher and many cards, beautiful flowers and other presents from family and friends. You have all made me feel very special.

On opening my cards and presents I learned that Andy was whisking me off to Paris the following weekend on Eurostar. We took in a show at the Lido (very spectacular), a 2 hour river trip on the Sunday with lunch included and walked a good few miles taking in all the sights and sounds of Paris. Thank you Andy for that special thought.


Last but not least, part of my present from my daughters is a 'pamper day' and evening of wining and dining next January. So, it's not over yet!!

~ Rita



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HOT NEWS

from Cornwall!

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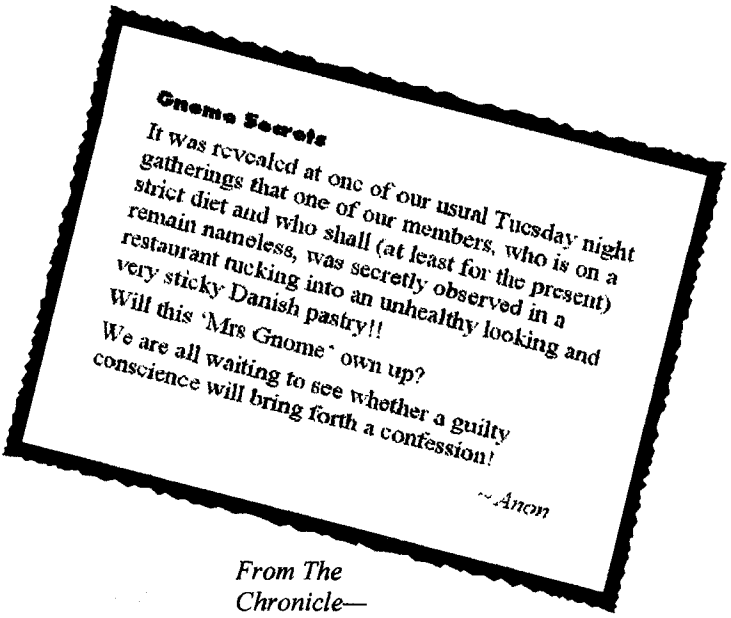
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The Gnome & The Danish Pastry

One day in October, as most of you will know
A certain Gnome went shopping and into town did go.
A pair of trousers for her man was what she hoped to get
But, on the way, the Coffee Shop seemed a better bet.
No carb-free foods were to be found in the wonderful display
So a scrumptious Danish pastry was the order of the day.
A cup of coffee helped it down but oh! hang on a tick
"Will the fat just melt away if I shop like a lunatic."
So to the one who sneaked that day
I have only this to say,

The Gnome who ate the Danish struggles with her weight
She's cut down on carbohydrates and doesn't eat too late
She's keen to lose a few more pounds but please remember folks
Don't bring Danish pastries when you come to "Leafy Oaks".

P.S.
I know who I suspect has put me in his fix
Without naming any names she lives at number six.
My suspicions may be unfounded but it seems quite clear you see
That the gnome who grassed me up was sitting next to me.



From The
Chronicle—
November 2004

To All Residents Of Aston Abbotts And Cublington

From Mrs Dimic, Head Teacher at Wingrave Church of England Combined School

I have now spent two and a half happy, creative and productive months at Wingrave School as its new Head Teacher. Since I cannot possibly say hello to all of you in person, as in reality we have only a few opportunities to meet, I am writing this short history of my professional life so that you can get to know me a little better.

I was born in the former Yugoslavia where I graduated in English Language and Literacy from the University of Belgrade, Philology Department, gaining a BA (First Honours). I also received a BEd from the same University. Before I came to England I used to teach English as a foreign language to A Level and GCSE students. I was the head of a huge language department at one of the most prestigious grammar schools in Belgrade. I also translated several books from English to Serbian!

I am married to Zoran and we have three grown-up children: Maria, Ivan and Steven. To escape the troubles at the time, I came to Britain in 1991 leaving my husband and children who joined me later in 1992. Our family now includes Geoffrey - our dog.

My career in teaching in England has been rather interesting. I started as a Reception/Year 1 teacher at a lower school in Dunstable and after 4 years I became a member of the senior team. In 1998 I was seconded Deputy Head to a school in Luton. I had been Acting Deputy for 7 months when I was asked to take over the school as Acting Head. Later that year I got a full-time position as Deputy whilst I was still acting

Head! In 2000, I became a Head Teacher of a small village school in the North of the county. In my second year, the school was given the School Achievement Award and in 2004, just before I left, the school was awarded the Investors in People quality mark.

My own professional development includes: National Professional Qualifications for Head teachers (NPQH), Leadership Programme for Serving Heads (LPSH) and OFSTED training. I have also become a Primary School Consultant for Buckinghamshire.

My vision for Wingrave School can be summarised in a few words: working together to develop further the quality of education where each person is given the opportunity to achieve their best. My goal is to put Wingrave School on the map again as one of the best primary schools in this part of the county. I am sure that my high aspirations together with the hard work and dedication of all the staff, governors and parents, will result in the quality of education that our children deserve.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the future and working together to achieve this goal.

~ Lana Dimic



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Peter Knights Countryside Quiz

Last May I was asked to test the members of the junior Young Farmers Club on their general knowledge of the countryside. Frankly I was amazed at their lack of knowledge and realised that no one seems to be teaching the young generation about their natural surroundings.

Here are two sets of questions. No prizes are offered, save the pleasure and satisfaction available to people who successfully test their own knowledge.

Hopefully the answers are somewhere in the Chronicle at the editor's discretion.

With apologies to Vic Scott and a few others who will think these questions stupidly easy!

Family Quiz

1. What is the home of a badger called?
2. Do larch trees lose their leaves in winter?
3. What is a female fox called?
4. Name two types of local woodpecker?
5. What do ladybirds eat?
6. Redwings come to this country for the winter, where from?
7. What arable crop has blue flowers?
8. Where do eels breed?
9. What type of bird is a hobby?
10. What is a chub?
11. Which flowers earliest, hawthorn or blackthorn?
12. What is a painted lady?
13. How many legs has a spider?
14. Does a barn owl hoot or screech?
15. Where do partridges nest? In bushes, in trees, or on the ground?
16. What colour is a robin's egg?
17. Do crows live as colonies or as separate pairs?
18. What is the home of the squirrel called?
19. Does a gnat bite or sting?
20. Do grass snakes lay eggs or give birth?
21. Give another name for a pewitt?
22. What is a pipistrelle?
23. In domestic fowl you have a cock and a hen, what are the terms for swans?
24. What is cocksfoot?
25. What is an ink cap?
26. What caused the spread of Dutch elm disease?
27. Which is heavier, a kestrel or a sparrow hawk?
28. How does a willow tree spread its seed?
29. What does a leatherjacket turn into?
30. With what does a thrush line its nest?

Answers to both quizzes can be found on page 25

Junior Quiz

1. What is the underground home of a fox called?
2. What colour is a wood pigeon's egg?
3. What is a young hare called?
4. Name two types of owl or living locally?
5. Name a freshwater fish other than trout?
6. What breed would a black and white cow probably be?
7. Name two types of deer living locally?
8. What is the fruit of a horse chestnut tree called?
9. Name two common butterflies?
10. How many pheasants in a brace?
11. What colour is a dandelion flower?
12. Where does a frog lay its eggs?
13. What colour is a Ladybird?
14. Where do swallows go in winter?
15. Is a Yellowhammer a snake a bird or an insect?

Pete Knight

You're No Longer Cool When...

- You find yourself listening to talk radio.
- Your daughter says she got pierced and you look at her ears.
- The pattern on your shorts and couch match.
- You fondly remember your powder blue leisure suit.
- You think Tragically Hip is when a middle-aged man gets a new sports car, hair piece and a 20 year old girlfriend.
- You criticize the kids of today for their satanic suicide-inducing music, forgetting that you rocked to Alice Cooper and Black Sabbath.
- You call the police on a noisy party next door instead of grabbing beer and joining it.
- You turn down free tickets to a rock concert because you have to work the next day.
- When grass is something that you cut, not cultivate.
- When jogging is something you do to your memory.
- Getting a little action means your prune juice is working.
- All the cars behind you flash their headlights.
- You remember the "Rolling Stones" as a rock group not a corporation.
- You bought your first car for the same price you paid for your son's new running shoes.
- You actually ASK for your father's advice.
- You don't know how to operate a fax machine.
- When someone mentions SURFING you picture waves and a surf board.

Is that YOU!

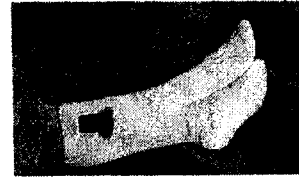
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The New Aston Abbotts Village Centre

Progress has been made with the Aston Abbotts Village Centre Project and below is information important to everyone in the village and the surrounding area.

Please be sure to read this article and be involved in the decisions which will affect the provision of leisure facilities in Aston Abbotts

On Dec 1st the long awaited feasibility document will have been presented to the Parish Council to seek their endorsement of the plan.

This document, available on the Aston Abbotts web site - www.aachronicle.co.uk -, confirms the feasibility of the project for 14 specific reasons, listed below.

There will be an open meeting to be held mid to end of January for every villager to attend and to make their views known, and, at the same time to set up the management structure of the project. We will also go into greater detail about the specification, timing and location of the project.

As background, you all probably know that the current Church Room was built for a rural population in 1896 and no longer offers the facilities required by a modern urban population. Consequently the Church room is used in the main only by 3 major groups, who are mostly over 55 years old. There are no plans to close the Church room.

The 14 reasons that make the Aston Abbotts Village Centre project viable are:

- An ideal proposed site, owned by the village, on the Recreation Ground
- A strong indicated underlying need.
- Proven village fund raising ability
- All Fund raising agencies that have been approached have welcomed and supported the building of a new Village Centre
- The Planning authorities have indicated that they would support this proposal
- There appears to be a strong consensus with Parishioners to move the village leisure facilities forward into the 21st century
- This project would benefit the village for years to come
- This project would benefit and include a greater number of the villagers than the current facility and would be large enough (120 to 130 people) to house over 1/3rd of the residents instead of under 1/6th at present
- It would reverse the trends of village amenities disappearing
- It would maximize the sociability of the village for all and give a focal point.
- It would bring added value to the village for residents and newcomers, as growth is inevitable, ultimately reflected in property values.
- It would encourage more residents to get involved and organise their own activities.

- It would bring a sporting facility to the village and attract young people to use the facilities in an orderly manner.
- The ability to add in extra facilities, such as a day doctor's surgery.
- However, and critically, it does depend on the 'Village will' and that it is important why your voice should be heard.

The scheme outlined is based on a main hall the size of a Badminton Court, which would have a demountable stage at one end and a mezzanine platform at the other end for lighting and sound control. Associated with that would be reception and toilet facilities. Outside there would be a regulation number of car parking spaces and access to those would be strictly controlled to use of the Centre.

We have been using the Quinton project as our model for discussion purposes, and, although larger than our requirements we have reproduced the floor layout and the elevations [see the next page ~ Ed]. The precise detail of our own scheme will be a matter for the management teams and the architect.

As part of the ongoing process a note will be dropped through every door in December confirming the date and the time of the open meeting and at the same time updating progress on the project.

To gain grants we need to show to the funding agencies that

- The Village Centre is a viable project
- That the project is well planned and well thought out
- That our group is capable of managing it successfully.
- There is financial sustainability of the project on an on-going basis

From the practical point of this we would need to :

- ❖ Set up a series of management teams
 - To guide the process
 - To action the programme both from a funding and building point of view.
 - To act on the advice given by the agencies.

Make no mistakes that this is a major project for a village this size and would need serious contributions from many people in the village. But we have done remarkable things before..... remember Astonbury, for one example .

Be there in January and make sure your voice is heard.

~ Neil Chesher

Read the full Aston Abbotts Village Centre Feasibility Study at :
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Full details of the Open Meeting to discuss this project in the January Chronicle

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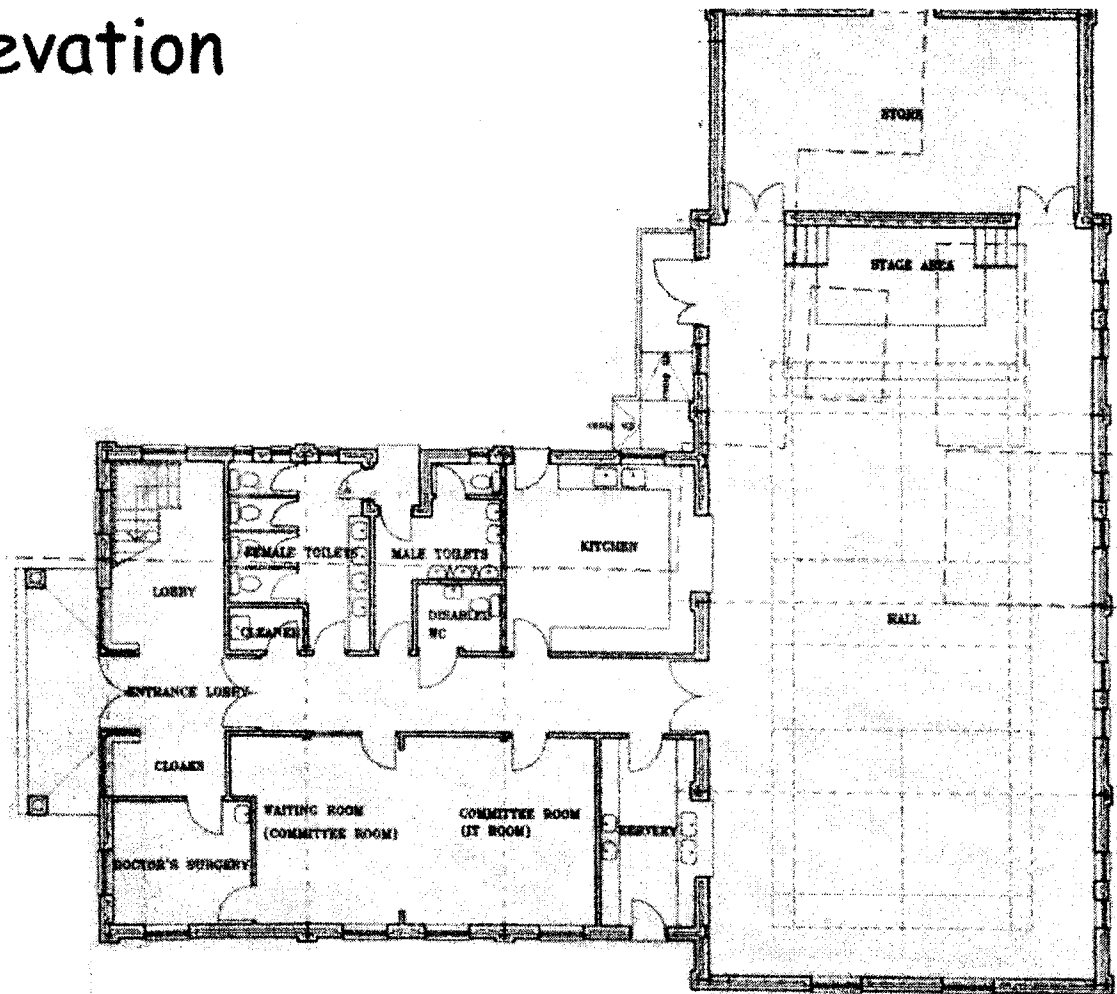
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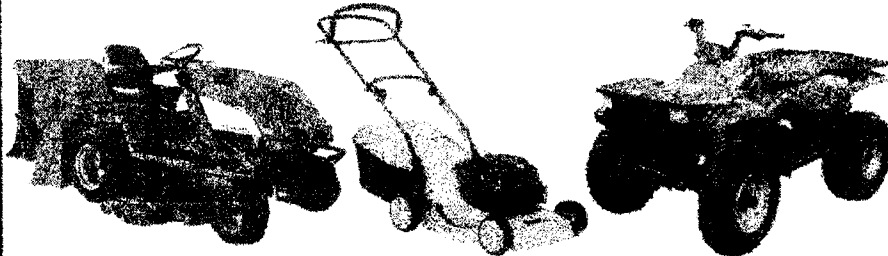
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The open village meeting will be in

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 20th October 2004

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), P. Shorrocks, R. Clarke, J. Farrands, M. Kent and d. Dicken. One member of the public attended. Apologies were received from Tom Manning and Kate Curry. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and there were no matters arising.

County Council, District Council & Police Matters

No one was present from any of the above organisations.

Proposed Diversion Of Footpath No. 1

The acting clerk read out the points of objection that had been raised by parishioners to the proposal, and the council decided unanimously that a letter of objection in response to the above proposal should be sent, making a number of these points.

Highways

It was decided not to ask Highways for the S.I.D. device again. The councillors considered whether to add another street lamp in Wingrave Road. The acting clerk pointed out that there were no funds in the budget for such a purpose, and that a street light would cost in excess of £1,000. Councillor Higgs reported that he and Councillor Clarke had recently attended a meeting at Bucks CC, at which it was indicated that County Council funds might be made available for such a purpose. It was suggested that if so, we might well ask also for an extra light in Moat Lane, and for a pavement to be installed in Moat Lane. Councillor Clarke would provide the relevant documentation from the meeting, and it was resolved to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

The repairs to the bus shelter were discussed. Two councillors agreed to purchase a piece of wood and do the repair themselves.

Speed Limit Review - the proposed changes to the local speed limits were discussed. The acting clerk advised that a letter had already been written asking for the 30 mph limit to be extended so as to include Moat Lane. It was resolved that a letter should be written to the Highways Authority, advocating a 50 mph limit on stretches of the A418, and a 40 mph limit on it in Rowsham. It was also resolved to ask for a 50 mph limit on the Aston Abbotts/Weedon road.

Recreation Ground

There was a report from the newly formed Committee who are investigating replacing the children's play equipment. Grants may be available, and application forms are being obtained. We may need to increase the precept. Councillor Shorrocks mentioned that the celebrations which were being arranged by the Czech Embassy to celebrate the 50th anniversary of President Benes' return to Czechoslovakia to become president would probably result in funds being made available for village charities, and this might well include new equipment for the play area.

Safety check - children's play area. The checks have been completed.

Maintenance of skateboard ramp - discuss quotations for resurfacing the ramp. A quotation had been received for £317.25 (incl. VAT) plus £80 labour for a new plywood ramp.

Councillor Farrands said that she had received an estimate of around £500 for a galvanised steel surface, but the suppliers advised against its use, because it would be too slippery, especially in wet weather.

Graffiti - possible solutions to the problem of graffiti in the children's play area were discussed. The acting clerk read out the letter which had been received from a parishioner. It was resolved to invite the person in question to attend the next Council meeting so that she could explain more about the "graffiti art" in which her brother specialised. The Council could then decide whether we would wish to take her up on her offer to get him to visit the village to talk to the children about it. Councillor Clarke offered to paint/stain the ramp in order to efface the graffiti.

November 5th - the annual Bonfire Night party. This will go ahead provided the safety regulations imposed by our insurance company can be adhered to.

Date Of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1st December at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

A little girl and a little boy were at day care one day. The girl approaches the boy and says, "Hey Tommy, wanna play house?"

He says, "Sure! What do you want me to do?"

The girl replies, "I want you to communicate your feelings."

"Communicate my feelings?" said a bewildered Tommy. "I have no idea what that means."

The little girl smirks and says, "Perfect. You can be the husband."

On their way home after celebrating their 25th anniversary, the wife thanks her husband for a wonderful evening.

"Oh, it's not over yet," says he.

Once in the house, he gives her a little black velvet box. She opens it in anticipation and finds two little white pills,

"What in the world are these?"

"Aspirin," he replies.

"But I don't have a headache," says she.

"GOTCHA!"

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The Story of the Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter

Aston Abbotts, was the wartime exile capital of Czechoslovakia during the war. Today there is little reminder of those times except a plaque on a bus shelter on the A418 on the Aylesbury Road between Wingrave and Aston Abbotts.

Dr Edvard Beneš became President of Czechoslovakia in 1935. When Germany took over the territories of Bohemia and Moravia which formed what is now the Czech Republic, Beneš fled into exile and moved to Putney, London where he had a nephew, Bohus Benes. From July 1939 he lived at 26 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney, London SW15. This house bears a Greater London Council blue plaque which says: "Dr. Edvard Benes 1884-1948 President of Czechoslovakia lived here". However he only lived there a short time because in 1940, Putney was blitzed and President Beneš was encouraged to move to a safer location away from German bombing.

President Benes took up residence at "The Abbey" in Aston Abbotts which was rented from the Major Harold Morton. The house had been arranged through Anthony de Rothschild of Ascott House, Wing who was a friend of the Mortons through the Whaddon Chase Hunt, and a good friend of Jan Masaryk who had been the Czechoslovak Ambassador in London since 1925.

The location of Aston Abbotts was ideal because it was near the Secret Operations Executive (SOE) at Woburn, Bedfordshire and near to Winston Churchill at Chequers, but still safe from German bombing. President Benes used to maintain contact with the Czech resistance and plan clandestine operations into Bohemia and Moravia using Czech and Slovak parachutists. The most famous act was the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich the German governor of Bohemia and Moravia. This resulted in reprisals such as the razing of the

village of Lidice.

Benes's secret operations were kept separate from his Government in exile which were based in London and at Wingrave. "The Manor" at Wingrave, former home of the Countess of Essex, was used as offices by close associates of President Benes. At Wingrave lived Jan Masaryk, Benes's Foreign Minister who made a weekly broadcast on the BBC in Czech every Wednesday. Also at Wingrave lived Jaromir Smutny who was Benes's Chancellor, and Professor Patzak his Director for Education.

Before he became President Benes had been a university professor in Paris and Prague and he had a great interest in education. Sometimes he used to visit Aston Abbotts School and at Christmas 1942 he gave them a globe as a present. After leaving primary school, children from Wingrave and Aston Abbotts would travel to Aylesbury Grammar School by bus from the crossroads on the Aylesbury Road, A418, midway between Aston Abbotts and Wingrave. Dr Beneš and his Cabinet Ministers often passed them getting wet in the rain as they travelled between Aston Abbotts and Wingrave.

In September 1943 Dr Beneš gave Wingrave Parish Council £150 towards building a bus shelter. A ceremony was held on Saturday 15th April 1944 when the bus shelter was formally handed over by Jaromir Smutný, Beneš's Chancellor. The ceremony was attended by notable people from Aston Abbotts and Wingrave.

After the war a plaque was placed on the bus shelter. It reads: "This bus shelter was donated by President Benes of Czechoslovakia to thank the people of Aston Abbotts and Wingrave whilst he and his cabinet were in exile here during World War II"

~ Neil Rees

Pearls of Wisdom

Here are ten essential bits of advice, to help you get through your daily lives

1. Never give yourself a haircut when drinking.
2. You need only two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.
3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
4. When you make a mistake, make amends immediately - it's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.
5. The best advice that your mother ever gave you was, "Go! You might meet somebody!"
6. If they say you are too good for him/her, believe them.
7. Learn to pick your battles; ask yourself, "Will this matter one year from now? One month? One week? One day?"
8. Never pass up an opportunity to pee.
9. Living well really is the best revenge. Being miserable because of a bad or former relationship may mean the other person was right about you.
10. You can't demand something as a "right" unless you are willing to fight to death to defend everyone else's right to the same thing.

Whats On Around

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Pantomime

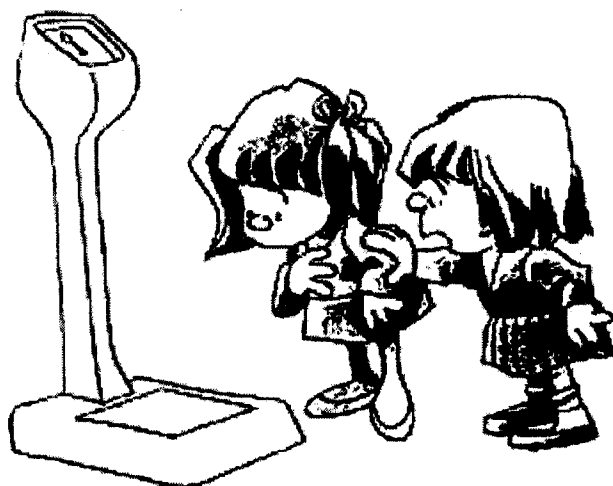
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4th Nov. 2004

19 members were present at today's AGM in The Church room. Our Chairman, Joan Alexander, welcomed members and the previous years AGM minutes were duly read and signed. The Chairman, Treasurer and Social Secretary gave their reports and the Committee was then thanked by the Chairman.

Following the election of Officers, Mrs Joan Alexander was returned as Chairman, April Curnow elected Treasurer, June Brine Programme Secretary, Shirley Ford Minutes Secretary and Social Secretaries remain as before. Jan Johnson will be outing arranger. The Committee were voted back *en bloc*.

We finished the afternoon with a written quiz and the winner was Irene Lowden. The raffle prize was given by Daphne Bissell and won by Jan Johnson who had provided the biscuits.

18th Nov. 2004

16 members were present at today's meeting in The Church room. Our Chairman, opened the meeting and apologies were given for 4 members. Members discussed our next meeting, Christmas floral arrangements and our Carol Service which will be held in Aston Abbotts on Dec. 16th

Our speaker today was Mr Ron Keating, a guide to Waddesdon Manor. He gave a talk and slide show about the Rothschild's family detailing their lives, their place in history and several amusing anecdotes. All in all, it was a very interesting afternoon and he was thanked by Robin Anson.

Tea and cakes were served by Daphne Rogers and June Brine. Daphne donated the raffle prize which was won by Irene Lowden.

~ Shirley Ford

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Clergy Comment

A few weeks ago, on our way home from an Autumn Break, we visited a Garden Centre. They were in the middle of changing their displays for the "Festive Season", but it did strike me as being a bit early to be starting the "Festival of Consumerism".

That may sound cynical – until I tell you that one of the things on display was a large red sack. My guess is that it was supposed to be a "Christmas Stocking". It was probably twice the size of the pillowcases that we used to use for our children's Christmas presents. Apart from the predictable green Christmas Tree that was stitched on as decoration, there was another panel which read "I may not be needy, but I am greedy". I am not sure that they are the precise words – but they were very close.

As a society we have moved away from thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves and concentrate on what "I want". I never really got on with "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, but it did strike me that the world hasn't changed that much since the Victorian era. Social conditions may have changed, but the rich and the poor are still there. Whilst in Dickens times people identified themselves with the downtrodden poor like Bob Cratchitt, now we have become much more like Ebenezer Scrooge. We have made Christmas into "humbug".

But, even if we wind the clock back many more centuries, we find that people have always been busy trying to get things that please them, that will amuse them, that will make them happy. Yet the real message of Christmas is about a presence that changes all our preconceptions. Jesus is the "must-have" of Christmas. We see him revealed as a tiny helpless baby, born in the poverty of the stable of an inn in Bethlehem.

Outwardly appearing as one who, like all human babies, needs our love and our constant care; the reality is that he is the one who is the source of love. Our love for him is a response to his love for us. In a very insecure world, the power of his love is something for which we should be greedy – because the world

is in need of that love.

The love that shines brightly from that humble manger can transform the lives of people far more effectively than anything else that we may try to give this Christmas. It is a generous love – for the Christian Gospel is about sacrificial giving. There are times when the Church seems to be constantly appealing for money. There are times when, as human beings, we feel that we must have more of this world's goods.

The message of Christmas should help us change from being tight-fisted to open-handed: from being more concerned with what we can give to life than what we can get out of it.

~ Bob Willmott



Peter Knights Countryside Quiz Answers

Here are the answers to the Quiz on Page 11

14. Screech
15. Ground
16. Pink
17. Pairs
18. Drey
19. Bite
20. Lay eggs
21. Lapwing or plover
22. Bat
23. Cob and pen
24. A grass
25. Fungus
26. A beetle
27. Kestrel
28. By Wind
29. Daddy long legs
30. Mud and clay

1. Set
 2. Yes
 3. Vixen
 4. Green, lesser, greater, and middle spotted
 5. Aphids
 6. Scandinavia
 7. Linseed
 8. At sea in the Sargasso Sea
 9. Falcon
 10. Fish
 11. Blackhorn
 12. Butterfly
 13. Eight
- Family Quiz**
14. Africa
 15. A bird

1. Earth
 2. White
 3. Leveret
 4. Barn, tawny, little
 5. Perch, stickleback, minnow, pike, etc
 6. Friesian
 7. Muntjac, Chinese water, roe, fallow
 8. Conker
 9. Any number - cabbage white, Peacock, etc
 10. Two
 11. Yellow
 12. In a pond
 13. Red with black spots
- Junior Quiz**

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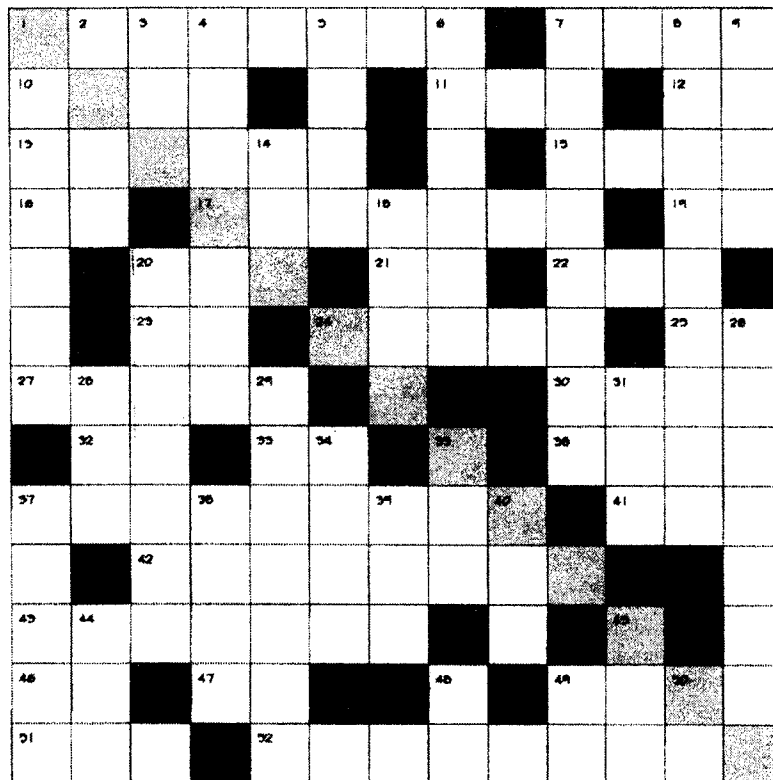
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The Chronicle Crossword

December 2004



I'm pleased to welcome John Hardcastle to the Chronicle team as our new crossword compiler. Here is his first contribution. ~ Ed

ACROSS

- 1 EXTINCT REPTILE (8)
- 7 WORD USED AS A NAME (4)
- 10 A CROSS OR CRUCIFIX (4)
- 11 ORGAN OF SIGHT (3)
- 12 A DENIAL (2)
- 13 PUBLIC SCHOOL (6)
- 15 QUESTION OF IDENTITY (4)
- 16 YOU & ME (2)
- 17 TO MAKE BLESSED (7)
- 19 COMPASS POINTS (1,1)
- 20 FASTEN (3)
- 21 NOT OUT (2)
- 22 THE BITTER VETCH (3)
- 23 IN PROGRESS (2)
- 24 DOMESTICATED GUANACO (5)
- 25 ALOFT (2)
- 27 BODY (5)
- 30 NOT BUILT IN A DAY (4)
- 32 ON HIGH (2)
- 33 SMALL COMPANY (2)
- 36 ENGLAND MANAGER (4)
- 37 TO BURN A BODY (9)
- 41 TOTAL (3)
- 42 MOCKING (8)
- 43 AFFORD HOPES (7)
- 46 EGYPTIAN SUN GOD (2)
- 47 BACKWARD NEGATIVE (2)
- 49 GERMAN HOUSEWIFE (4)
- 51 FROZEN WATER (3)
- 52 COLLECTION OF TREES (9)

DOWN

- 1 NO RAIN (7)
- 2 DEBTS INITIALT (4)
- 3 FRENCH NEGATIVE (3)
- 4 STRANGE PLACE TO FIND WINES (7)
- 5 PIECE OF GROUND (4)
- 6 THE QUEEN (6)
- 7 2005 WILL BE THE NEXT OF THEM (3,5)
- 8 NOT CERTAIN (9)
- 9 MEMO (4)
- 14 SHELTER (3)
- 18 CASH MACHINE (4)
- 20 UNDERWATER WEAPON (7)
- 26 SWINGER (8)
- 28 BELONGING TO US (3)
- 29 MUSICAL TOY (7)
- 31 EGGS (3)
- 34 LIFT MANUFACTURER (4)
- 35 TELEVISION ROOM (3)
- 37 ITALIAN ISLAND (5)
- 38 BRIEF NOTE (4)
- 39 SORT OF CARP (3)
- 40 POINTS OF THE COMPASS (1,1,1)
- 44 BREAKDOWN EXPERTS (1,1,1)
- 45 MENOPAUSAL REMEDY (1,1,1)
- 48 ACHIEVE (2)
- 49 ... F.I.F.O.F.U.M (2)
- 50 GOLD (2)

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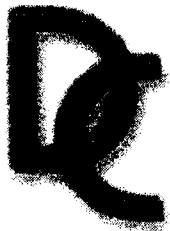
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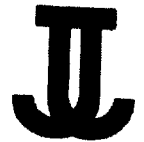
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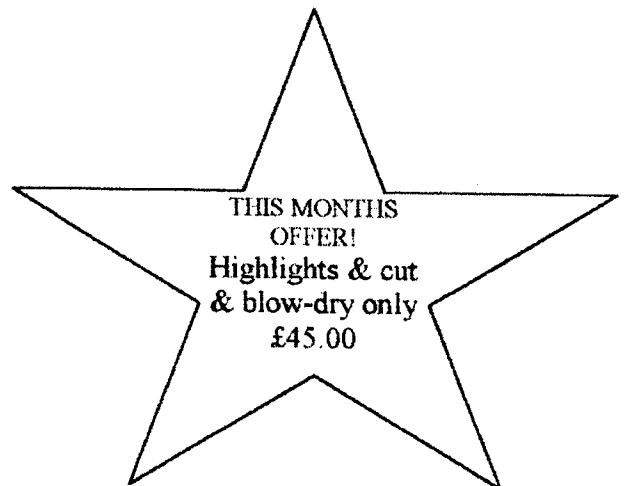


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Church Services

5 th Dec	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion (extension)
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	10.00	Family Service & Christingle
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
12 th	Wingrave	08.00	Holy Communion
	Cublington	08.45	Parish Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	People's Praise
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wing	16.00	Christingle
	Wingrave	18.00	Christingle
19 th	Wing	08.00	Holy Communion
	Wing	10.00	Parish Communion
	Wingrave	10.00	Parish Communion
	Cublington	15.00	Carols & Readings
	Aston Abbots	15.00	Carols & Christingle
	Wing	18.00	Carols
	Wingrave	18.00	Carols
24 th	Wing	17.00	Blessing the Crib
	Wingrave	18.30	Blessing the Crib
	Wing	23.00	Midnight Eucharist
	Wingrave	23.00	Midnight Eucharist
25 th	Cublington	08.45	Christmas Communion
	Wing	10.00	Christmas Communion
	Wingrave	Service at Methodist Church 10.00	
	Aston Abbots	10.00	Family Service & Communion
26 th	Wingrave	10.00	Four Parish Communion
2 nd Jan	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.

Sunday Readings

5 th Dec	Advent 2	Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 3.1-12
12 th	Advent 3	Isaiah 35. 1-10; Matthew 11.2-11
19 th	Advent 4	Isaiah 7.10-16; Matthew 1.18-25
26 th	Christmas 1	Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23
2 nd Jan	Christmas 2	Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.10-18

From The Registers

Baptism

31st Oct Isobel O'Connell at Wingrave

Church Sidesmen

5 th	Mrs. S. Ford
12 th	Mr. C. Higgs
19 th	Mr. G. Kemp
25 th	Mrs. S. Ford and Mr. C. Higgs

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

Church Flowers

4 th /11 th	No flowers Advent
18 th /25 th /1/1/05	Christmas flowers as detailed.



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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

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- Saturday 4th** Christmas shopping trip to Northampton. Depart Bull and Butcher 09.30 am. Book with Colin on 681343
- also* Friends of Whitchurch Surgery Coffee morning and Christmas draw. Quaker Barn 12 noon
- also* Wingrave School PTA Xmas Fair. 2-4 pm in the school hall.
- Wednesday 8th** Open meeting to discuss arrangements for VE day celebrations Church Room 8.00 pm. Everybody is welcome
- Thursday 9th** Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sunday 12th** Aylesbury Farmers Market
- also* Rambling club members meet at Stone 2 pm
- Tuesday 14th** Floral class. Church Room 7 pm
- Thursday 16th** Christmas Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm. In aid of Whitby Lifeboat
- Sunday 19th** **Christingle service with Carols.** St. James Church. 3 pm
- Thursday 23rd** Xmas Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 25th** Christmas Day. Family communion. St. James Church. 10 am
- Monday 27th** Village footpath walk departs The Green 2 pm
- Friday 31st** New Years Eve
- Sunday 2nd Jan** Rambling Club members meet at Rowsham 2 pm
- Thurs 6th Jan** Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm

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Thursday 13th Saturday 15th Jan
Thursday 20th Friday 21st Jan

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New Years Day
Monday 3rd Jan

Xmas GNOMES

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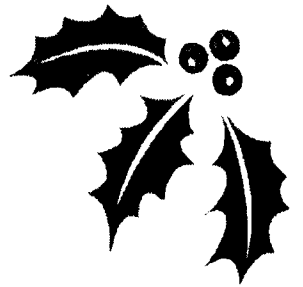
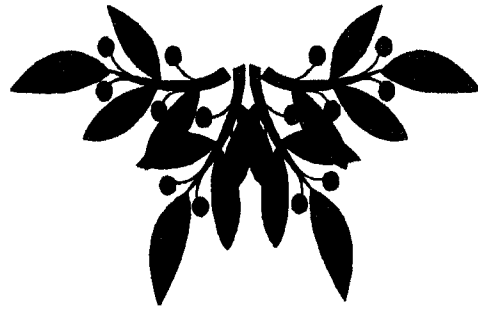
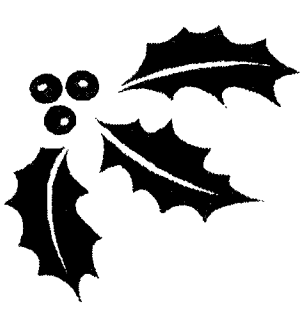
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