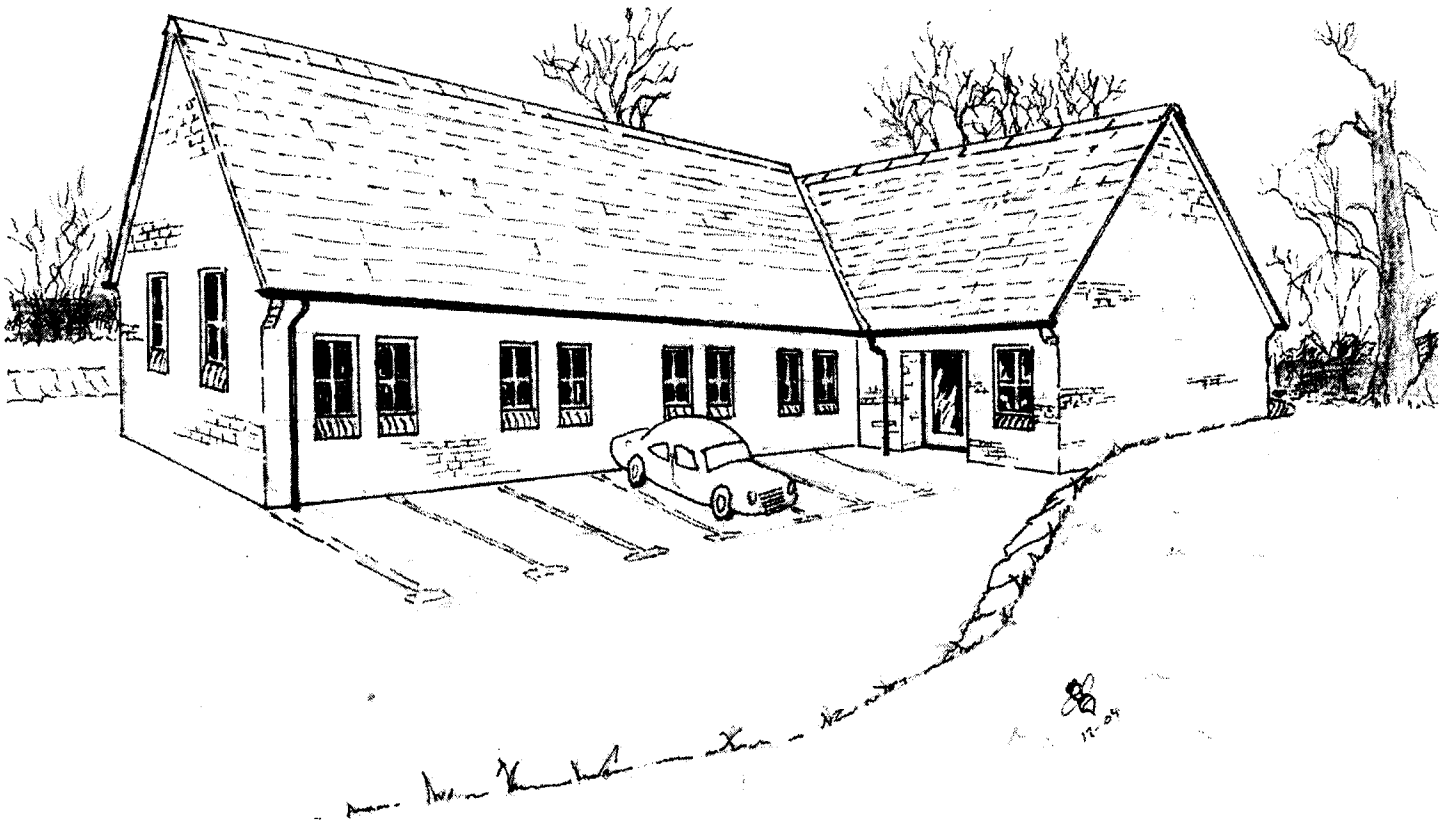


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# Editorial

## The New Village Centre

A letter on page 9 shows that not everyone is convinced of the case for building a new Village Centre. Fair enough. The proposal would cost around one third of a million pounds and it is only right to voice any doubts and to have regular sanity checks on the project.

The Parish Council have endorsed the proposal in principle and the first real opportunity to discuss these proposals as a village is on Wednesday January 19th at a public meeting in the Church room. If you are interested to find out more about what is being proposed, or if you have something to say either for or against, then please do try and come along. Details are on page 15.

## Happy 2005

Now 2005 is upon us and I would like to wish all of you the very best of health and happiness during the coming year.

I would like to send particular best wishes and greetings to everybody who helps me each month with this Parish magazine. First, and foremost Andy Bystra, who not only contributes articles and drawings every month, but also organises the printing and distribution. Claire Gresswell, for looking after our advertisers. John Whyte, for taking care of the finances. Colin Higgs, for the What's On column and other contributions. Don Bellingham, for many years of entertaining crosswords—and John Hardcastle, for stepping in to Don's shoes as our regular crossword compiler. Alison Lewis, for our monthly dose of gossip. Peter Knight, for his hugely enjoyable Countryside Diary. Bob Wilmot, for his clergy comment and compiling the Church service details. Shirley Ford, for Ladies Club reports.

Also many, many thanks to all of the people who contribute articles on an occasional basis. They are always gratefully received.

## Tsunami Disaster

To all of us sitting here in the safety of our comfortable homes it is impossible to imagine the suffering of those millions of people around the Indian Ocean whose homes, livelihoods and loved ones have been torn away from them by the worst natural disaster in living memory. It will take years for those countries to recover, and many more people could die before the tragedy has finished unfolding.

A raffle instigated by Clare Shorrocks raised hundreds of pounds at the New year's Eve party (see page 3). I have taken the liberty of printing some contact details for donations on our What's On page. A few pounds may seem like nothing to you, but it can make the difference between life and death for so many people who now have absolutely nothing.

Please do make a donation if you feel able to do so.



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Many, many thanks to **Clare Shorrock, April Curnow, Rita Robinson** and the other gnomes who made food and organised this year's New Year's Eve party. Also thanks to **Dave Lewis** for setting up the lights and doing the disco—and to **Margaret Hinds** who cleared up much of the mess whilst most of us were still snoring in our beds on New Years day morning. It was nice to see so many friends—new and old.

**LOST:** Clare Shorrock lost a **Navy Fleece with Red Lining** at the Village Show. If anybody has found it, please call Clare on 681260.

Many thanks and best wishes to **Doris Scutchings**, who is now stepping down from organising the Church Room bookings. [see page 7 ~ Ed]

Apparently it has now been officially documented that in the western world if a man lusts after his wife's body it is considered he is perverted.  
~ King B.

There's a new Grandpa in the village but, because he is so shy and retiring, he wants to remain anonymous. Shame that I'm a fully paid up member of "The Witches Coven" **Neil** !  
Congratulations on Grandson James Anthony.

**Brigitte** would like to say Thank You for all the good wishes she received on her Birthday.  
**Juan & Brigitte** hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and may 2005 bring all that you wish for.

### THANKS

I would like to give a big thank you to all the Good neighbours and friends who have been so helpful and kind, both while I was in hospital and since I have been out. Also many thanks for the lovely get well cards I received.  
K Waite

The Royal British Legion **Poppy Appeal 2004**  
The collections in Aston Abbotts amounted to £530.57.  
The area total was £1909.59.  
Many thanks to those who gave and to those who collected for this worthy cause.  
~ A Rawlings P.A.O.

**Francesca Bean** would like to thank all of the ladies who helped in the preparation of food for the village show 2004.

We would like to welcome David to the village and we are sorry that his first few days in the village were marred by his car being nicked at 5 am on New Years Day.

An embroidered cushion, handmade especially by Clare Shorrock, raised £385 for the **Tsunami Disaster appeal** when it was raffled at the Aston Abbotts New year's Eve Party.

Winner of the raffle was Richard Clarke, who has donated the cushion to be auctioned in aid of the appeal at his next gun club meeting.

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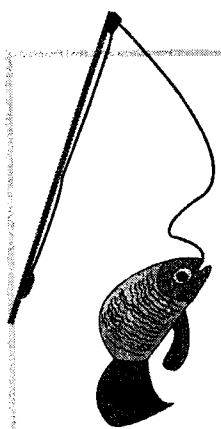
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# In The Village

## Village Show

I am sure there will be other, more detailed writings about the Show put on in December. However, I should personally like to say how very nice it was to see a return to a more traditional Aston Abbots Christmas Show. Not only were all the acts extremely well performed but there also seems to have been a better mix of sketches and musical acts than of late. I do hope this return to a more family 'user friendly' show continues.

All those involved are to be congratulated on what was in my opinion a very 'professionally' produced and enjoyable evening. The only pity is that there was just the one performance resulting in only a limited audience being able to enjoy it. Clearly a huge amount of effort went into this event, which, had it been put on for several nights would have involved more villagers and their families and had the potential to raise serious cash for our much needed new Village Hall.



*Unfortunately tickets were over-subscribed by 2½ times, leading to many people being disappointed ~ Ed*

## VE Day plans

Peter Miller, the Czech defense attaché, and David Frous, the Czech press secretary, were amongst the 35 people who met in the Church room on December 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a celebration and remembrance of the second world war Czech presence in Aston Abbots, during next year's VE Day celebrations. Neil Rees from Ley Hill, writer of our recent Czech articles, also attended.

A three-day celebration was proposed and it was suggested that one day could be a VIP day, possibly with representatives from the Czech Republic and also veterans of the war attending. Other possibilities for the three days that were discussed included an exhibition, a football match between the Czech and Slovak embassies and Aston Abbots, a memorial service, twinning with a Czech town, Czech dancing, bell ringing, folk groups, Czech films, a wartime dinner and dance, and a fly past.

The meeting discussed the possibility of obtaining grants to fund these activities. A committee was elected to plan the events, co-opting representatives from the various social groups in Aston Abbots, from the parish council, and from Wingrave. The next meeting for the group will be on the 12th January when they will progress the grant application and start to draw up an agenda for the weekend.

The proposed date for the celebrations is the May Bank Holiday weekend, as this falls just before VE Day.

*~ Phil Spooner*

## Children's Play Area

Many people have been concerned over the potential loss of the equipment in the children's play area on the Rec, due to it no longer meeting modern safety standards.

There is good news. The Parish Council has come up with a plan to tackle this problem and you can read about it in Kate Curry's Parish Council report on page 19.

*~ Phil Spooner*

## 630 Meeting Friday 3rd Dec.

As the 630 Club is now entering its 12th year and membership continues to grow steadily, it was decided to hold a brief meeting to review our aims and agree a programme of forthcoming events.

We concluded our aims should remain to:-

- a. Providing a warm welcome to those newcomers to the village wishing to become involved in its activities.
- b. With the minimum of formality, to enjoy ourselves at 6.30 pm. Saturday 'gatherings' in the pub and organise events held for the benefit of members and their families.

It was also agreed that there would be no ceiling on membership numbers.

The annual 'sub' will increase to £20.00 per year. This remains payable on the 1st Jan. and anyone not 'paid-up' by the 1st of Feb. will be excluded for the following year. Cash raised by subs will be used for items such as deposits for transport, hiring halls, 'decorations' for parties/discos, flowers for ailing partners etc. There will be a review of cash held at the end of the year.

To give a focus to member's views and suggestions concerning the Club it was decided to nominate Pete Elwood as Club Chairman. Bob Bean has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Andy Bystra as Secretary

Calendar of events for 2005.

- a. St George's Night Dinner
- b. A visit to Tring Brewery with lunch
- c. A summer picnic with sports followed by an evening event
- d. An autumn evening at the 'dogs' with dinner

Other events to be investigated;

- a. Tour of Westminster
- b. Visit to the Tower of London
- c. Gliding at Dunstable
- d. Go carting

It was also agreed that members should be available to generally assist with the Czechoslovakian's visit to AA. next year to mark VE Day



## Aston Egg-otts?

A planning consultant acting on behalf of Kinsale agriculture, who specialise in organic egg production, will make a presentation to the parish council outlining a proposal to build an egg production unit with 60,000 hens housed in three units next to Freemason's Wood, at Norduck.

It should be stressed that this is not a planning application at present - it is a proposal. Anybody wishing to know more about how this might affect the village should attend the parish council meeting at 8 o'clock on January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Church room, when the presentation will be made by the eggspert [sorry, sorry - I just couldn't help it].

*~ Phil Spooner*



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## Christingle And All That!

Attendances at church throughout the year (at least on the few occasions I have been there) seems to have been rather sparse with congregations of around five or six. I'm sure there must have been occasions when the Bell Ringers have out numbered the congregation.

During the past month or so however, numbers seem to have progressively increased; probably reaching the dizzy heights of eleven or twelve. Whether the onset of winter means there are fewer 'outdoor' temptations, or because the times of Services have changed from 11.00 to 10.00, or maybe because people are finding the increasing number of Lay led and even 'do-it-yourself' Services more appealing I don't know.

Spirited bell ringing no doubt contributed to this year's Christingle Service held on the 19th of December being seasonally well attended, and it was nice to see the Church quite full. The giving of heavily symbolic Christingles, with their lighted candles, was a nice reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. No ordinary Service this though. We were welcomed in with some very lively, seasonal music, courtesy of the Rowsham Band (or is it so large now we should call it an orchestra!) in which our Vicar, Bob, plays a 'mean' trombone. No surprises with obscure carols either; they were all well known, and, aided and abetted by the band, sung with considerable gusto. The band just couldn't help making sure we all left in the best of spirits by 'playing us out' to the accompaniment of a couple of jazz numbers. Great! - Thanks!

The 10.00 Service on Christmas Day was again heralded with the efforts of our Bell Ringers. Once again there was a sizeable congregation and well known carols the 'order of the day' The result was a real 'feel good' factor and a tremendous way to start Christmas Day.



## 27th Nov. Towcaster

As a somewhat impartial observer, I have to say I find horse racing a 'funny old business'. For many years, Tony Hinds and chums have given their undivided patronage to attending the Hennesey Gold Cup meeting each November. Two years ago they kindly invited me along; the 'carrot' as it were being a pretty decent fried breakfast in a pub, just before going onto the course. Washed down with a Guinness or two, it proved to be an undeniably great way to start the day, but a day which progressively went down hill.

Newbury racecourse in November is probably the coldest, dampest and draughtiest place in the UK. Add to these miserable conditions the apparent need to give frequent donation to loud and animated bookies and it isn't long before you start wishing you were elsewhere!

Following the 2003 meeting at Newbury, these feelings must have permeated through to all 'the chums', resulting this year, in Tony (not getting any younger himself) changing the venue to Towcaster and going decidedly up-market by taking one of their brand new hospitality suites.

Dank conditions on the course were replaced by a large, pleasant room on the second floor of the stand (almost opposite the winning post). It was carpeted, warm and even had its own balcony outside should you be masochistic enough to want to leave its embrace. Three tables were beautifully laid for what was clearly going to be 'posh nosh'. Facilities included screens to watch racing on other courses, or, in Tim's case rugby when no one else was looking! Perhaps the nicest 'facility' of all was a lovely young lady who dedicated her entire afternoon to ensuring we had whatever we wanted to drink as well as serving a three course lunch followed by a pretty decent afternoon tea.

Of course, it was still obligatory to make frequent donation to the bookies but this could be done without going outside, and in any event, under such luxurious circumstances was 'almost' a pleasure.

Tony! Many congratulations on organising such a great day out.



## Aston Abbots Church Room

We have fought for many years to keep the Booking System for the Church Room as simple as possible. Aston Abbots has always been a friendly Village, and there have only occasionally been times when it would have been useful for us to have had something down in writing. From 1st January 2005 we are introducing a new Booking System for the Church Room.

We have given serious thought to our Conditions of Hire and the acceptance of these will form the basis of our agreement with those who use the Church Room. This again has been something that we have been reluctant to put down on paper - and, even though many in the Village may not believe it, we hoped that the task of writing it down would fall to the group who were proposing to Lease the Church Room from us.

We are most grateful to Doris Scutchings for acting as Booking Secretary for the Church Room for very many years, but she has decided that the time has now come for her to stop being the person who deals with these Bookings - even though we have tried to keep the new system fairly simple.

In future Colin Higgs will be the person to contact for Bookings. For each "occasional" booking he will provide a copy of the Terms and Conditions (which will also be displayed in the Church Room) and a Booking Form. This Booking Form must be completed and returned for parties and all occasional functions.

A £50 returnable Deposit (to ensure that the Church Room is left clean and tidy at the end of the Hire Period) and all Hiring Charges will be required before the Key will be released to the Hirer. The return of the Deposit at the end of the Hiring period will depend on the prompt return of the Key.

The revised Hiring Charges for 2005 will be:

**For Villagers:** £5 per hour (plus metered electricity) and £50 Booking Deposit (Returnable)

**For Non-Villagers:** £10 per hour (plus electricity) and £50 Booking Deposit (Returnable)

The rates for Regular Users (e.g. Ladies Club) remain unchanged.

~ Bob Willmott

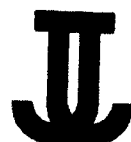


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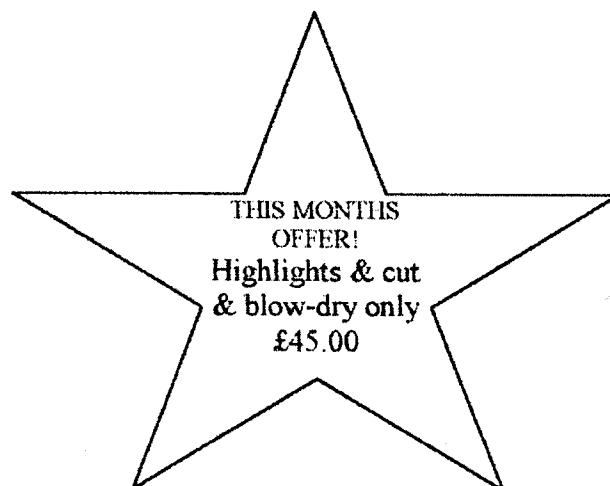


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## Letters To The Editor

### Cruel Yule

We returned home on the Sunday evening before Christmas, to find that the fairy lights I'd put up in our tree in the front garden, had been mysteriously, yet clearly unceremoniously, ripped from the branches. The remnants lay on the grass, I discovered the next morning.

I was upset by this . . . not least because I'd had to balance on the brick pillar to get the things up there . . . but more seriously, not half as upset as our daughter Olivia, for whom Christmas, at the age of 6, is a magical time of friendliness and kindness. Apparently not this year. Fortunately, she is used to Dad's DIY being, shall we say, less than perfect. A handy excuse for a thoughtless act.

Of course detective work is pointless these days.

I'd simply like to imagine it was a drunken act of someone passing through the village, caught between childhood and adulthood, as we all are for a time. If it was another child, from here or elsewhere, it's a real shame. I feel more sorry for their parents - clearly any money spent on presents this year, will be wasted on a child who has this little respect for property, Christmas and other people's feelings.

Reactionary, over-sensitive claptrap from the Home Counties ? . . . maybe . . . but that's something that you can decide based on your own values. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best,

*Simon Gresswell*

### Aylesbury Careers Springboard

Hi,

I am getting in touch to let you know about the opening of a new project in Aylesbury called Aylesbury Careers Springboard. It is a free of charge, self-help group for redundant or unemployed managers, professionals and technical staff who are looking to get back to work. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm starting on 12 January 2005 at St Mary's Church, St Mary's Square, Aylesbury. There will be a programme delivered by speakers from the volunteer Careers Springboard group in Gerrards Cross, who have been running this very successful programme for ten years, covering CVs, networking, interim management, job search techniques, self - presentation, starting your own business etc. Volunteers from the Aylesbury area will be running the activities from the Spring.

Any manager/professional who is looking for work, and needing help or company in their job search is very welcome to join the group.

Further details can be found on the Careers Springboard web site [www.careersspringboard.info](http://www.careersspringboard.info) or email [isabella@know-howworks.co.uk](mailto:isabella@know-howworks.co.uk) or telephone 01753 870664

I hope it will be possible for you to publicise this group using your magazine or any other medium !

Regards, *Isabella*

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### Aston Abbotts' Answer to the Millennium Dome?

*Burston Cottage Cublington Road*

Dear Phil,

I hate being the only one with a negative view on the subject, but, at the risk of ruffling a few feathers, I cannot allow Neil Chesher's two-page spread in the December Chronicle to go unchallenged.

Neil's article is rather long on generalities, but short on specifics. He gives a number of reasons why the new village centre could be built - suitable site, planning permission probable, Aston Abbotts folk good at raising money, etc. - but rather fewer on why it should be built.

Specifically, before supporting this project, I would like Neil, or Colin, or someone else 'in the know' to provide answers to the following questions:

- a) How many times was the Village Hall hired out in 2004 (or 2003, if this year's figures have not yet been tallied)?
- b) Who hired it?
- c) How much revenue was generated from hiring it out?
- d) Taking costs into account, how much profit was made?
- e) What are the likely building costs of a new Village Hall?
- f) What are the anticipated annual revenues from the new Village Hall?
- g) Who would use it that doesn't already use the existing hall? It simply isn't adequate to say: 'the new hall will be bigger, so more people would use it'. Where's the evidence?

Without reasonable answers to this list of questions, I fear that general enthusiasm could lead to us finishing up with a rather large white elephant in our midst.

Kind regards,

*Mike Wenble*

*Fair questions Mike, although I think that a purpose-built facility could have many more uses than are currently possible in the Church Room. This is why the open Village Meeting in The Church Room on the 19th January is so important. This will be a forum where questions such as these can be asked. It is strongly hoped that both supporters and doubters of the proposed development will attend. Detail on page 15 ~ Ed*

## VE Day 2005

A number of English speaking Czechoslovakians will be visiting to help us celebrate the 60th Anniversary of V.E. Day and we need to find them some accommodation. One or two people have volunteered rooms and we would like to make a list of possible "billets" so that we can be as hospitable as possible. Please, if you feel you could help, contact April on 681459 to discuss.

# HOT NEWS

## from Cornwall!



We have bought a pub in North Cornwall – the Ring o’ Bells in St Issey!! (It’s on the main road between Padstow and Wadebridge.) It’s a seventeenth century country pub with a lively community atmosphere to it (much like our own in Aston Abbots!), and a busy 50 seat restaurant serving up delicious home-cooked food, including fresh fish specials created by our chef Peter Quentin Francis. We have a roaring log fire and cosy leather sofas to relax in.

We also have four B&B rooms in the pub, three doubles and a twin, all ensuite. So, for a weekend getaway or longer if you prefer to have someone do all the cooking for you, why not spend some leisure time with us in Cornwall. There are regular flights from Stansted to Newquay and we can collect you from the airport, if you require.

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# Letter From The Algarve

*Ola, como esta*

CASA BRANCA



We are sorry that this news letter has taken so long but wheels grind very slowly here and at the time of writing (eight weeks in residence) we are still awaiting a phone line and internet connection, but when it eventually gets here it will be broadband...

Firstly we would like to thank you all for your best wishes, cards, and the hospitality we were given in our final weeks in Aston Abbots - you were all very kind and we miss you already.

Thinking back on our last few months in A.A. we thought we would never get here, the problems of a normal domestic move are bad enough but to up sticks and move a complete home overseas is full of hidden problems,

Some of you will remember the size of the lorry that collected our contents and car, well we only filled one third of it, two more homes were loaded after us...during the loading of our car, it almost fell off the back of the lorry....literally....and on arrival in Portugal we found out that it had sustained some slight damage underneath....so we arrived at our new home with no transport and two cats in a very large box... We thought that moving our cats abroad would be the difficult part of the journey but this turned out not to be the case, all the paperwork we had to have to leave the U.K. was never looked at by the authorities either in England or Portugal, they went through

check in with us and on arrival at Faro they were handed to us by a baggage handler and we put the cat box on a luggage trolley and walked unchecked through customs. For those interested they have settled in very well after a few early upsets, Willy got sick and spent 3 days as an in-patient at the Vets (very cheap here!), so not to be out done Harry went AWOL for 24 hours...he came back dirty but with no ill effects.

When we moved in on 18th August the house and garden were nearly finished well we can report that 8 weeks on it is still "nearly finished", but happily there are fewer workmen (and workwomen), gardeners,

electricians, plumbers, painters and pool men with each passing day to disturb our peace and tranquility. We now understand the meaning of the phrase "Well you are living in Portugal now!!" Amanha, Amanha...

For those of you who have not been to this beautiful corner of the Algarve, it has wonderful scenery, a leisurely pace of life, very drinkable wines and of course the odd basket of sardines thrown in for good measure... Oh! and we nearly forgot fabulous weather..... We love it.....

We hope you all have a Very Merry (alcoholically speaking) Christmas and a Prosperous (financially speaking) New Year.... Hope to see you all when we visit in 2005....

*~ Love from John & Anne Brancker.*

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# Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

12th December

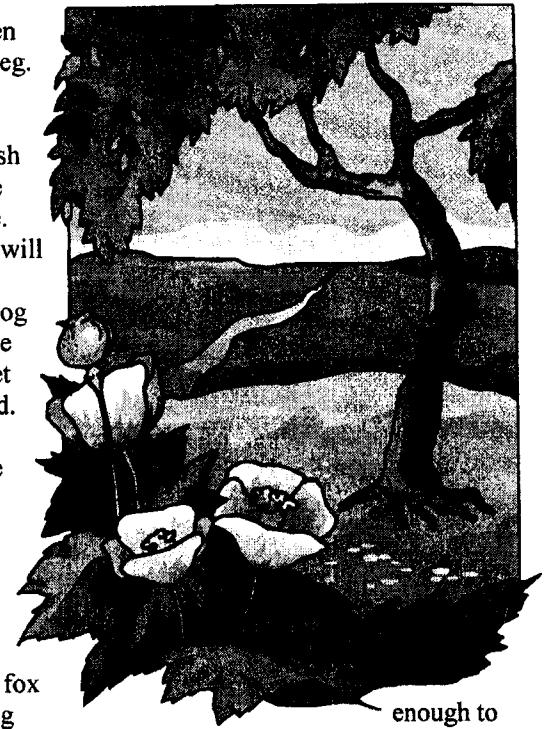
So far we have seen nothing of the hard winter that some "bright spark" forecast. In fact, so far this winter is showing signs of being the mildest for however many years. We have had caterpillars still feeding on our brassicas on December 1st - this must be a record and one we could do without. Another oddity is that a crown of asparagus has sent up four good edible shoots. Picking asparagus in December - now there's a record.

We have the good fortune to be able to graze some meadows at Hulcott. The sheep have to be out of the fields by 1st December but up till then I have the pleasure of shepherding at Hulcott. This autumn the brook has only flooded once, but what a proliferation of wildlife those floods brought. Although only a small area there were mallards, swans and gulls on the water, and a great flock of lapwings round the margins. Rooks and crows were also foraging at the water's edge. Not a huge variety of bird life, but hundreds in number. Fifteen years ago we used to farm Scott's Grove Farm, Thame, as part of the estate and this flooded regularly over many acres to a depth of two feet. Moles were rampant in those meadows - the fields could be flooded for a fortnight and then as soon as the water went down up came fresh molehills. I find it difficult to believe that the moles kept their burrows watertight, but I have to conclude that they must have done so. Flooding never seemed to cut their numbers, they survived somehow and got to work as soon as the water went down.

I hadn't seen so many deer this year as last, that is until this week. On one morning four grazing on emerging beans and two surprisingly big ones lying out in a field of winter barley. The four, though 1/4 mile away were disquieted to see me and moved away. The two, rather more sandy in colour and larger than most water deer, seemed unperturbed and didn't even stand up although I was only 200 yards away. There is no doubt they are getting used to people in some places. Alex was driving through Bedgrove at 10 pm one night and there in front of the car stood a deer in the middle of the main road. I see the Bucks Herald had a photo of a Wallaby! Whatever next - the elusive Puma?

Something savage is out there. One of our sheep at Hulcott had

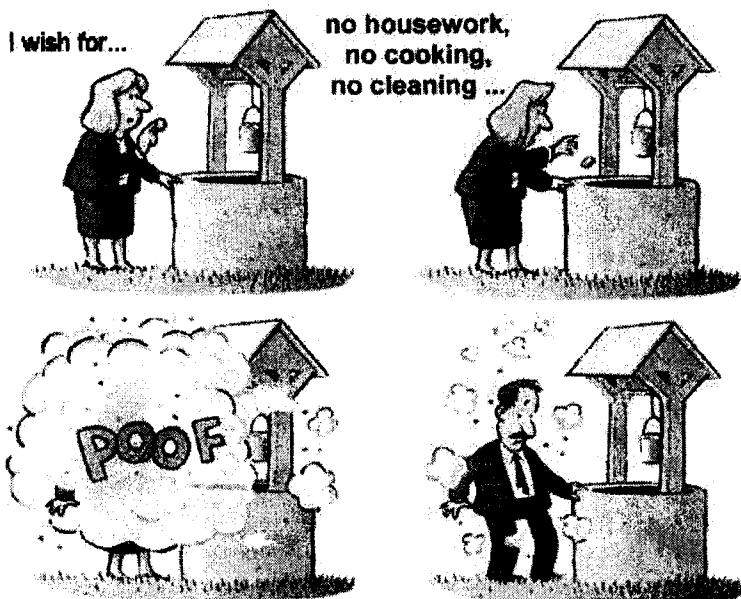
a large bite taken out of its back leg. No, not teeth marks, a big mouthful of flesh missing and the sheep still alive. Although dogs will do this I don't think it was a dog as the rest of the flock were quiet and undisturbed. I can only assume that the old ewe was asleep (a rarity in itself) and a badger came up and helped himself. I can't believe a fox would be strong enough to remove the one pound of flesh.



A fox has caused us trouble in a rather different way. My dog and I came upon a dreadful sight - a young fox suffering from mange - sarcoptic mange to be exact - a dreadful highly contagious condition which was passed on to my dog. To cap it all the product I used to treat my dogs with for mange has now been withdrawn from the market. We have to make do with a product that is less effective in the name of environmental safety.

How many more suffering infected foxes will there be when hunting is stopped?

*Peter Knight*



(Received via email—source unknown)

## Pub Challenge

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He looked at the ceiling.

He looked at the T-bones

He looked at the beer taps

Finally he said, "After thinking about it, I don't think I should risk it"

"Why is that?" asked the bartender.

The man replied, "The steaks are too high."

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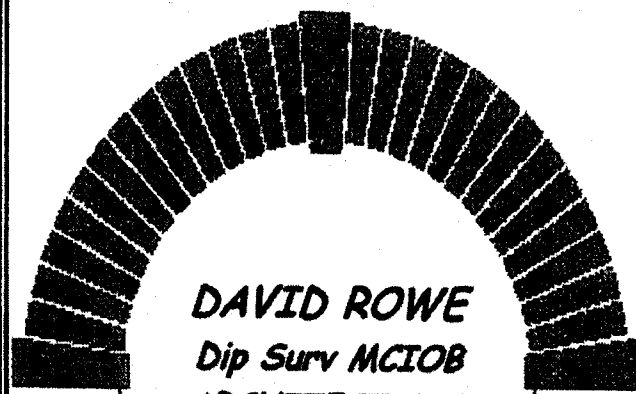
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# The New Aston Abbotts Village Centre

## **Village Open Meeting**

The Parish Council has endorsed the plan to build a new **Village Centre** for Aston Abbotts.

An extract from the plan was published in the December's Chronicle and the full plan is on line at [www.aachronicle.co.uk/news](http://www.aachronicle.co.uk/news)

There will be a Village Open meeting at  
**8.00 pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
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Please come along, be involved, see the drawings and have your say in the project.

We will take the opportunity to introduce everyone to the plan. You are invited to bring suggestions as to the content, the range of activities and how to finance the new Centre.

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## Peter Knight's Christmas

Since the editor seemed to like my last bit of nostalgic writing I thought it worth having another seasonal attempt. Most months I expect to get a "rejection slip" - it's bound to come sometime.

Nevertheless, here is a memory of Christmas past...

Christmas Day was no different from any other day in that it began 6 am in the cowshed, but we had to get there...

Uncle would wake me at 5.45. I would dress quickly searching for my clothes which had been carefully placed under the top blanket of the bed the night before. Here they kept slightly warm, but at least dry. There was no heater in the upstairs of the farmhouse and in the winter everything seemed cold and damp. Once dressed, clatter down the bare stairs and for brief minutes warm-up in front of the comforting Rayburn stove. Brace myself, and then into the scullery for the Wellingtons which, though indoors, would be hard and cold. Then outside - stumble across the yard, dash through the barn to the cowshed door. Here, no matter what the weather, rain sleet or snow, the world changed.

To step inside the cowshed and close the two halves of the door behind you, speak to the cows and switch on the light, it really seems another, and to me, lovely world. First of all the warmth, the comforting warmth of 20 contented cows. I now know that each cow gave out the same heat as a one bar electric fire, but then, suffice it to say that compared to my bedroom it was heaven. Then it was the smell - not the acid smell of silage and dung as today, but the sweet lovely smell of hay, rolled oats and the homely smell of the cows themselves. Then sounds gradually came to the ear, a cow coughs gently, the clink of her neck chain as she moved her head to look at me - the sound of

chewing and hooves on the concrete as a cow gets up. Maisy, the greedy one, may well low, wanting her rolled oats and beans.

Uncle has assembled the milking buckets and switched on the vacuum pump. I have shovelled more oats and beans into the barrow and we are ready to go. Always start with the same cow, talk to her as a friend, press your head into her warm flank and hear her stomach working on yesterday's food.

The routine gets underway - 20 cows to milk. I can manage on my own. Uncle goes to feed pigs and prepare the churns and cooler in the dairy. I'm alone with my friends - they were far more than animals - we had known every one since birth. We knew their individual habits, their likes and dislikes, their pecking order within the herd. We supplied food and housing and they provided milk and thereby a comfortable living by the standards of the 1950s. It was a pleasure to milk your own cows.

Auntie's voice breaks my quiet world of gentle sounds - "I've brought a tray of tea. Happy Christmas". Tea in the cowshed - a full tray with Pot's, mugs and sugar (milk we had) - there on the windowsill against the Stockholm tar and the Curry Combs. Fresh steaming tea - I fill a mug, having squirted milk from Maisy's front quarter. Two spoons of sugar. Could life get any better than this - in the cowshed, Christmas morning on a Leicestershire farm?

God was, most surely, in his English heaven.... so was I.

*Pete Knight*

## Kids On Marriage

A number of American kids aged 8-10 were asked about marriage. Here are some of their answers.

### How do you decide whom to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. ~ Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. ~ Kirsten, age 10

### What is the right age to get married?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. ~ Camille, age 10

### How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. ~ Derrick, age 8

### What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. ~ Lori, age 8

### What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. ~ Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. ~ Martin, age 10

### When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. ~ Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. ~ Curt, age 9

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. ~ Howard, age 8

### What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. ~ Craig, age 9



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# Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 1st December 2004

## Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), P. Shorrocks, J. Farrands, M. Kent, D. Dicken, T. Manning and Mrs. K. Curry. Twelve members of the public attended. Apologies were received from Richard Clarke and Peter Cooper.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

## Clerk's Report

Nash's Farm - transfer of land from Banner Homes to AVDC. This transfer is now almost complete; when it is, the Parish Council will be in a position to ask AVDC to transfer the land to the village.

## County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No one was present from any of the above organisations. It was decided to remove the yellow warning sign from The Green as it has become dilapidated and is an eyesore.

## Avdc Touring Arts Programme

It was agreed to apply for the Music in Quiet Places and Perfect Village Sunday from the touring arts programme for 2005.

## CPRE Letter Re Aylesbury As A Growth Area

Resolved to write to the Government to challenge their decision to ignore the findings of the independent panel set up to conduct a public examination of the above strategy. The letter will be in line with the recommendations of CPRE.

## Consider Quotation For New Parish Council Noticeboard

Resolved to approve the inclusion of £300 in the budget for 2005-6 for a new Parish Council noticeboard.

## Draft Proposal For New Village Centre

Neil Cheshier and Simon Gresswell gave a short presentation on the proposed project, outlining the research they have undertaken so far. It was emphasised that this would be an important project for the village, but that there would need to be a village 'will' to make it work. The ideal site for a new build would be on the Recreation Ground, and use of this site would have the support of AVDC Planning Department. They said that a new hall would be of tremendous benefit to the village and a very attractive facility to have, possibly incorporating not only sports and recreational facilities, but also other benefits such as a doctor's day surgery. The site would also have the minimum 'nuisance factor', being situated on the far side of the Recreation Ground.

The report was well received by members of the Parish Council, though the matter of a restrictive covenant on the use of the Recreation Ground was raised. It was agreed that it was necessary to have a public meeting for residents of the village to air their views, and this is planned to take place on January 19th 2005.

Resolved to endorse the project and accept it as an official Village Plan.

## Recreation Ground

Report from Recreation Ground Committee - Jackie Farrands reported that a newly formed committee has been looking at

replacing the equipment in the children's play area. The total cost would be in the region of £25,000, and a business plan has been devised. This would involve the PC taking out a loan of £10,000, repayable over 5 years at a cost of approximately £2300 per year. The precept would have to be raised to accommodate these repayments. AVDC are prepared to match that £10,000, leaving £5000 to be raised by local fundraising and other grants.

The committee believes it already has the support of many village residents for this project, and would like to involve local children in the decisions about what style of equipment to purchase.

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to approve the taking out of a £10,000 loan over 5 years, raising the precept to fund it.

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

Graffiti - discuss possible solutions to the problem of graffiti in the children's play area. (N.B. This item to be deferred to January 2005).

## Draft Budget For 2005-6

To discuss the draft Budget for 2005-6 - the draft budget prepared by the Clerk was discussed at length, and it was agreed in principle to set a precept for 2005-6 of £8500. This will be ratified at the next meeting.

## Planning

- 04/02971/APP Aston Abbotts Church Room. Single storey side extension - renewal of 99/01346/APP. Resolved to support this application on the grounds that it will preserve a village amenity

## Highways

To consider whether to add another street lamp in Moat Lane and one in Wingrave Road - Resolved to continue with the bid to obtain grant funding for the above, provided no input is required from Parish Council funds.

To consider whether to request that a footpath be put between Wingrave Road and Wingrave Crossroads. Resolved not to pursue this proposal.

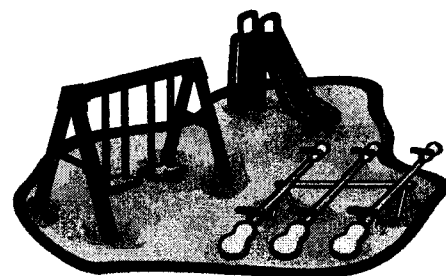
To consider whether to request that a footpath be put between The Green and Lines Hill (along Moat Lane). Resolved not to pursue this proposal.

## Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next Meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th January 2005 at 8 pm in the Church Room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

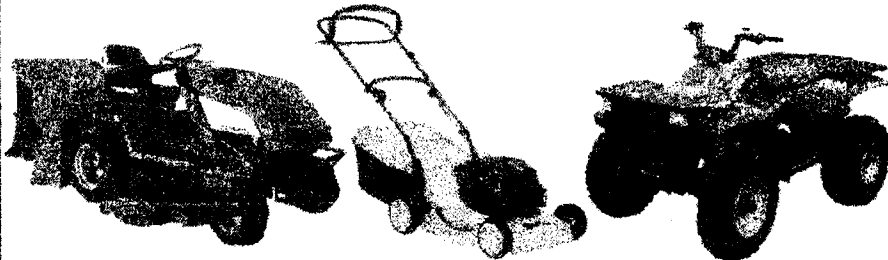
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## Miss Aston Abbotts 2004

I was just *so* excited when I heard that there was to be a Miss Aston Abbotts 2004 competition! When the day arrived I could hardly put on my lippy for my trembling hands. I rushed down to the Church Room in a flutter of extreme excitement and anticipation, but nothing had prepared me for the surprise shock of the evening—Miss Aston Abbotts 1979 had returned in attempt to recapture past glories and regain her crown! *Oh WOW!*

The contest was showcased in a *wonderful* evening of glittering star-studded entertainment, *superbly* compered by that *lovely* Simon Gresswell. There was comedy, and there was music. Oh, what music! Musical director Neil Cheshier put together a *wonderful* musical programme, including the vocal talents of Simon “Mac” Gresswell, Hayley “Love” Wilkinson, and Bridget “Crazy” Brandon. And at the beginning of the second half Nigel and Ant Palmer gave us one hell of a *fugue* [*but opening the windows soon cleared it ~ Ed*].

Of course, the main event was the Miss Aston Abbotts contest itself, presided over by the event promoter, *Mr Smoothie* himself—Jonny Delfont-Whyte. I was all of a tremble as Jonny introduced the three contestants. First, Miss Aston Abbotts 1979 - as glamorous as ever - she received a rapturous reception from the packed audience.

The second contestant - a ten-months pregnant Miss Butcher’s Block from Quainton - then strode slowly to the stage as some of the men shuffled uneasily and looked at the floor. I couldn’t help but notice that Miss Butcher’s Block was not walking at all well and I tackled her about it during a little girly chat later in evening. She said it was because the skirt she was wearing was so short that the draught gave her chapped thighs. Well I told her that us girls often have a little chap between the thighs, but that’s no excuse for bad deportment - know what I mean?

The third and final contestant, Miss East Berlin, marched upon the stage amidst hissing and boos from the crowd. Cracking a riding crop against her manly thighs she glowered at the audience. A lone dissenter, a protester, stood and shouted to be heard. He denounced the contest, and denounced the contestants as ‘dogs’. We girls were appalled. “You are all ugly,” he shouted at the contestants. Then he rounded on promoter Jonny Delfont-Whyte, “and you - *you* are the ugliest of the lot,” - an assertion which drew a ripple of sympathetic applause from the crowd. Miss East Berlin grabbed the microphone. Her lip curled, almost hiding her small black moustache, as she snarled, “Vot eez your name?”. “Don’t tell him, Dave,” yelled Neil Cheshier.

With the protestor ejected it was left to Jonny Delfont-Whyte to extract useful beauty tips from Miss Aston Abbotts (“marry someone younger”), Miss Butcher’s Block (“just say yes”), and Miss East Berlin (“shave your chest at least twice a week”). Then Neil “over-saxed” Cheshier whipped out his clapometer



Miss East Berlin: “*Ich denke, daß Jonny Delfont-Whyte sehr reizvoll ist—er hat reizende haarige Beine. Er ist die Kugeln des Hundes*”

and we shrieked and screamed Miss Aston Abbotts 1979 to a well-deserved victory.

It was a wonderful evening of glamour, excitement, and fame, but as we left the question on everybody’s lips was “would Miss Aston Abbotts return to defend her title in 2029”?

~ Virginia Bittava-Pickle (Miss)

*Our thanks to Neil Cheshier, John Whyte, Nigel Palmer and Simon Gresswell, who all worked so hard to put on this year’s show. Thanks also to all of the performers, to Francesca Bean for organising the food, to Dave Lewis for the electrics, to those who helped set-up and take down, and to Peter Knight for transport.*

*If there is another Miss Aston Abbotts context next year perhaps Ginny would like to enter and give us the low-down on what really goes on behind the scenes! ~ Ed.*


  
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## A Short Break At The Ring O' Bells In Cornwall

When Andy and Sally told us they were taking over a pub near Padstow we told them we would love to visit them. We know Padstow and the surrounding area so well having had many holidays there with our children over the years. Our surname, Curnow, being the Celtic name for Cornwall maybe has something to do with our love of the place.

I don't expect that Andy and Sally thought for a minute that anyone would visit so soon but in November we had just three days together when it was convenient for us and for them. What a warm welcome awaited us. In the cosy lounge with friendly local people around the bar at 4.30pm on a Tuesday we heard how the pub had been run down with few customers in recent times. However Andy and Sally are determined to build the place up to be a real community pub with darts and pool teams. We certainly saw evidence of this over the few days that we were there. The pub was busy at lunchtimes but literally jumping in the evenings and, even after the chef had gone home, Andy and Sally leapt into the kitchen to cook a few more meals to keep the punters happy.

On our first evening we had a super meal with Andy, Sally and Janet and Mick (Sally's Mum and Dad) and heard all about their plans for the pub. They had all been working flat out for a couple of weeks but everything was now "coming together". The customers were all full of praise for the changes made and we heard nothing but lovely compliments from so many people, not least about the food.

Pete the chef has put together a fantastic menu which is so

extensive that I haven't got room here to describe it. There are the usual basics for the less adventurous but with mussels, duck with red onion and thyme sauce, lamb shank, scallops in a half shell with garlic, monkfish skewered on lemon grass and many other delicious sounding and looking dishes we'd have had to stay for a month to have tried them all. The home made Cornish crab soup was to die for.

Sunday roasts for £4.95, Curry nights (chef's night off so Sally cooks), Two lunches for £5 from a selected menu and two evening meals for £10 on weekdays means the restaurant is pretty full most of the time.

We can vouch for the fact that Andy and Sally are giving fantastic value for money and are working incredibly hard to give the local people a warm, friendly place to meet and relax. Andy had been on a licensee's course prior to our visit and went to court to collect his licence whilst we were there so he is now a fully fledged landlord.

They have a few bedrooms and provide B & B. We were given a lovely, spacious double room and after a "few" relaxing drinks we slept very well indeed.

There are so many people in the village here who are planning to visit Andy and Sally and I would suggest you get your booking in fast. St Issy itself is only a small village but people are now coming in from Padstow and Wadebridge to visit the Ring O' Bells which we can assure you is a very nice place to be.

~ Geoff and April Curnow

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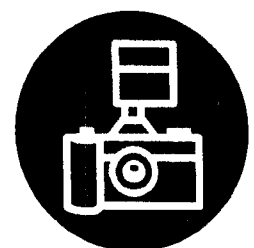
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# The Czechoslovaks at Aston Abbots

## Beneš in Putney

Dr Edvard Beneš became President of Czechoslovakia in 1935. Following the Munich Agreement of 29 September 1938, Beneš resigned and moved to Putney, London where he had a nephew. His house was at 26 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney, London SW15. A Greater London Council blue plaque on the house says: "Dr. Edvard Benes 1884-1948 President of Czechoslovakia lived here". But he only remained there until November 1940 when he moved to Aston Abbots, because Putney was no longer safe due to the Blitz.

## Moving to Buckinghamshire

R.H. Bruce Lockhart, British Representative to the Czechoslovak government in exile, who based at Woburn, wanted to find Beneš a place that was near the Secret Operations Executive (SOE) and the Political Warfare Executive (PWE) at Woburn, Bedfordshire, which were connected to Bletchley Park. New locations were arranged through Anthony de Rothschild of Ascott House, Wing who was a friend of both Bruce Lockhart and Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Ambassador in London. The Rothschilds contacted friends of theirs in the Whaddon Chase Hunt.

## Safe-houses in Bucks

Three houses were leased in the Aylesbury Vale for use as safe-houses by the Czechoslovaks.

"The Abbey" at Aston Abbots was rented from the Captain Harold Morton, Master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt and a Major in the Home Guard. President Beneš lived there with his family and household. "The Old Manor House" at Wingrave was leased from the Countess of Essex as a safe-house for the families of President Beneš's Cabinet of the Government-in-Exile; and "Addington House" at Addington near Winslow was leased as a safe-house for families of the Czechoslovak Military Intelligence. Czechoslovak officials travelled to Aston Abbots for meetings with President Beneš or to their offices in London each day returning to the safety of Wingrave or Addington each evening. In the air of secrecy that was part of the war, these locations were little known outside the Czechoslovak authorities and the villages they were in. On the Czechoslovak newsreel Aston Abbots was referred to as "the President's Country Seat".

## Bodyguards

Beneš always had a personal bodyguard who accompanied him on his trips. One of the bodyguards Vladimir Pavezka, wrote in his memoirs: "I was given the job of accompanying Beneš when he carried out various official duties. I met a number of notables at the time including several heads of state when they visited Aston Abbots and one occasion, Winston Churchill himself." Mary Pavezka, Vladimir's widow, visited Aston Abbots in June 2004 and met Colin Higgs, Victor Scott and Bernard Osborn, and she was delighted to see the village where her husband used to work.

## Presidential Guards

During the war there were over 5,000 Czechoslovak troops stationed around England in the Czechoslovak Brigade. First they were based in the grounds of Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire, moving to the Leamington Spa area in October 1940. President Beneš had a small guard at his house in Putney and these moved with him to Aston Abbots. At first the presidential guards lived in tents near Norduck Drive. Later in

early 1941 three Nissen huts and a canteen hut were built by Italian prisoners of war. Two of the Nissen huts remain in the grounds of 2 Abbey Cottages. The guards were known as the "Czechoslovak Special Defence Platoon". From 1940 they came on a three-week rota from Leamington Spa with each unit of the Czechoslovak Brigade taking it in turns to send a platoon, arriving by truck. In summer 1942 the Czechoslovak Army left Leamington Spa and moved to Yeovil, Somerset and then the presidential guard went permanent. The soldiers guarded the three roads into Aston Abbots and challenged approaching strangers.

## Aston Abbots School Globe

President Beneš sometimes used to visit the school in Aston Abbots. On 24th December 1942 Dr and Mrs Beneš sent a large globe to the school headmistress, Mrs Brock, as a Christmas gift to the school. After the war a label was put on the globe that reads: "This globe was presented to this School on the 24th December 1942, by Dr. Benes, late President of Czechoslovakia. He resided at The Abbey during the 1939-45 war." Since 9 November 1987 the globe has been kept in the Bucks County Museum collection at Aylesbury.

## Crossroads Bus Shelter

After leaving primary school, children from Wingrave and Aston Abbots would travel to Aylesbury Grammar School by bus from the Crossroads on the Aylesbury Road, A418, midway between Aston Abbots and Wingrave. Dr Beneš often passed them getting wet in the rain. In September 1943 Dr Beneš gave Wingrave Parish Council £150 towards the shelter, for the use of the people of Aston Abbots and Wingrave. A ceremony was held on Saturday 15th April 1944 when the bus shelter was formally handed over by Jaromir Smutný, Beneš's Chancellor to the stewardship of the Parish of Wingrave. The ceremony was attended by notable people from Aston Abbots and Wingrave. In 1992 a plaque was placed on the bus shelter which reads: "This bus shelter was donated by President Benes of Czechoslovakia to thank the people of Aston Abbots and Wingrave whilst he and his cabinet were in exile here during World War II"

## Aston Abbots School Fund

When he left the village, Edvard Beneš left the Aston Abbots School Managers £100 for the benefit of the school. The money known locally as "the Beneš Fund" paid for, amongst other things, a school climbing frame, erected in the grounds of the school after the war. On Friday 18th July 1975 when Aston Abbots School closed the climbing frame was moved to the village recreation ground, where it remains today.

## Lockhart's tribute

In 1944 as part of a 60th birthday tribute to President Beneš, organised by Jan Opočenský, R.H. Bruce Lockhart wrote:

"I still see the President almost weekly. I still find the atmosphere of Aston Abbots stimulating and the house itself one of the most pleasant to spend a night.. In this little English village the small Czech community that surrounds the President are greatly liked and respected, ... the villagers regard the Czechs as their special war proteges. Here the Czechs will leave behind them a reputation for cleanliness, fair dealing and scrupulous regard for English law and order. One day I feel

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## The Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

**2nd Dec. 2004**

The Ladies Club met in the Church Room where 18 members were present. An apology of absence was received from Kim White. We began with the minutes of our last meeting being read by Shirley Ford and signed by Joan Alexander. There followed a general discussion concerning our Carol Service, due to be held at St James Church Aston Abbotts on Dec. 16th, starting at 2.30pm. Four members were chosen to read lessons and it was agreed that this Service should be followed by tea in the Church Room.

Chairman Joan Alexander read a letter from a charity called Sight Savers in which they described their work around the world. Our members decided to donate £27.00 to their cause.

Looking forward to next year, it was agreed that on Jan. 6th 2005 we would entertain ourselves with members giving talks of two minute on any subject.

Joan then introduced Mrs Pat Treenkfield who showed us how to make five beautiful Christmas arrangements. During this demonstration she told us about Christmas's in hospital while she was nursing. She was afterwards thanked by Jane.

A special raffle was held resulting in five lucky members going home with 'Christmas arrangements'.

Whilst tea and biscuits were being served by Avril Bradley Davis and Audrey Stephenson, a collection was made for The Chiltern Air Ambulance.

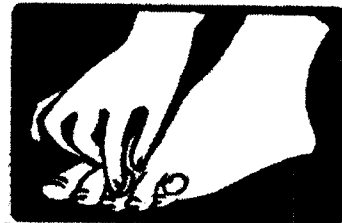
**16th Dec. 2004**

Today, the Ladies Club held their annual Carol Service in St James Church Aston Abbotts where 28 members and friends were present. Rev. Siv Tunnicliffe took the Service and the four readings were given by April Curnow, June Brine, Carol Maurice and Shirley Ford. Evelyn Griffiths accompanied the carols by playing her electric organ.

After the Service we all went into the Church Room where Aston Abbotts members had laid tables with Christmas decorations and a delicious buffet tea.

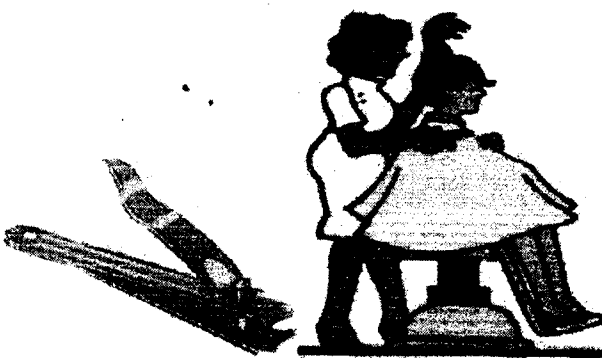
The Chairman welcomed everyone and we then helped ourselves to tea during which everyone received a present. A pot plant was presented to Evelyn for playing for us. The collection, which will go to a charity raised £29.50.

~ Shirley Ford



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### Day One

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**Lunch:** Four blades of grass and one lizard tail. Throw it back up on the cleanest carpet in your house.

**Dinner:** Catch a moth and play with it until it is almost dead. Eat one wing. Leave the rest to die.

**Bedtime snack:** Steal one green bean from your spouse's or partner's plate. Bat it around the floor until it goes under the refrigerator. Steal one small piece of chicken and eat half of it. Leave the other half on the sofa. Throw out the remaining gourmet cat food from the can you opened this morning.

### Day Two

**Breakfast:** Picking up the remaining chicken bite from the sofa. Knock it onto the carpet and bat it under the television set. Chew on the corner of the newspaper as your spouse/partner tries to read it.

**Lunch:** Break into the fresh French bread that you bought as your part of the dinner party on Saturday. Lick the top of it all over. Take one bite out of the middle of the loaf.

**Afternoon snack:** Catch a large beetle and bring it into the house. Play toss and catch with it until it is mushy and half dead. Allow it to escape under the bed.

**Dinner:** Open a fresh can of dark-colored gourmet cat food -- tuna or beef works well. Eat it voraciously. Walk from your kitchen to the edge of the living room rug. Promptly throw up on the rug. Step into it as you leave. Track footprints across the entire room.



### Day Three

**Breakfast:** Drink part of the milk from your spouse's or partner's cereal bowl when no one is looking. Splatter part of it on the closest polished aluminum appliance you can find.

**Lunch:** Catch a small bird and bring it into the house. Play with it on top of your down-filled comforter. Make sure the bird is seriously injured but not dead before you abandon it for someone else to have to deal with.

**Dinner:** Beg and cry until you are given some ice cream or milk in a bowl of your own. Take three licks/laps, and then turn the bowl over on the floor.

### Final Day

**Breakfast:** Eat 6 bugs, any type, being sure to leave a collection of legs, wings, and antennae on the bathroom floor. Drink lots of water. Throw the bugs and all the water up on your spouse's or partner's pillow.

**Lunch:** Remove the chicken skin from last night's chicken-to-go leftovers your spouse or partner placed in the trash can. Drag the skin across the floor several times. Chew on it in a corner and then abandon.

**Dinner:** Open another can of expensive gourmet cat food. Select a flavor that is especially runny, like Chicken and Giblets in Gravy. Lick off all the gravy and leave the actual meat to dry and get hard.

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2. The farm was used to produce produce.
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4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was
8. time to present the present.
9. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
10. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
11. I did not object to the object.
12. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
13. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
14. They were too close to the door to close it.
15. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
16. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
17. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
18. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
19. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
20. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
21. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
22. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

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## Update From Pavan

The public consultation process ended on November 8th and Luton Airport must now collate all the responses and submit a formal application to the DAP (Directorate of Airspace Policy, a division of the Civil Aviation Authority). There is no time limit to this part of the process, however we believe the airport will want to submit its application sooner rather than later.

Once at the DAP, the application is considered by a series of committees before a decision is taken. There is a set timescale for this process.

Should the application be declined, then the airport can submit another application at a future date, but they must go through another public consultation process (minimum 12 weeks).

Should the application be approved, then the new route and airspace must be published through the normal channels and all air traffic controllers trained accordingly. This is time-consuming and should things not be ready by April 2005, then the next opportunity to introduce Option 3a is September 2005 (because of CAA procedures).

PAVAN responded as an official consultee and honed in on: 1) Lack of safety-case documentation 2) Questionable Environmental Report, with comments from the Institute of Environmental Managers and Assessors 3) Consultation process that fell short of CAA and Government guidelines.

Just before the consultation closed, John Bercow MP and I visited the DAP in London to emphasise our case and counter requests by Andrew Selous MP (Southwest Beds) that Option 3a would be ok if it flew north of Leighton Buzzard, i.e. over more of the Vale!!! In any event, this would make it more like Option 3, which was rejected in 2003 because of strong representations from Milton Keynes Borough and Cranfield Airfield.

Geoff Twiss (PAVAN Exec and Chairman of PAIN) then met with the Aviation Minister at the Department for Transport. He accompanied Andrew Selous and the Leighton Buzzard reps.

Aylesbury Vale's representation on the airport's consultative committee ([www.llacc.com](http://www.llacc.com) (<http://www.llacc.com/>)) was strengthened by the election of a representative from Bucks

Association of Local Councils (BALC) - me (I'm a Parish Councillor for Stewkley Parish)! Since Beds and Herts local councils already have a representative, a similar presence from Bucks was only right. I had my first 4-hour meeting on Monday and am still recovering.

Next month, we are meeting with a specialist lawyer to see if there is room for legal action should the 3a decision go against us. If he says no, then at least we've know and we've tried our best. If he says yes, then get ready for some hectic fundraising.

You might have read in the newspapers that TBI, who own the operating lease at the airport (from Luton Borough Council, LBC) has been sold (subject to paperwork) to a Spanish consortium whose balance sheet is more appropriate for the funding of major expansion. However:

- 1) The Judicial Review in the High Court that concerns Luton Expansion as part of the Government's White Paper is scheduled for next week
- 2) The Airport has not yet produced its Airport Master Plan, due by the end of 2005
- 3) The operating lease expires 2024 and negotiations to extend the lease are ongoing.
- 4) And don't forget Option 3a. That is needed to cope with more traffic. In other words, nothing is certain.

Allied to the above is John Prescott's (Deputy PM) massive housing plans for the south east which, according to his documents, rely heavily on expansion at the airport, in other words, he is predetermining any planning application from the airport. And you thought we lived in a democracy??! If you'd like to respond to the consultation then please visit [www.go-em.gov.uk](http://www.go-em.gov.uk).

We at PAVAN intend to forget about all of this for at least one day over Christmas and we wish you and yours a relaxing and joyous festive season, and a huge thank you for your continuing support.

*Rachel Webb*

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## Clergy Comment

never find writing an article for January very easy. The trouble is that -inevitably - it has to be written at the start of December. I am still trying to get my head round Christmas and all the various extra Services that need to be planned, so the thought of this being read as Christmas passes into the history books is challenging, to say the least.

But, anyhow, I hope that you will have had a very good Christmas, and that the New Year will be both peaceful and prosperous for you.

In preparing for the Christmas Services, I try to make sure that they are never just repeats of what we did last year. There needs to be something that is new and fresh about them. Of course the story has to be the same - the birth of the Son of God in the stable in Bethlehem. But each year we need to come again to that story and see it from a new and different perspective.

As each New Year starts we are unsure what it will hold for us. We never know what is around the corner - it might be good or it might not. Until we turn that particular corner we shall never find out.

We can predict with a fair degree of accuracy that the year will contain three hundred and sixty five sunrises, and the same number of sunsets. But we do not know how many of them we shall see. Some will be hidden by banks of cloud. Some will pass unnoticed because, at the time, other events in our lives will seem to be of greater significance.

There seems to me to be very little point in trying to guess in advance what will happen. There are the things for which we shall need to plan and prepare, but there will be many other things happening, of greater or lesser importance, which will just hit us like the proverbial bolt out of the blue. We have no idea what they will be - all we can do is to be ready to respond as appropriately as we can when the time comes.

That sounds a bit negative - and may sound more up-beat as "Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way". We can see everything that comes to us either as something that needs to be endured or as an opportunity to be grasped - something that will help us grow. We can either simply put up

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that the President and his wife will look back with kindly thoughts on this English village which has been their enforced home. It will not forget them."

### Memorials to the Czechoslovaks in Aston Abbots

From time to time Czechs arrive in Aston Abbots, but today there is little physical reminder of the time the Czechoslovaks were there except two Nissen huts, the climbing frame on the recreation ground and a plaque on the bus shelter.

### Czechoslovak VE Day Weekend

During the first weekend of May 2005 there is the idea to have a Czechoslovak VE Day Weekend, to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the war, which the Czech Embassy is keen to support.

~ Neil Rees

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with things in the hope that they will eventually no longer bother us, or we can rise to the challenges that life presents to us.

So as we try to think about the New Year - and perhaps make Resolutions - how about trying to adopt a more positive outlook on life? Just think of all those opportunities that are just waiting for us - chances for us to discover more about the marvellous World in which we live and more about the God who created this wonderful world, and who sent his Son to show us the greatness of his Love.

~ Bob Willmott

Two men are standing at the top of a cliff. One has two budgies, one on each shoulder. The other has a parrot and a shotgun.

The first guy jumps off the cliff and on the way down the birds fly away. He crashes on the rocks below and rolls over on his back. He looks up just in time to see his friend jump off too.

As the second guy falls the & parrot flies off, he pulls up his shot gun and shoots the bird just before he too crashes onto the rocks.

They lie there groaning in agony for a bit before the first guy says, "I really don't see what is supposed to be so great about budgie jumping!"

The second guy lets out a groan and says, "I'm really not too impressed with free-fall parrot shooting either!"

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*Margaret Kent is Street Light Officer, so people should let*

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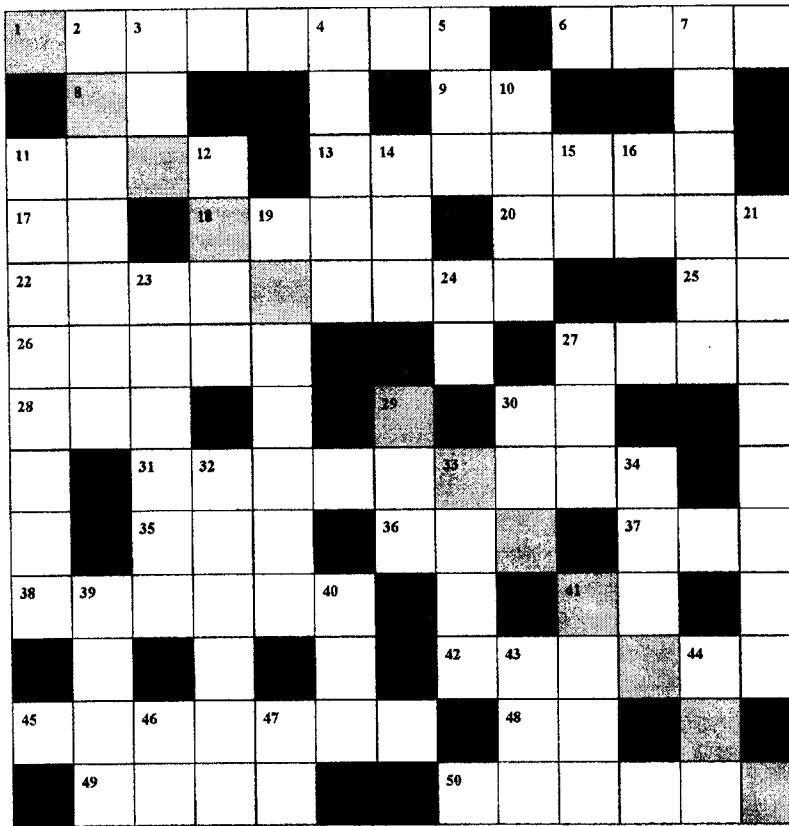
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# The Chronicle Crossword

January 2005



## December Solutions

**Across** 1 Dinosaur 7 Noun 10 Rood  
11 Eye 12 No 13 Oundle 19 What 16  
Us 17 Beatify 19 SE 20 Tie 21 In 22  
Ers 23 On 24 Llama 25 Up 27 Torso  
30 Rome 32 Up 33 Co 36 Sven 37  
Cremation 41 Add 42 Deriding 43  
Promise 46 Ra 47 On 48 Frau 51 Ice  
52 Arboretum

**Down** 1 Drought 2 IOUS 3 Non 4  
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Years 8 Unassumed 9 Note 14 Lee 18  
Till 20 Torpedo 26 Pendulum 28 Our  
29 Ocarina 31 Ova 34 Otis 35 101 37  
Capri 38 Memo 39 Ide 40 NNE 44  
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**Diagonal** 1 Don Bellingham

### ACROSS

- 1 Antbear (8)
- 6 Dislike intensely (4)
- 8 African Country abbr. (1,1)
- 9 Domestic cattle (2)
- 11 Chooses (4)
- 13 Faint light (7)
- 17 3.14159 (2)
- 18 Paints (4)
- 20 Green fly (5)
- 22 Wrong (9)
- 25 Father (2)
- 26 Wild revelries (5)
- 27 Flower (4)
- 28 Insect (3)
- 30 Volunteer Reserve (1,1)
- 31 Railway enthusiast (5,4)
- 35 Vast age (3)
- 36 Girl entering society (3)
- 37 Wise bird (3)
- 38 King who got his feet wet (6)
- 41 Either (2)
- 42 Insect that prays (6)
- 45 Least warm (7)
- 48 Good man (2)
- 49 Sliding window (4)
- 50 Foreign cars (6)

### DOWN

- 2 Pill (7)
- 3 Rodent (3)
- 4 Corner (5)
- 5 Carp (3)
- 7 Like 20 but small and black (6)
- 10 Festive season [slang] (4)
- 11 Musically dramatic (8)
- 12 Chimney dust (4)
- 14 Orchestra (1,1,1)
- 15 Voter's representative (1,1)
- 16 Question (2)
- 19 Immediate (7)
- 21 Cretan maze designer (8)
- 23 Bad (6)
- 24 Not down (2)
- 27 Our boys in blue (1,1,1)
- 29 Also (3)
- 30 Bath (3)
- 32 Milkmen have them (6)
- 33 Gymnastic discipline (4)
- 34 Small fortress (4)
- 39 Man's name (4)
- 40 Ernie, 'drove the fastest golf cart in the West? (3)
- 41 Position on (4)
- 43 Question (3)
- 44 Television Company (1,1,1)
- 46 Californian city (1,1)
- 47 Another 16 (2)

### DIAGONAL 1 & 29 Home sweet home (5,7)

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# St James Church

## Church Services

Date	Wing	Wingrave	Aston Abbots	Cublington
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan <i>Epiphany</i>	8.00 Communion (extension) 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	10.00 Family Communion 18.00 Evensong	8.00 Communion 10.00 Covenant (at Methodist Ch.)	10.00 Parish Communion	8.45 Parish Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>Epiphany 2</i>	8.00 Communion 10.00 People's Praise	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan <i>Epiphany 3</i>	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	18.00 Evensong Communion	8.45 Parish
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>2 before Lent</i>	10.00 Joint Communion			
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb <i>1 before Lent</i>	8.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service

*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

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Epiphany	Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
9 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism of Christ	Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17
16 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 2	1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Epiphany 3	1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23
30 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation	Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 before Lent	2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

## 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

## From The Registers

### Baptism

11<sup>th</sup> Dec Jordan, Harvey & Taylor Brown at Wingrave

### Funeral

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec James McDonald at Wingrave & Amersham

## Church Sidesmen

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Mr G Kemp
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mr C Higgs
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Ford
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr A Ford
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mr C Higgs

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

## Church Flowers

8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Goodman
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Donated
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr C Higgs
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bean

## The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

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Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838		
Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229		

*Please let us know of any errors or omissions*

### Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

*Programme for 2004/2005*

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

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# What's On In January

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at Rowsham. 2 pm.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** Ladies Club. Church Room. 2.15 pm. See elsewhere for programme.
- also* Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Floral Class. Church Room. 7 pm.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** VE Day Czech Meeting. Church Room. 7 pm.
- also* Parish Council Meeting. Church Room. 8 pm.
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** Bingo (in aid of Whitby Lifeboat). Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** NEW VILLAGE CENTRE Open Meeting. Church Room. 8 pm.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Rambling Club Members Meet at Whipsnade 2 pm.
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** Allotment Rents due – please pay at the Church Room between 10.30 am and 12 noon.
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Village footpath Walk. The Green. 2 pm.

## Book These Dates

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** Czech VE Day Celebration weekend

**Saturday/Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> July.** Festival and fete weekend

## ALLOTMENT RENTS

We regret that these will be increased to £7 per plot and £4 per half plot. Please pay at the Church Room between 10.30 am and 12 noon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.

## WHITBY WEEK

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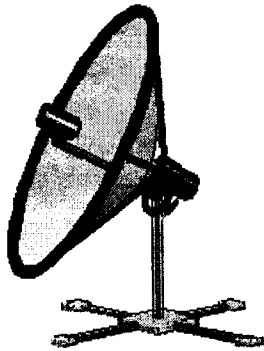
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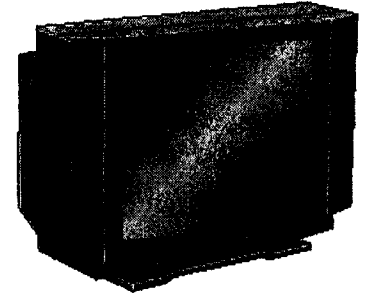
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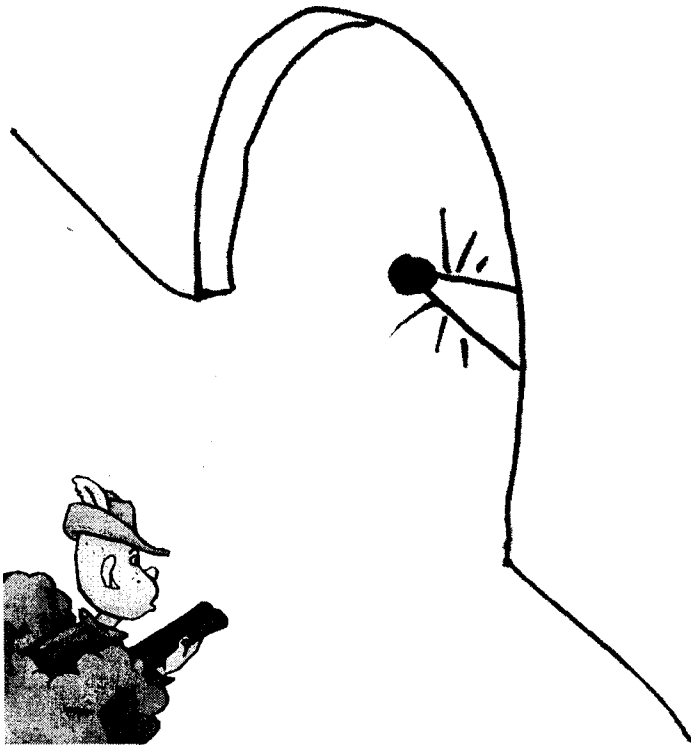
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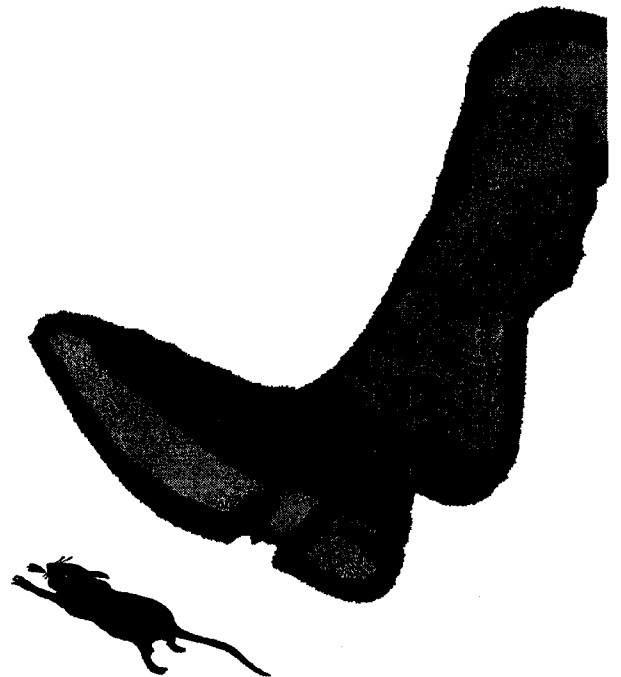
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