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Mr Radovan Javorcik, Deputy Head of The Slovak Mission, and HE Štefan Füle, the Czech ambassador, plant a lime tree on The Green at the Czech VE Day Celebrations, Sunday 1st May 2005

Editorial

And The Sun Shone Brightly

In this country, staging any event outside is a bit of a lottery. Do it in May, and you're either just tempting fate or you're barking mad.

Someone up above must have been smiling down upon Aston Abbots on Sunday May 1st, the day of the Aston Abbots Czech Connection VE Day Celebrations. The sun came out... and it stayed out.

After being driven almost to despair by far too many problems to mention here, the Czech Connection committee triumphed and produced a day of commemoration and celebration which, I am sure, was memorable for our many visitors.

In addition to the officials and representatives from the Czech and Slovak embassies, we were joined by many people connected with the Czech presence here during the Second World war. Several of these visitors had travelled to the UK especially for the event, coming from as far away as Canada and the Czech Republic itself. They included Vojta Levin who did three duties as presidential guard at Aston Abbots in 1941 and Mike (Miroslav) Smutny, son of the Czechoslovak "Chancellor" Jaromir Smutny, who had lived at the Old Manor House in Wingrave. The Czech and Slovak Republics were represented by His Excellency Štefan Füle, the Czech ambassador and Mr Radovan Javorcik, Deputy Head of The Slovak Mission.

Sunday morning saw the formal events, with a memorial service in St James, the planting of rose bushes from the Czech village of Lidice in the churchyard, and the planting of a lime tree – a traditional gift of peace – on The Green. A special lunch was laid on for the visitors and for the older residents of the village who either remembered the Czech presence or were veterans of WWII.

The afternoon was an opportunity for more relaxed activities, with the Czech Ambassador himself leading the attack in the football match between Aston Abbots and the Czech and Slovak embassies. The final result of 3-3 might have been regarded as very diplomatic, but of course both teams wanted to win and it is hoped to have a rematch on the weekend of our fete.

We have two reports on the events. The first, by Peter Shorrocks on page 15 covers the whole weekends events and the second is by our special football correspondent John Whyte on page 23.

You are probably aware that funding problems caused the cancellation of the wartime dinner dance. I'm pleased to report that this is now rescheduled for July 23rd, after the fete, and tickets are priced at a very reasonable £10 – details on page 21.

Finally, we should all offer our thanks and congratulations to the Czech connection committee who battled against the odds and produced a day of which the village can be proud. Peter Shorrocks has produced a comprehensive list of thanks in his piece so I won't repeat the names here, but somehow he neglected to mention himself. So our thanks to Peter, April and everybody else who worked so hard over the Czech weekend.



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Congratulations to **Karen Brandon** who has accepted a proposal of marriage from **Rob Hunter**.



The Czech Connection Committee wishes to thank **Mrs Elisabeth McManus** for her generous donation. This is to be used to purchase plaques for the lime tree and the roses bushes, with any remainder assisting visits by veterans.



Congratulations to **Fiona Whyte** who passed her driving test 1st time !



Congratulations to **Chris Brandon** who raised over £500 for the Cublington Orchard Ground when he ran in this year's London Marathon.



Czech Weekend Raffle Prizes

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Second Prize—Photo Frame

Winner : Mrs Kate Waite

Third Prize—Tin Of Chocolates

Winner : Miss Kirsty Crombie-Smith

Fourth Prize—Bottle of Sherry

Winner : Mr Andy Bystra



Did you send us your birthday dates in the past year? Unfortunately, due to finger trouble on the part of the *Keeper Of The Birthdays Database*, our entire list of birthdays from which we publish the list above each month has been lost. I have recovered much of the information from old issues of the Chronicle, but recently included birthdays may be missing. So if you recently sent us your birthdays, or if you wish us to include your birthday, please send them to the editor - contact details on page 2.



Our congratulations to **our editor** who, with this issue, has now produced 50 issues of The Chronicle whilst remaining almost sane. His ability to remain vaguely coherent thus far must have something to do with his being undeservedly so well pampered by Mrs Ed.

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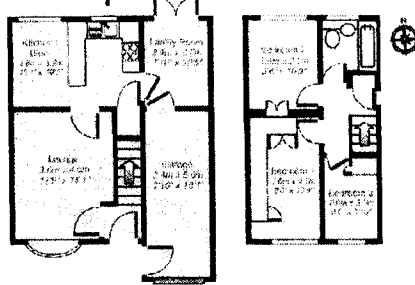
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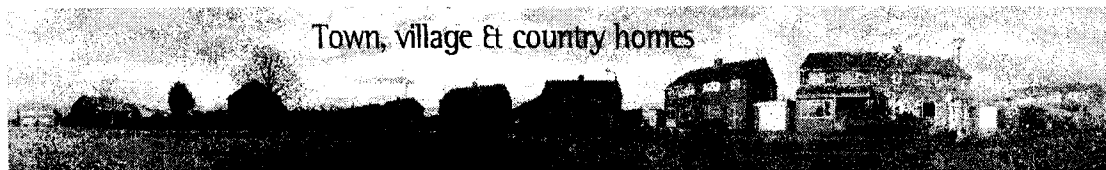
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In The Village

Dogs and Custard

No, not an unusual experience from the culinary experimentation of Mrs Ed. Just two exciting new items on the menu at this year's Aston Abbotts fete.

For the first time we are to have a village Dog Show. This promises to be lots of fun. With categories that include Best Child Handler, Dog AND Owner Most Alike, Prettiest Bitch, and Most Handsome Dog there is bound to be at least one class for every dog in the village.

The fun starts at 1 pm in the Grove Field. You can enter as many of the seven classes as you like. See page zzz..

This year also promises some extra special fun for children, with the appearance of Colonel Custard, an award winning children's entertainer. Colonel Custard will be performing just one show around mid-afternoon. Tickets will be on sale on the day and it's bound to be popular, so make sure you get yours early. The show will be supervised, so children older than toddlers may be left for 45 minutes by their parents, no doubt giving the Mums and Dads a welcome break.

If you are wondering just who Colonel Custard is, then read on...

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As always the fete organising team would be delighted to hear from people who could help on the day, even if just for half an hour or an hour. Please call Poonam on 682204 if you would like to help. Don't forget that a few days before the fete volunteers will be calling to collect any donations you might like to make. They are looking for books, bric-a-brac, new and nearly new goods for gifts, good condition toys for the children's stall, bottles for the Tombola, household goods, groceries, cakes (bring on the day), plants, and anything else that might be useful.

Our fete is very well regarded in the area. Each year hundreds of people come and have a great afternoon. This year promises more fun than ever, with the extra attractions and with hot food available from 1 pm onwards. So put the date in your diary – Saturday July 23rd – and SEE YOU THERE!

~ Phil Spooner

Aston Abbotts in the News

The Aston Abbotts Czechoslovak Festival made news in the UK and in the Czech Republic. The Czech national newspaper Dnes ('Today') had an article about the festival written by their London correspondent Zuzana Polakova who was at the event. This mentions Victor Scott and Bernard Osborn.

On the radio Aston Abbotts was featured on a programme made by Radio Prague. This included interviews with the Czech Ambassador, Neil Rees, Victor Scott, Vojta Levin, Valerie Osborn and Wilfred Halsey.

It also featured on the BBC World Service Czech Section. This included interviews with František Elston and Vic Scott.

On the television Aston Abbotts appeared as a news feature on Czech Television 1 with interviews with Vojta Levin, Victor Scott and Neil Rees.

~ Neil Rees

More Alpaca News

It was the British Alpaca Society National show last weekend and although we were not as successful as last year, we entered 3 classes and won two 3rd places.

Eros came 3rd in Junior Male Brown and Octavia 3rd in Dam's Progeny (this is where they judge the quality and similarity of 2 offspring from the same Dam by different sires).

~ Ivan Greenaway

Volunteers required!!!

Saturday 11th June

The Churchyard compost bin is overflowing. We need to get rid of two years' grass cuttings and fallen leaves and have therefore arranged for a skip to be delivered and positioned at the entrance to the Church path. This has been organised for the 11th June and we desperately need volunteers to barrow the cuttings and leaves from the bin to the skip.

If you could spare even a half-hour or hour to help it would be really appreciated. Just turn up with your wheelbarrow anytime after 9am, the skip will be there all day. We expect there to be some really good compost towards the bottom of the bin so if you want some of it you are most welcome to take it!

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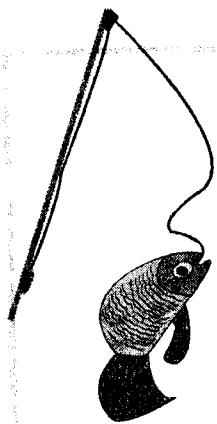
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Chicken Farm Update

Around 100 people from Aston Abbots and the surrounding area wrote to Aylesbury Vale's Planning Department voicing objections to the proposed Chicken Farm at Norduck. All of you who objected should have received a three page letter detailing the applicants responses to many of the questions raised. The letter appears to have made many people take the rather cynical view that the deal is "done and dusted", as reflected by Dickie at the end of this piece.

The Parish Council has written to AVDC with a number of further questions. These questions are reproduced below. ~ Ed

All those of you who wrote to Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) to oppose the application to install an egg production unit at Norduck will have received a reply from the Area Planning Officer. Much of what he has to say is based on the Parish Council questionnaire that was submitted in March this year. This questionnaire asked that a number of omissions, inaccuracies and inconsistencies be addressed. At the last Parish Council Meeting further observations and questions, based on the Planning Officer's reply, were made to AVDC in which the following general questions were submitted:

- a. Why is the Local Planning Authority not requiring the submission of proper, complete and detailed drawings showing the proposals as they have now been described comprehensively and requiring that the present application be withdrawn and that a fresh application be properly submitted with all the information as single documents? The submission of sketches and impressions may be of interest, but it is not acceptable as part of a planning submission where full elevations and details are required
- b. This new application should, therefore, not only avoid all ambiguity but also include all drawings of buildings, silos, and all other ancillary plant; it should also, provide details, for example, of the heights of fences. It should also include the base information and the source for existing and proposed traffic levels including during the period of construction.

(Note. We have subsequently heard that the AVDC Planner has no intention of asking the applicant to resubmit his application, but the questions below have still to be answered.)

In addition, the following questions were submitted, without prejudice to the previous remarks above, to illustrate the lack of certainty in the current submission. These concern fencing of the paddocks, traffic, nuisance, and landscape issues.

a. Fencing.

- (1) The applicant, with the approval of the Area Rights of Way Officer, proposes to erect fenced corridors alongside the footpaths and the bridleway adjacent to the site. These will have the effect of isolating large areas of two paddocks available for the birds to range. Why is it necessary to construct a corridor of wire fencing, that will give the impression of a prison, when it seems logical to have just one to separate birds from humans and horses.
- (2) Although the location of the fencing has been given, the question of the height of this fencing has been avoided. Can this be given and also the height of the fencing around the various paddocks and folds.

b. Traffic.

- (1) An attempt has been made to minimise the impact that the increased volume of traffic would have on the bridleway and the village roads. Based on the information forwarded so far, it is estimated that the proposed unit would generate an additional 18 movements per day and if calculated per week with the addition of various lorries, tractors, visitors and inspectors the total would be in the order of 400 – 450 movements. Can the applicant confirm this assessment?
- (2) In addition to these traffic movements, the impact of the construction, that would have to take place, should be considered. The comment has been made that, "there will be lorries importing crushed stone and ready mixed concrete". A simple calculation suggests that the number of lorry loads will amount to over 150, thus giving 300 or more movements along the bridleway and through the village. Can the applicant provide his figures for this particular traffic flow?
- (3) The applicant proposes to install a single waiting area between Moat Farm and the main highway. The bridleway between the exit to Moat Farm and the northern end of the bridleway as it enters the field section is particularly narrow and would also require a waiting area. Would this second waiting area be built?
- (4) We note that the AVDC Highways representative was charged with giving an opinion on the impact the installation of a mobile home would have on the traffic. Based on our rudimentary calculations is it not time that a proper Traffic analysis be made to include a risk assessment for the equestrian use of the bridleway?

c. Nuisance.

- (1) It is proposed to compost the manure and bark chippings and use this as fertiliser on organic land. The applicant proposes to turn his land to organic and in the fullness of time spread the composted manure on his land. Where would this manure be composted and what legislation is there to prevent nuisance that might be caused to neighbouring dwellings and the village?
- (2) Acorus (Rural Property Services Consultants employed by AVDC) comments in their report that, "no data has been provided by the applicant about wind direction or odour impact analysis, dust, noise and flies". The Reference letter relies entirely on the opinion given in the Technical Report. As the environmental impact of poultry units generates so much antagonism in the public domain as evidenced by the unit mentioned at Stewkley, it is incomprehensible to laymen why an objective study has not been made on the issue. Has such a study been made and if so what is the conclusion? Can an objective assessment be made to replace the subjective one given in the application?

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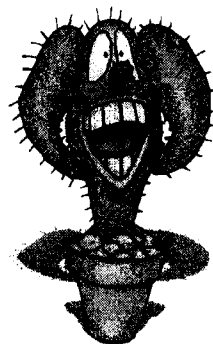
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d. Landscape.

- (1) The height of the two silos attached to each unit exceeds the ridge height of the houses. This is marginal, but nevertheless true. Silos were not mentioned in the original application, are there any other hidden items that have been omitted from the application?
- (2) The Landscape Report has many pictures of hedgerows taken from various positions, but there has been no attempt to show the impact that the poultry units would have on these views. In this day of the computer, it is not beyond the ability of an amateur operator to generate such a picture. Has the applicant been asked to do this?
- (3) The pictures attached to the Reference document give a less than accurate view of the houses and the Deans lorry. The angle at which the pictures are taken tends to foreshorten the size and for a better impression, photographs from the side and from the front of the houses with the silos (and vehicle) would be preferred.

The public demonstrated their interest in opposing the application when about 100 people wrote in to AVDC, but certain people appear quite determined that the application will succeed. So much for democracy.

~ Dickie Dicken



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3. Finally, it is worth mentioning that the rights of objectors are very small, because the Planning Authority is supposed to make decisions on planning applications in the **public interest**.

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in Cornwall!

Some strange things go on in Cornwall in the middle of winter – and we were there at the Chilli Eating Competition at the Ring o' Bells in St Issey!! It was a hot night (no doubt followed by a pretty heated morning for the contestants!)



They had to bite and chew some of the hottest chillies known to man! From the small but extremely dangerous bird's eye chillies, to the absolutely lethal scotch bonnets, all that washed down with a shot of home-made chilli vodka – Chef Pete's personal creation!!

The crowd was huge and the laughter loud at some of the strange faces being pulled! In the end it was a close competition between Dave Chick and Alan MacDonald the local photographer (who took these photos incidentally!)

Dave gave it his best (even going so far as removing the seeds from the chillies – that's cheating!), but he couldn't beat the canny Scotsman who was the ultimate winner!

The locals here are obviously game for a laugh, which is fine with us. We raised a lot of money with the Christmas raffle which goes towards maintaining the village playground maintenance fund. The regular live music spot is going down well too and who knows, maybe one day, there'll be a St. Isseybury...

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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

May 14th

Spring has certainly arrived and I suggest that it's about 10 days earlier than usual. The swallows and cuckoo were both earlier than usual for me and tadpoles/frogspawn was definitely much earlier this year. Then, just as we start muttering about global warming we get some stinging frosts around May 10th which take out all our potatoes and runner bean plants - unfortunately we were away at the time and could take no protective measures to stop the damage. Just another round to nature in that long fight which is gardening.

Frost damage was not the only setback Alex and I came home to. Having mentioned pigeons in that last month's scribble they obviously thought they should make their mark. Years ago when I would walk round family farms in Leicestershire in the company of an older relative pigeons were nervous and wary birds. We would walk into a field and any pigeons in the opposite hedgeline would fly off. If Uncle George carried his gun he would rarely get a shot at a wood pigeon flying from a tree. Nowadays the descendants of those birds have no fear. This year they have broken all records by walking along under protective netting to eat off young cauliflower plants - whatever next?

Mid-May is a busy time for many birds and animals and there needs to be plenty of food available. Fledgling and nesting birds are everywhere, all with gaping beaks being regularly stuffed with food. Foxes have their cubs to feed and, yet again, they raided our chickens and got away with three of our best hens.

What of badgers? Other than their mother's milk what are young badgers fed? I've never seen evidence of food being taken back to a bed at badger's sett, whereas it is always obvious at a foxes earth if cubs are in residence - bone, feathers, etc are littered around. I guess the badger cubs follow their parents foraging, but then I've never heard tell of badgers with cubs regularly been seen foraging the fields.

There are so many questions about our own wildlife.

Why are there not more stoats about? The rabbit population is simply huge so in theory there is masses of food for stoats, yet to me they are quite rare. I occasionally see a weasel, not unusually crossing the road, but why no stoats?

Incidentally if you don't know the difference between weasels

and stoats, weasels are weaselly distinguishable and stoats are stoatally different.

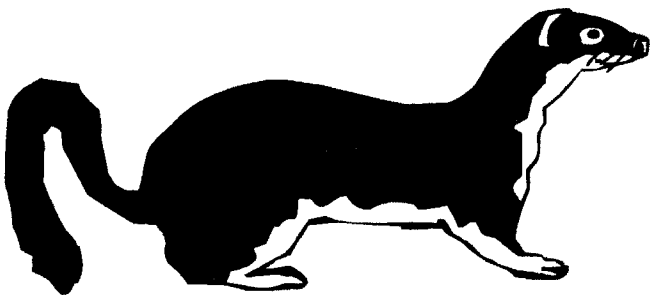
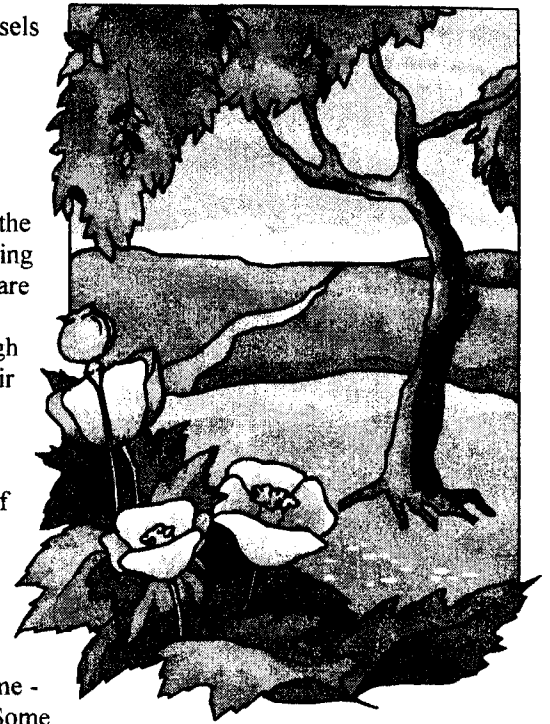
Wildlife is not the only thing feeding madly. Lambs are now grazing busily - although still getting their mother's milk they are growing fast and need lots of good fresh grass. Now I expect most people think that all grass is much the same - not a bit of it. Some fields of grass are vastly superior to others. Every old fashioned pop-up farmer had a "best field" on his farm, a field where the cow's milk yield always went up when they grazed it. A field where the cattle fattened quicker than even the one right next to it. Some grass fields have a magic certain something - a combination of clover, trace elements, and water perhaps, but there's certainly more to grazing than meets the eye.

Incidentally the best field at Norduck was West Side - the second on the left up the drive - and all that magic grass ploughed up and gone!

The skills of the grazier are, I'm afraid, rather a thing of the past, something unscientific that couldn't be learned at college, something learnt from experience and observation, qualities that don't seem to be very highly valued these days.

May I take the chance to say thank you for a sight of the most beautiful bird in the sky. Yes, I'd rather see a Lancaster than even a golden eagle. Thank you Mr Bannister for making it happen.

I read that the German ambassador said we should get over the war and move on. Mr ambassador, some of us haven't got over Agincourt yet.



Peter Knight



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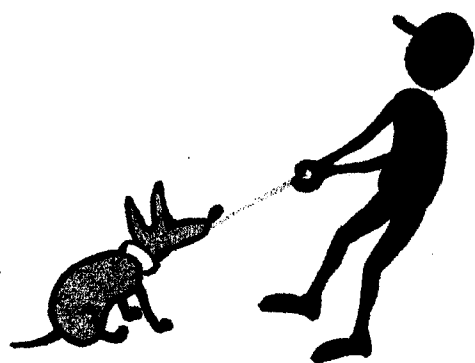
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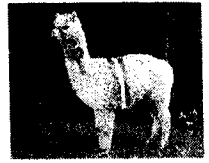
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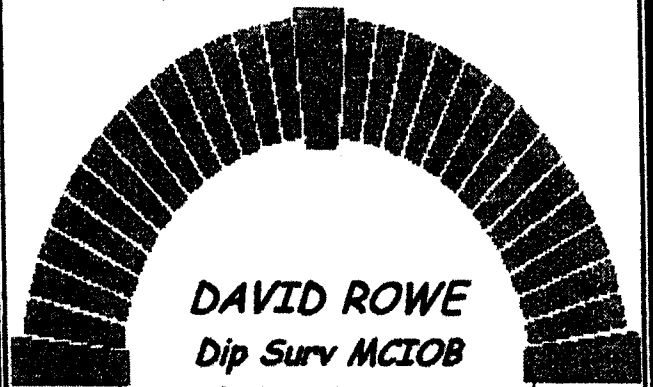
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They Came, They Saw, They Went Away Very Happy

A report on the first weekend of events to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of VE Day, and this village's connection with the Czech & Slovak Republics, through the late President Benes having lived here during the war years.

I think we can say, without false modesty, that everything went off very successfully, and our Czech, Slovak and other visitors all had a most enjoyable weekend.

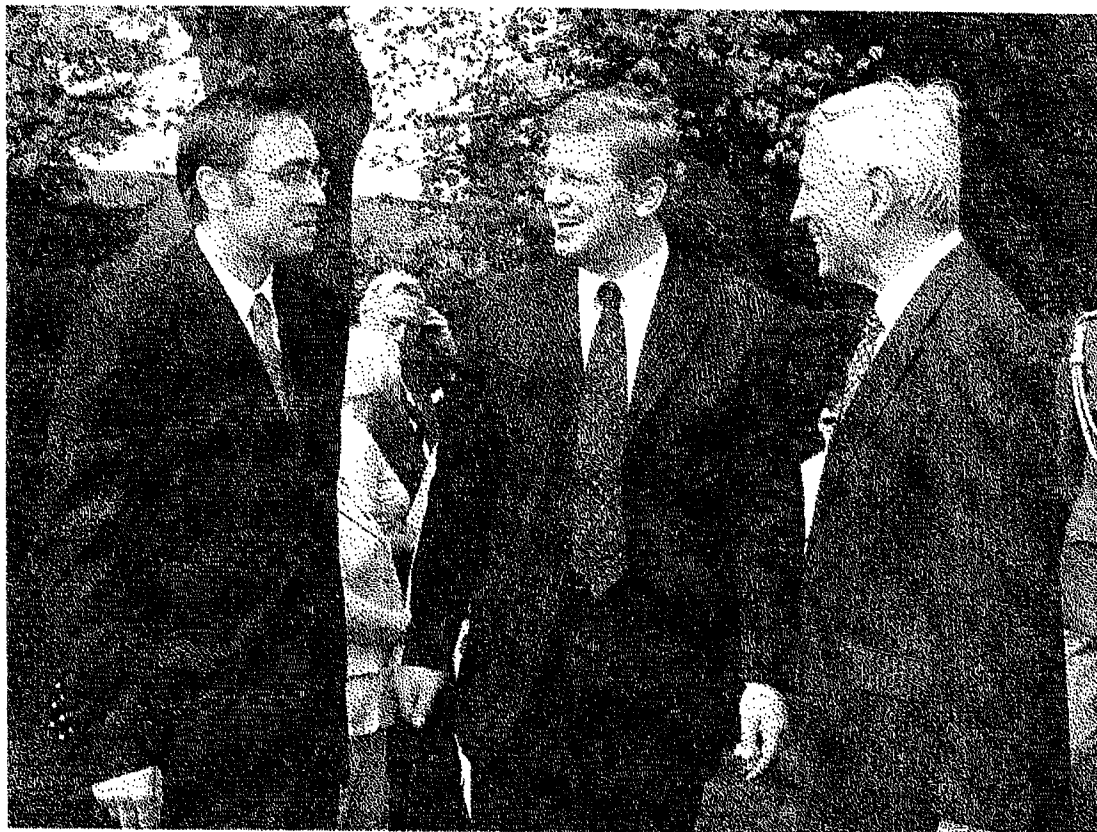
There was nearly a full house for both of the talks, which were enthusiastically received, and a full house for the first film show. The film show on Sunday night was less well attended, which was disappointing. Both main films (Dark Blue World on Friday – a film about Czech fighter pilots flying for the RAF during the Second World War – and Sunday's film, The Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich), were absolutely first class, and I would have expected each to receive 4 stars on the Radio Times film rating. The exhibition was well attended throughout the weekend, and although I must declare an interest, in that I am married to her, I thought that Clare produced a very professional and interesting display.

On Saturday afternoon, Colin Higgs and Vic Scott were nearly walked off their feet, taking groups of enthusiastic visitors round the village.

Sunday was of course the main day, and we were blessed with perfect English spring sunshine. The day started with a procession into the church, led by the British Legion and a number of Czech & Slovak veterans, with their respective standards being borne, and scouts providing a guard of honour. They were



Sir Nigel Mobbs, Lord Lieutenant of Bucks, watches as HE Štefan Füle, the Czech ambassador, and Mr Radovan Javorcik, Deputy Head of The Slovak Mission, plant rose bushes from Lidice in the churchyard



Left to right: Radovan Javorcik, HE Štefan Füle, and Peter Shorrocks

followed by the dignitaries from the Czech & Slovak Embassies, including the Czech Ambassador; and Sir Nigel Mobbs, the Lord Lieutenant of Bucks. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bob Willmott aided by a Czech Army chaplain, Mr. Holub. The church was so full that a number of us had to stand at the back, and others had to listen to it on the sound system outside.

After the service, the Czech Ambassador, Mr Štefan Füle, and the Slovak Deputy Head of Embassy, Mr. Radoslav Javorcik, each planted in a new flower bed in the churchyard, a rose bush that had been sent over from Lidice in the Czech

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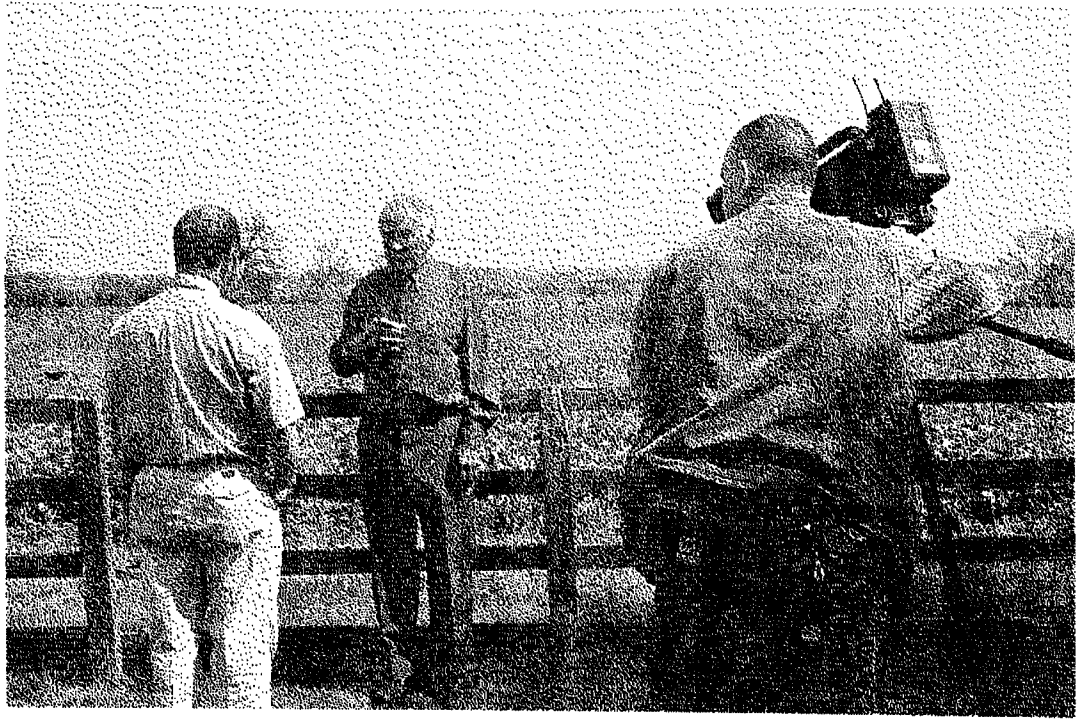
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Republic; and then jointly planted a lime tree on the Green.

Our visitors were then entertained to a buffet lunch in the garden of Oak Farm House, where, in addition to the delicious array of food prepared by a number of the ladies in the village, and the wine and drinks we had provided; we had the benefit of three barrels of Czech "Budweiser" beer and some wine supplied by the Czech Embassy, and an enormous container of goulash brought along by the Slovak Embassy. The latter is especially worthy of note, since the Slovak Embassy cook was taken ill on the preceding Saturday and was not available to cook this. It was therefore prepared by the Slovak Ambassador's wife herself, so as not to let us down!



Vic Scott is interviewed by Czech Television

At 1.00 p m the Aston Abbots bell ringers treated us to a peal of bells on the St. James's Church bells.

After lunch, with the consent of Martin & Angela Olley of The Abbey, I was able to take a party of people from the two Embassies around the garden of their property, and show them the house in which their former president had lived, and the lime tree that he planted in 1943.

Then followed what was for some the high point of the day, the football match between the village team and a team from the two Embassies. The two sides were very evenly matched, and the game ultimately ended as a very diplomatic 3-3 draw. Our scorers were Phil Wheaton (2) & Andy Plested. I do not know who scored the Embassy goals, save that the Czech Ambassador opened the scoring for them. The Embassy team captain presented the village team with a very handsome cut glass dish, a photograph of which appears in this issue [see page 25 ~ Ed]. We hope that this will be the first of many games between the two sides, and we hope to buy a cup for which the two teams can play in future games.

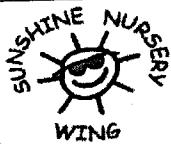
Then at 4.00 p m came the icing on the cake, a flypast by the only remaining RAF Lancaster bomber which is still airworthy. Its pilot treated us to three flights over the village, one of which was directly over Oak Farm House, where it was hoped our visitors would be assembled. Unfortunately many of them were still at Wingrave Sports Ground, where the football match had ended late – but happily the pilot did a slow turn over the Ground so most of our visitors saw it there.

Observant readers will have noticed that I referred at the outset to the "first" weekend of events. This is because the Czech Connection Committee has now received the grant for which it had applied, and intends to put on another weekend of events during the Fête weekend. This time, however, we plan to put on a series of entertainments, starting on Saturday with a dinner-dance in a marquee on the Rec.(for which tickets will now be substantially cheaper than the price we would have had to

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It was the enthusiasm of Neil Rees (left) for Czech history which instigated the Czech VE Day weekend. Standing with him is the Czech Defense Attaché Colonel Petr Miller



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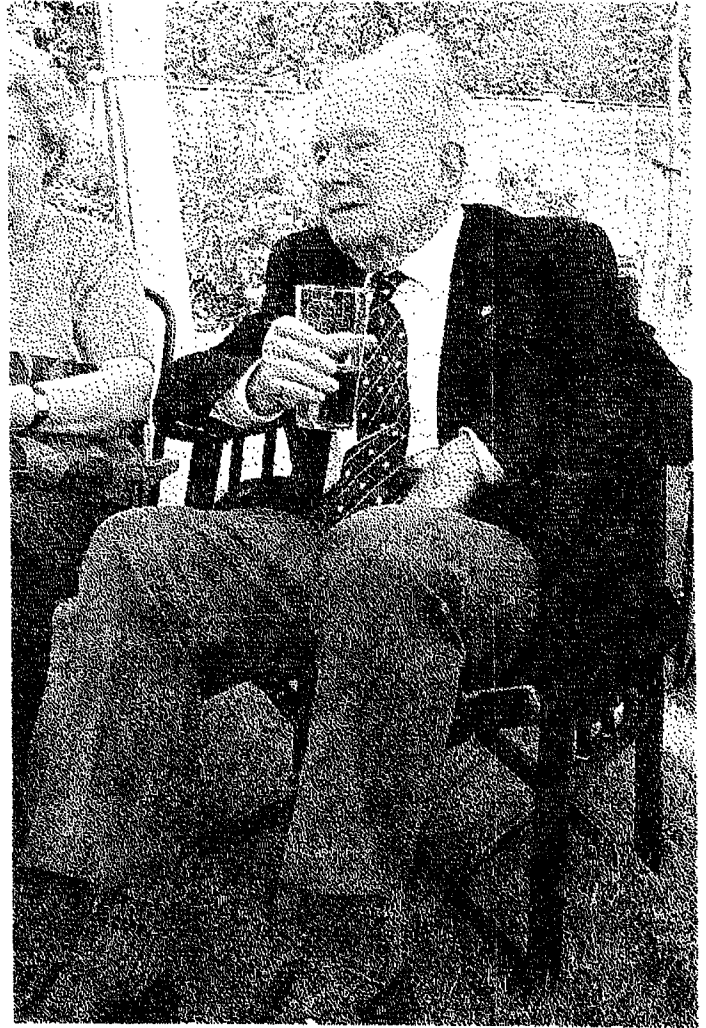
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charge, had we been able to hold it during the May Bank Holiday weekend, since we now have a grant to subsidise the cost). We then hope to have some Czech & Slovak folk dancers on the Sunday, a band, and a WW2 re-enactment group, and other attractions as well. I hope to be able to give you full details in next month's Chronicle.

Finally, the Czech Connection committee would like to thank (in no particular order):-

- Francesca Bean who prepared the menu for the buffet lunch, and her and everyone else who helped prepare food for it, and food for the footballers on Sunday afternoon, and helped with the washing up.
- Bob Willmott for his co-operation in producing a really memorable Memorial Service, Peter Knight for the bell ringing, and Colin & Shirley for making sure that all our distinguished visitors were seated properly in the Church.
- Kevin & Jane Copping, John & Judy Hardcastle, & Geoff & April Curnow who provided the tents/gazebos which were used for the buffet lunch; and all who helped put them up & take them down; and everyone who lent chairs & tables for the event.
- Kevin for donating the lime tree which has been planted to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of VE Day.
- Everyone who lent items for the exhibition – and especially Neil Rees, who contributed over half of it.
- Those who helped put up the display stands in the Church Room over the weekend, and take them down, not only at the end of the weekend, but also each time the Church Room had to be used for a talk or film show.
- Everyone who supported the weekend by attending the church service or one of the events.
- Colin & Vic for leading the village tours, and Vic for lending his beautiful shiny spade.
- The Caberet Committee for lending their sound equipment to the Church so that the Czech & Slovak anthems could be played, and Dave Lewis for installing it at short notice.
- The local British Legion members & the Scouts for taking part in the procession and the Church service.
- Peter Cooper for lending his sound equipment so that those outside the Church on Sunday could hear the service.
- Jeff Bannister (although he is part of the committee) for his coup in getting the RAF Lancaster to fly over the village on the Sunday.
- Lol Hinds, for organising the football.
- Andy Bystra for dealing with the plaques to be put up by the roses & the lime tree (not yet put in place).
- All those, too numerous to mention, who made the weekend such a success.
- And finally, in case he reads this, Neil Rees, without whose enthusiasm and knowledge this weekend would never have happened.

Lastly, I would personally like to thank April for doing not



Vojta Levin who did three duties as presidential guard at Aston Abbotts in 1941

only far more than her fair share of the work necessary as one of the members of the committee; but also then doing more than her fair share of the cooking for the buffet lunch and work in the kitchen

~ Peter Shorrocks

See The Pictures

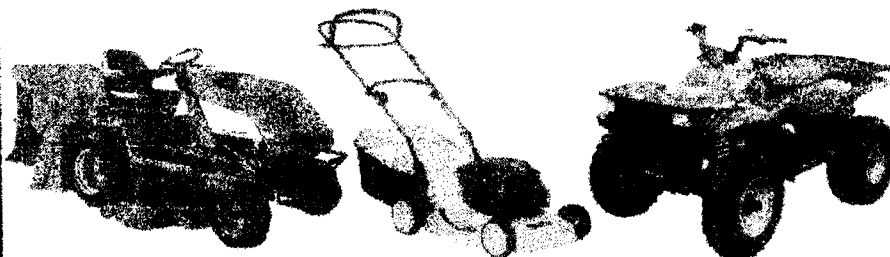
Photographs do not reproduce well in The Chronicle, being very grainy and in black and white. There are around 100 photos of the weekend in colour on the Chronicle website – just go to www.aachronicle.co.uk and click on the 'Features' button at the top of the page. An album of real photographs has been produced for those who cannot access the website. If you want to see the album please phone April Curnow on 681459.

Radio Prague journalist Kate Barrette made a very nice radio feature, which features interviews with Vic Scott, the Czech Ambassador, Neil Rees, Victor Scott, Vojta Levin, Valerie Osborn and Wilfred Halsey. You can hear her item (which is in English) at www.radio.cz/en/article/66174. Contact Phil Spooner if you have no internet access and you want to hear this item.

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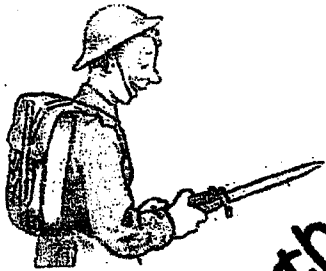
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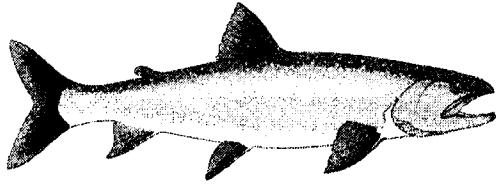
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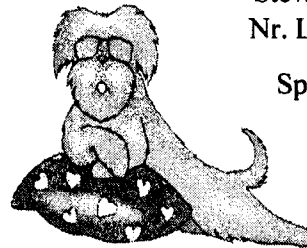
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The AA Cup Final

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Lawrence Hinds had got his man.

I have to say when I asked who was playing I got rather a surprise, Aston Abbotts v The Czech Republic, it sounded a bit one sided to me. Lol then said that the Czechs would be supported by the Slovaks. Oh well, that was okay then.

But who would be supporting us - this village of about 400 souls - plenty on the touchline I'm sure but were we up to this on our own.

Anyway the day arrives. the weather couldn't have been better, the crowds were there, the Aston Abbotts team were there, everybody was there --- apart from the opposition. Wingrave, being Wingrave, has two recreation grounds and we were all at their lovely new facility at the Aston Abbotts end of the village. Unfortunately the Czechs were at the other ground but a quick chase in the car by Lawrence and it was all sorted out.

A few minutes later they appeared with their matching blue kit. When I say matching I mean the shirts, shorts and socks had obviously been bought as a set. They looked good and they

looked BIG. The goalkeeper wanted to warm up using the crossbar to carry out a series of chin-ups but he was much too tall. The Aston team also looked good. The matching white t-shirts with the ink still wet looked fetching and the fascinating array of colours of the rest of their kit was a fashion talking point for the whole of the afternoon. But on to the game - that's what we had come to see.

A bundled goal, despite a lovely pass from one of our side, put the Czechs ahead. Aston fought back building on their strength at the back and soon pulled even. For the first half and the early part of the second half they were probably the better team but honours were even by the end of the match and a 3-3 result was, in my view, a fair outcome.

One of the busiest men that afternoon was the team medic, Avi Gupta. He was certainly on and off that field more than he expected. I spoke to him before the game and he told me he had plenty of ice in his cool box, to keep the beer at the right temperature. I'm not sure he had involved all of his family in his conspiracy as one time, when he ran on the pitch carrying the cool box to deal with a nasty clash of heads, his young son chased after him holding a carrier bag and I swear I heard him say, very quietly, "Dad don't forget your beer!"

Who were the stars of our team that day. They all were but I'd like to pick out one person in particular and they weren't even on the field. I played football many years ago against Dave Wheaton and he was a very good player indeed and I'm sure it

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Aston Abbotts team captain Lol Hinds (left) explains duties, responsibilities and loyalties to linesman John Whyte (right)

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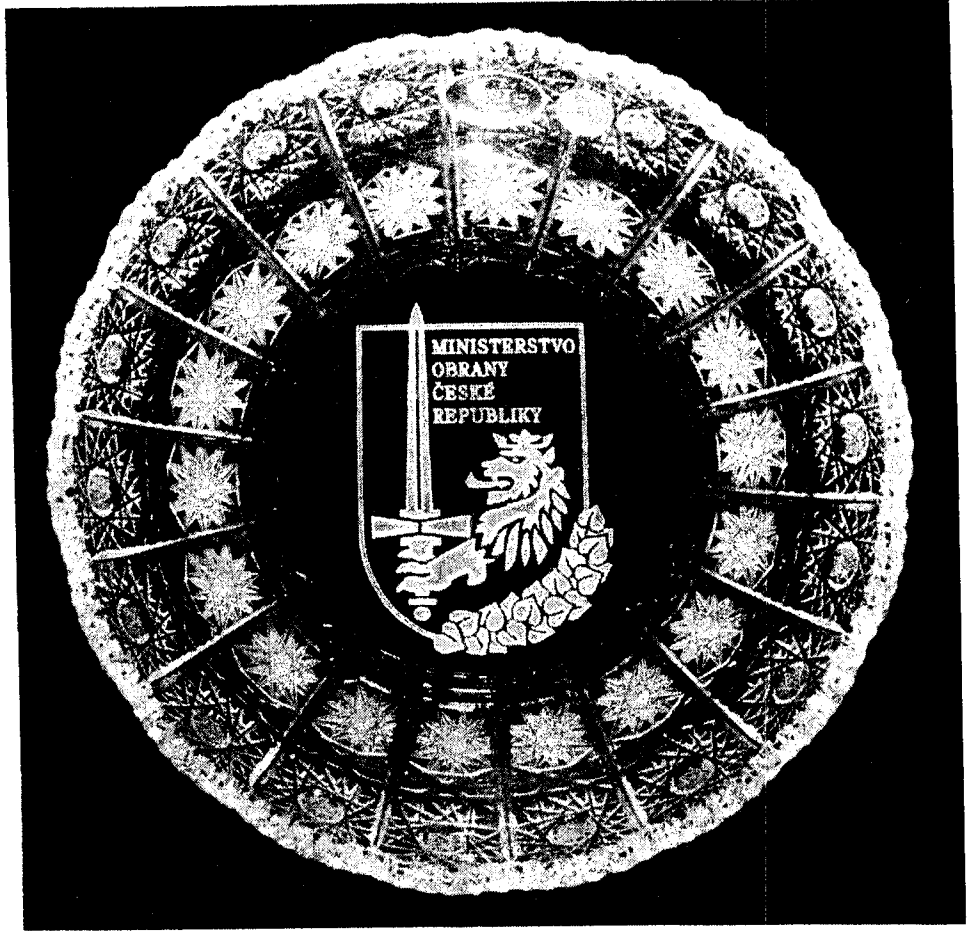
brought a tear to his eye to see the influence his gene pool exerted that day. Well done Dave.

By the way, did anyone else notice the very different accent put on during the day by Aston Abbotts' resident German, Herr Wilkinson. All of cries of "Jolly good show" and "Spiffing match" and the like didn't fool me for a minute but it did make me think that there must be a reason. Either he's going undercover or he finally accepts that goal was over in the 1966 World Cup final. I'll leave it to you to decide.

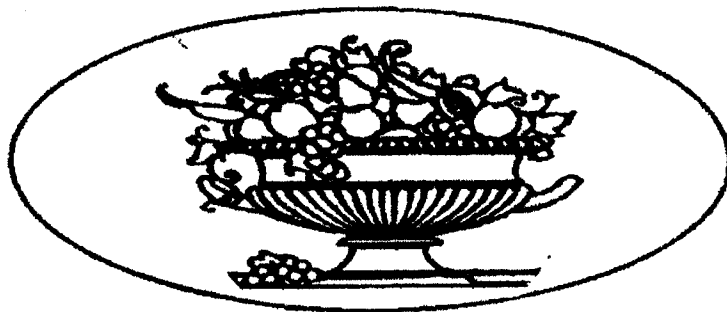
~ John Whyte

On the right is the handsome cut glass dish presented by the Czech Embassy team captain to Lol Hinds after the football match.

Below: HE Štefan Füle, the Czech ambassador, keeps a careful eye on Aston Abbotts goalie Kevin Copping

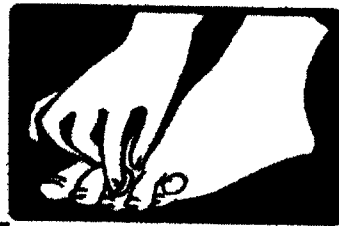


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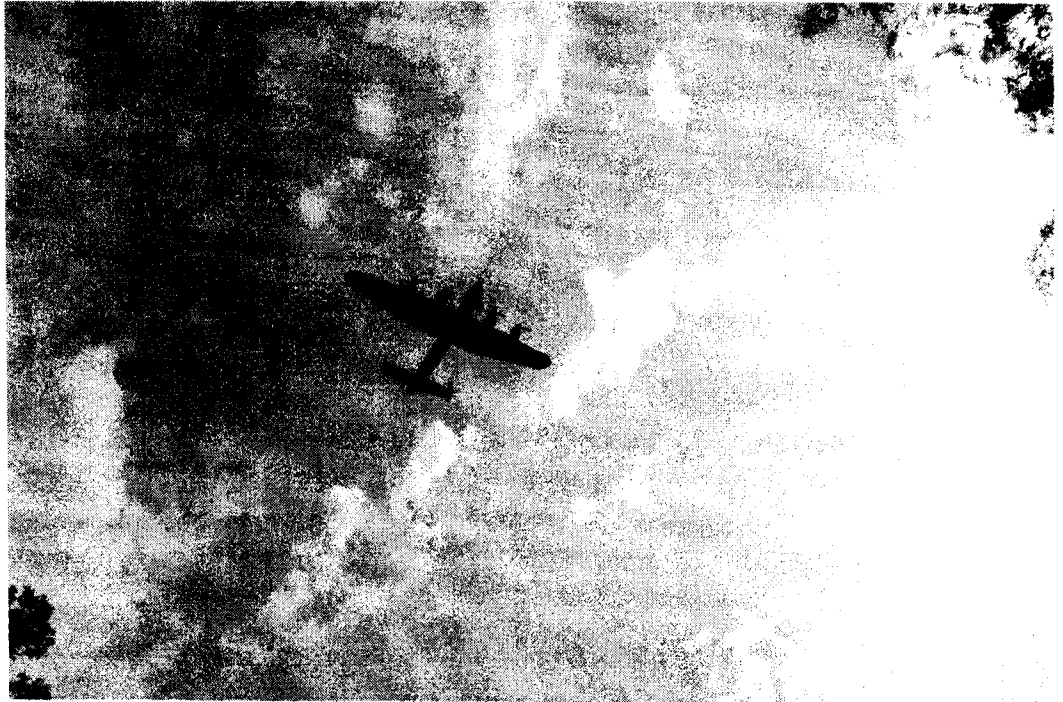


The Lancaster Flypast

The highpoint of the Day celebrations was, for many people, the flypast by WWII Lancaster bomber PA474 of the Battle Of Britain Memorial Flight. The huge aircraft made three passes over Aston Abbots at a height of 300 feet. The crew were Squadron Leader Stuart Reid, Flight Lieutenant Dave Chadderton, Squadron Leader Ian Morton, Flight Sergeant Andy Davis, new co-pilots under training Jim Bodley and Miles Davey. They flew from an air show in Abingdon.

7377 Lancaster bombers were built and PA474 is one of only two remaining in airworthy condition (the other aircraft is in Canada). Commissioned at the end of 1945, she was too late to take part in hostilities. Her turrets were removed and she was used for reconnaissance duties.

Restoration work started on PA474 in 1965 and she eventually joined the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight in 1973. These days she is painted in the markings originally worn by Lancaster III EE176 'QR-M' ('Mickey the Moocher') of 61 Squadron. The original EE176 was one of only 35 Lancaster centurions - aircraft that flew and survived in excess of 100 missions. However, these huge aircraft had been designed for one purpose: to deliver massive payloads of bombs on the enemy. Peacetime found no use for these massive machines and most, including EE176, were simply scrapped without a thought.



3932 of the 7377 Lancasters built were lost in action. During WWII Lancasters flew a total of 156 000 sorties, dropping over 608,000 tons of bombs. 55,000 aircrew were killed serving in Bomber Command; 5% of the bombers which set out on the nightly bomber raids failed to return, making bomber aircrew the most dangerous wartime service.

These days sight of this magnificent aircraft engenders not just a feeling of nostalgia, but also the faintest glimmer of understanding of the enormous sacrifice made by the aircrew.

Our thanks to Jeff Banister for arranging the flypast of this magnificent machine.

~ Phil Spooner

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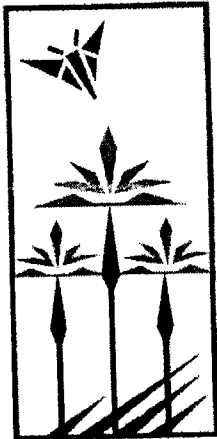
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 11th May 2005

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), R. Clarke, D. Dicken, J. Farrands and Mrs. K. Curry. Two members of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Councillor Colin Higgs was unanimously re-elected as Chairman, with Cllr Peter Shorrocks remaining as Vice Chair for the coming year.

To Elect Members To Committees

Street Lighting Officer: Margaret Kent

Planning Committee: Jackie Farrands, Colin Higgs, Peter Shorrocks and Dickie Dicken.

Transport: Colin Higgs

Highways: Colin Higgs and Richard Clarke

Recreation Ground: Jackie Farrands and Richard Clarke

Matters Arising From The Minutes Not On The Agenda

The corner of The Green damaged by a vehicle is to be reshaped soon.

There has been no response to the plea for volunteers to paint the Church Room railings.

Transfer of land at Nash's Farm - the Clerk has written to AVDC requesting transfer of the land to the Parish Council, and is awaiting a reply.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Higgs gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the past year.

Clerk's Report

Regrettably we have not been selected for either the Music in Quiet Places or the Perfect Village Sunday tour.

The village has been entered for the Best Kept Village competition - judging will take place between 28th May and 3rd July.

Our application for funding for two new streetlights has been successful.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No one was present from any of the above organisations.

Planning

- 05/00834/AAD Land off Aylesbury Road, Wingrave - Retention of two directional / advertisement signs. Resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the signs are too large and obtrusive. It is felt they would be a distraction to drivers at this dangerous junction.
- 05/00963/AOP Os 3000 Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts - site for agricultural dwelling, double garage and farm office. Withdrawn
- 05/00258/APP Norduck Farm, Moat Lane. Erection of three buildings for egg production and temporary siting of mobile home. Resolved to delegate the Parish Council's objections to this proposal to the Planning Committee. Further questions need to be answered

before a considered response can be made.

Highways

- nothing to report.

Recreation Ground

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

Report from Recreation Ground Committee - the loan has now been approved and the grant applied for. As soon as funds arrive we can begin to order the new equipment.

Dates Of Future Parish Council Meetings

Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 22nd June at 8 pm in the Church Room.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

Aston Abbotts and Cublington Ladies Club

28th April.

Due to accidents and illness, only 11 members were present at today's meeting held in the Church Room. The Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members and our Speaker for today. The minutes were read and signed.

Under matters arising, members were informed that there was to be a Coffee Morning at Audrey Stephenson's house on May 19th to raise cash for Club funds.

The Chairman introduced Mr Vic. Scott who had stepped into the breach following the unavailability of our scheduled speaker gave us a very informative talk about what we should plant in the garden to achieve colour through all four seasons. He finished with a 'Gardens Question Time' during which he answered member's queries concerning their gardens. He was thanked by Daphne Rogers.

Hostesses today were Etherlie Gutteridge and Audrey Stephenson who served tea, cake and biscuits. The raffle prize was won by June Brine.

12th May.

15 members were present at today's meeting held in the Church Room. The Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Sheila Read, Ivy Brandon and Robin Anson Owen. The minutes were read and signed.

Under matters arising, members were informed that there was to be a Coffee Morning at Audrey Stephenson's house on May 19th to raise cash for Club funds and Tea Hostesses for our meetings on the 9th & 23rd of June were sorted out.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Lindsey Stafford Smith and student Charlotte who had come to sing to us. Their selection included songs from musical shows and light opera pieces; a truly entertaining afternoon. They were thanked by Joan Alexander.

Margaret Kent and April Curnow were our hostesses today and they served tea, and cakes. The raffle prize was won by Carol Morris.

~ Shirley Ford.

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Clergy Comment

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Before very long it became clear what was taking place. More and more people were arriving and there were flags as well.

The first flag was the Union Jack. This was followed by the English, St George's Flag. In the days just before a General election, it could very well have been a Political Rally. Yet it wasn't - It was the Scouts Annual St. George's Day Parade, and each Group had their own flag. It was a very impressive sight - for there were so many children, both boys and girls, who were in the uniform of Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. Each group was well behaved (so far as we could judge), and they had their Leaders, who were also in uniform.

As this year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, it did cross my mind how it might have been possible, under other circumstances, for this to have been a rally of a rather different type.

We felt compelled to stay in the car until the Parade - led by the local Corps of Drums - marched off. It was a very long procession, and I should hate to estimate how many people were involved. But, off they went, and off we went on our walk - hoping that it would stay dry until we returned. For

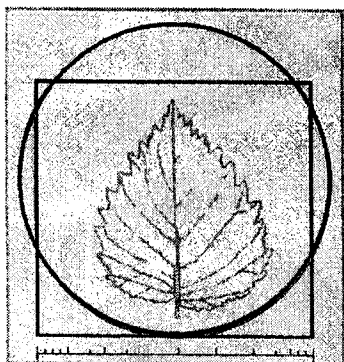
various reasons we didn't walk for quite as long as we intended, and we were just returning to the Car Park when we heard the sound of the Corps of Drums as it brought the Scout Procession back to the Car Park - (We were caught again!)

In an age when we sometimes think that the young are allowed to run riot, it is good to see so many young people who are being challenged by their involvement in Scouting. It is also very encouraging to see that there are also those who give generously of their time and skills to help these young people grow into sensible and responsible adults. These leaders and their helpers often do not receive the credit and support that their efforts deserve.

I am not sure whether the Cubs and Scouts still have to promise to "Do their duty to God and the Queen". For in today's world that seems a bit archaic. I expect that it may have been softened somewhat to cope with those who are more "multi-cultural". Yet we cannot but applaud those who strive to instil discipline and manners into our young people.

~ Bob Willmott

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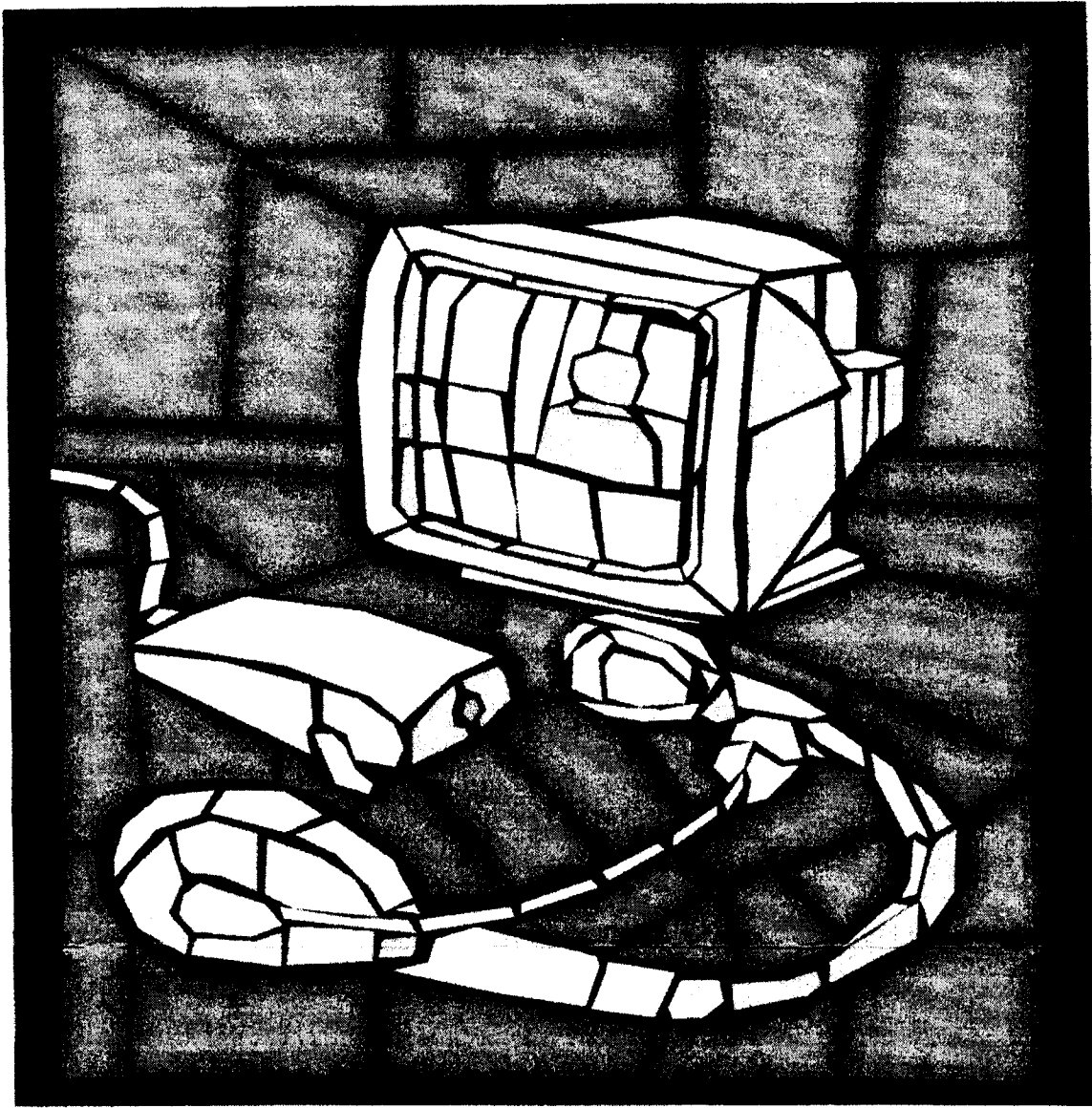
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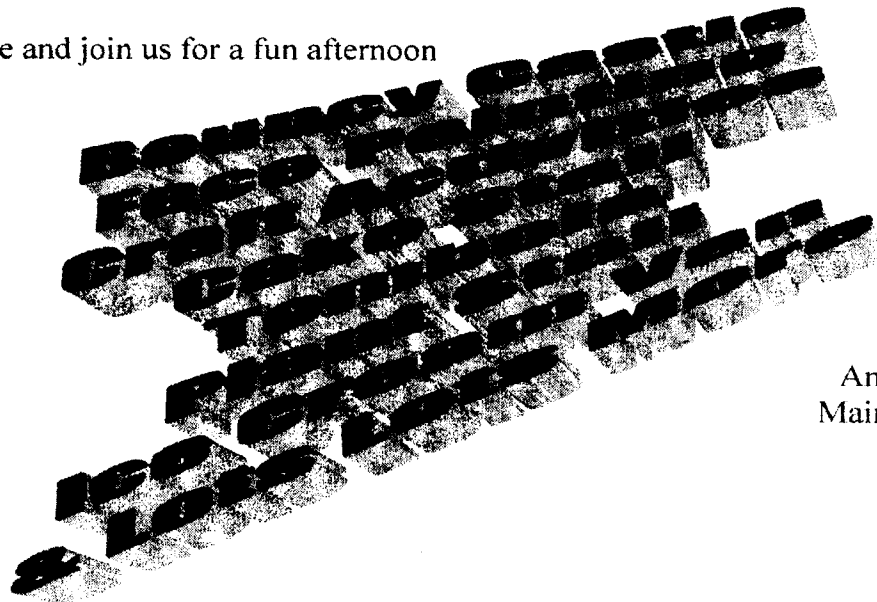
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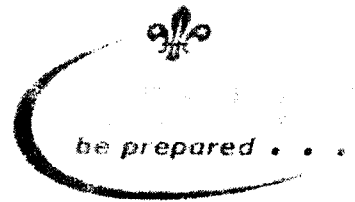
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Local pressure group (PAVAN -- Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) wrote to the airport before Easter (no response as yet) asking once again for details of the safety issues the airport says prompted their search for a new route. PAVAN says that it's not about safety, it's about expansion, as Luton continues to add more routes and attract more passengers thanks to Government subsidies on aviation fuel.

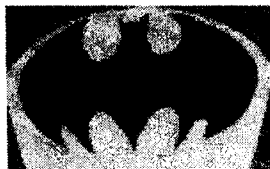
PAVAN will continue to lobby at the highest level, however, because Luton Airport had a previous application (Option 4 in 2000) thrown out by the DAP.

In addition to plane noise from Luton, the area also suffers from flights taking off from Heathrow Airport, so PAVAN visited BAA at Heathrow in April to discuss the matter. The good news is that Heathrow has expanded its noise monitoring capabilities and can now identify their planes over the Vale. The surprising news is that BAA were surprised their planes cause so much grief so far from the airport.

Villagers are therefore encouraged to complain to Heathrow whenever they are disturbed by one of these planes (generally four-engined flying north). Phone 0800 344844 or email noise_complaints@baa.com

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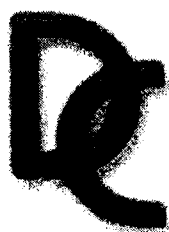
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~ submitted by John Hardcastle

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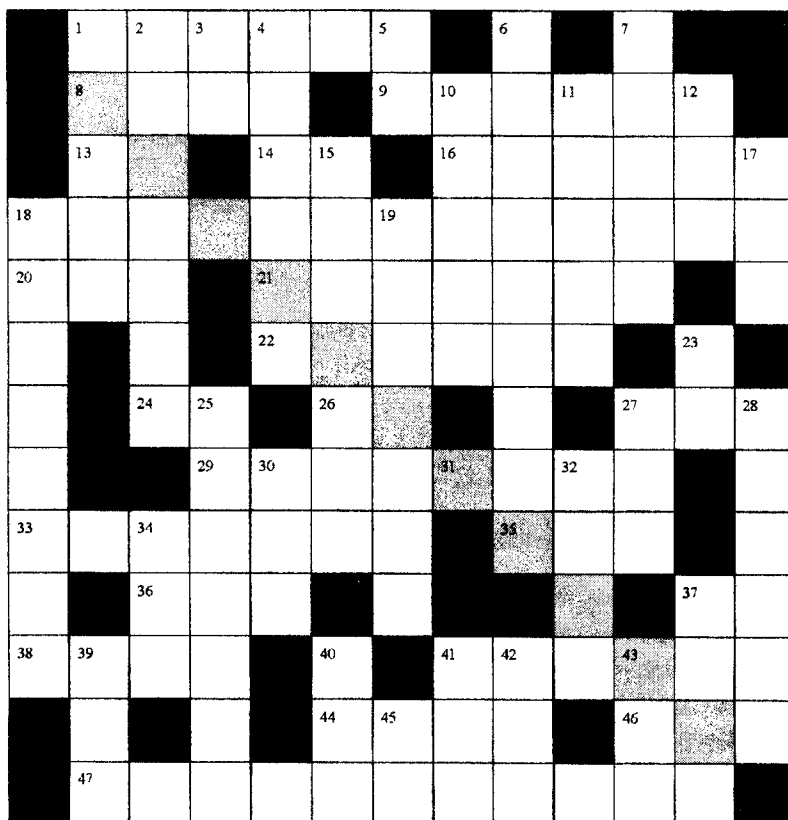
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Our lecturing naturalist (6,5)

ACROSS

- 1 Have as a goal (6)
- 8 Blood vessel (4)
- 9 European nationality (6)
- 13 Very best quality (1,1)
- 14 American soldier (1,1)
- 16 Yelled (6)
- 18 Wrong idea (13)
- 20 Tree (3)
- 21 Windpipe (7)
- 22 Put into order (6)
- 24 Diplomatic Corps abbr. (1,1)
- 26 Eighteenth letter of the alphabet (2)
- 27 Organ of sight
- 29 Treating with iodine (8)
- 33 Sudden inclination to act (7)
- 35 Tooth on a wheel (3)
- 36 Point of a weapon [obsolete word] (3)
- 37 Fastest motor racing (1,1)
- 38 Cornish project (4)
- 41 Jestng repartee (6)
- 44 Use false credentials to gain entry [slang] (4)
- 46 Consumed (3)
- 47 Extremely rich person (11)

Compiled by John Hardcastle

(with apologies for 36 across - the compiler's nightmare of discovering, too late, that only a very obscure word would fit the grid)

DOWN

- 1 To give one the benefit of (5)
- 2 Earthquake shock wave (7)
- 3 Approximately 3.14159 [mathematical] (2)
- 4 Lumps of metal (6)
- 5 For example abbr. (1,1)
- 6 Predicting the future (9)
- 7 Black transport used by police (5)
- 10 Upright (5)
- 11 Beaten at chess (5)
- 12 Style revived in a new form (3)
- 15 Encroachments (7)
- 17 Double helix of life (1,1,1)
- 18 Doctor's remedy (8)
- 19 Transmitter of disease without suffering from it (7)
- 23 Belonging to me (2)
- 25 Activity that lasts a day (7)
- 27 Laid by a bird (3)
- 28 Kingdom (6)
- 30 Ancient (3)
- 32 Middy (4)
- 34 Edgar Allen ... ? (3)
- 37 Ours is on 23rd July (4)
- 39 Barrage (3)
- 40 American detective agency (1,1,1)
- 41 Prevent (3)
- 42 Cast iron cooker (3)
- 43 Road surfacing (3)
- 45 Behold (3)

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12 <i>Trinity 3</i>	10.00 Family Communion	10.00 People's Praise	10.00 Parish Communion	8.45 Parish Communion
19 <i>Trinity 4</i>	08.00 Communion 10.00 People's Praise	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
26 <i>Trinity 5</i>	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	at Cublington 18.00	8.45 Parish Communion 18.00 Songs of Praise + Aston A
3 Jul <i>Trinity 6</i>	08.00 Communion (by extension) 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Patronal Festival 18.0 Evensong	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service (Lay)

Sunday Readings

5th June	Trinity 2	Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
12th	Trinity 3	Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8
19th	Trinity 4	Romans 6.1-11; Matthew 10.24-39
26th	Trinity 5	Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42
3rd Jul	Trinity 6	Romans 7.15-25; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

(Peter & Paul Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19)

Church Sidesmen

5 th	Mr. G. Kemp
12 th	Mrs. S. Ford
19 th	Mr. C. Higgs
26 th	Mr. A. Ford

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

Church Flowers

4/5 th	Mrs. F. Bean
11/12 th	Flower Festival
18/19 th	
25/26 th	Donated

Church Events

- June 4th Plant sale, bring and buy at Wingrave 10 12 noon .
- June 18th Music in quiet places at Wingrave
- June 26th Cublington gardens open.

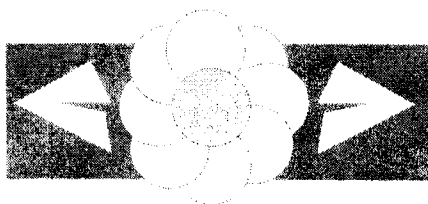
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Baptism

- 1st May Max Tomlinson at Wingrave
- 8th Annabel Topley at Cublington

Funerals

- 15 Apr Patricia Gilbert at Wingrave & Milton Keynes
- 20 Ronald Watkins at Wingrave
- 4th May Margery Kingham at Amersham



The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343	NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690	Parish Clerk	Kate Curry	681137
AVDC	Switchboard	585858	Parish Council Leader	Colin Higgs	681343
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Busses	Arriva	468730 or 423445	Police	Non-emergency	0845 8 505 505
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Council	Aylesbury Vale District	585858	RSPCA	General Enquiries	08705 555 999
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District Councillor	Peter Cooper	681250	Whist	Doris Scutchings	681243
Fete Coordinator	Poonam Gupta	682204	Wingrave Preschool	Claire Upton	681700
Floral Class	Colin Higgs	681343	Wingrave Post Office	(PO only)	681011
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544	Wingrave School	Office	681436
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000	Wingrave Stores	Shop	681696
Ladies Club	Shirley Ford	681865			
LBO Reports	Colin Higgs	681343			
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

October 7 th	Toybox Childrens Charity - Sarah George
October 21 st	Curtains and Cushions - Clare Shorrock
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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Evening appointments available

What's On In June

- Tue May 31st** Indian Dance Class in the Church Room—see page zzz
- Sat June 4th** Plant sale, bring and buy at Wingrave 10 12 noon
- Sunday 5th** Rambling club members meet at 2.30 at Cublington Crossroads for the Annual Spider Walk.
- Monday 6th** P.C.C meeting 4 Church Row. 8 pm
- Sat/Sun 11/12th** Village open gardens and Flower Festival St. James Church.
Daily 2-5 pm. Teas 3-5 pm
- Thursday 16th** Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sat June 18th** Music in quiet places at Wingrave
- Sunday 19th** Rambling Club members meet at Quainton. 2 pm
- Thursday 23rd** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 25th** Cublington Fete. The Old Rectory. 2 pm
- Sunday 26th** Cublington gardens open.
- Monday 27th** Whitby Week. Coach departs Bull and Butcher 8.55 am. Coach departs Cublington crossroads 9 am
- Sat 2nd July** Rambling Club members meet at Marsworth 11 am. Lunch after walk.

Chronicle Deadlines

- July/August** Friday June 24th Distribution starts Friday July 1st
- Sept Issue** Friday August 26th Distribution starts early September
- Oct Issue** Friday Sept 23rd Distribution starts Friday September 30th

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Book These Dates

**Saturday, Sunday, Monday.
28th, 29th, 30th May.**

St. James Flower festival. Teas Sat. and Sun. 2.30- 4.30 pm.
Ploughman's lunch Monday 12.30 - 2.30

Saturday 11th/Sunday 12th June
Open Gardens/Flower Festival St. James Church, teas.

Saturday/Sunday 23rd/34th July.
Festival and fete weekend and VE Celebrations

Saturday 30th July. Coach outing to Greenwich maritime museum (Sea Britain). Departs 10 am. Fare £10, book on 681343.

Saturday August 13th. Funday in aid of playground equipment, with games, etc. Keep date free!

NOTICES

We have entered the best kept village competition, please trim hedges and pick up litter. Judging early June.

The church collection on the VE day service is to be shared by the Royal British Legion and the Czech/Slovak equivalent

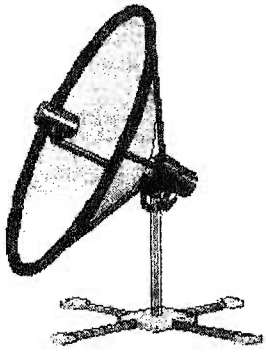
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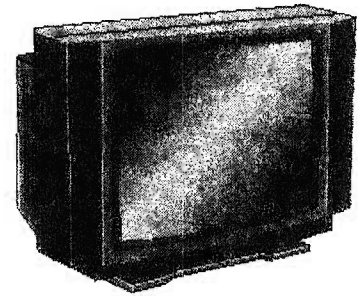
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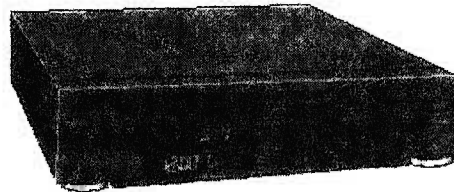


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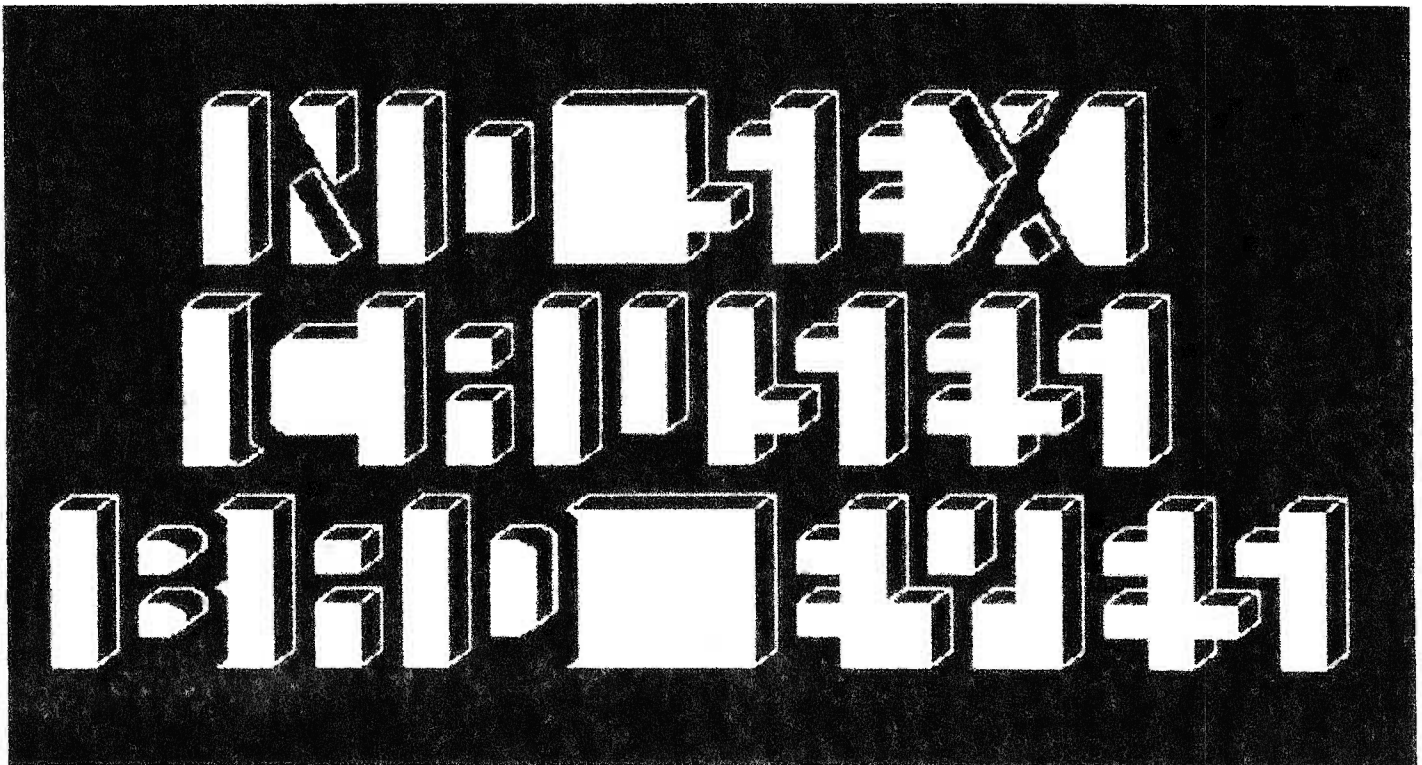
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