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Aston Abbots

FETE 2005

Saturday July 23rd

The Green, Aston Abbots

1 pm—Hot Food and Dog Show

2 pm—Fete and stalls open

Details on pages 5, 19 & 21

Barbecue on the Rec

Sunday July 24th

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Editorial

Summertime

July is here again. It's easy to tell; the weather has been sunny for two days in a row and there is no longer a late frost killing off our plants. It's time for Wimbledon. It's time for Glastonbury - and most important of all, it's time for the Aston Abbots fete.

Every year our traditional English fete attracts visitors from all over the County. It has an excellent reputation and it's responsible for raising a substantial sum for village causes. Just how the money should be distributed is decided by you, the villagers, who get to discuss profit distribution at the public annual Parish Meeting. Last May the meeting decided that the profits should be distributed as follows:

- Church 40%
- Recreation Ground 35%
- Chronicle 15%
- Church Room 10%

This year the extravaganza promises some new attractions in addition to all of your usual favourites. For a start, there will be hot food and Pimms served from 1 o'clock, an hour before the official start time of 2 pm. Why not come long early and have your lunch at the fete. This year we have the first Aston Abbots Dog Show, also at 1 o'clock, in the Grove Field just behind the Green. This promises to be great fun with several different categories including 'dog and owner most alike' - don't forget to enter if you are a dog owner.

The main fete opens at 2 o'clock. None of the stalls will be trading until after the official opening, so please don't distract the stall holders from the important task of setting up and getting ready by trying to buy things before that time.

Not only is the fete taking place that weekend, but there will also be the chance to participate in some of the VE Day commemorations that were postponed from May 1st. The centrepiece of these is the wartime dinner and dance on the evening of the fete, with food and the Dad's Army Jazz band for a very reasonable £10. See page 13 for more details.

On the Sunday after the fete there are many other events, including a barbecue on the rec which promises "silly prices". There are lots of other attractions, so check out the programme of events on page 15.

Time For Our Break

There is no Chronicle in August, so the next issue will come out at the beginning of September. The deadline for submissions is on the right hand side of this page.

See you after the holidays. Have a great time everybody!

Phil

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Shivum Gupta	22 nd
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Andrew Peacock	24 th
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Dean Wiggett	29 th
Poonam Gupta	29 th

Big Birthdays

A very happy birthday to **Andy Stefanczyk**, who celebrated the big four-oh during June.

Many happy birthday greetings to **Kirsty Lewis**, who celebrated her 18th birthday during June.



Do you want to see someone go as white as a ghost? Who was it who really enjoyed themselves on a recent group trip to France? The laws of defamation prevent me telling you who, but she is petite, and normally quiet and demure. If you can work it out who it was then just creep up and whisper **Tequila Slammers** in her ear, then standby to catch her as she faints.



We must make special mention of **Neil Chesher**, who enthusiastically stood in as a surrogate mother and has been enjoying suckling a poorly alpaca recently. Well done Neil – we hope your nipples are not so sore now.



For Friends of Whitchurch Surgery

Guess the mileage competition at the May Feast.

Thanks to everyone who took part. The actual mileage of the Riley was 58303 - adult winner was P. Howes and child winner Jenny Price.



When a teenage partygoer stood on a broken glass at Kirsty Lewis' birthday party mum **Alison Lewis** called upon all of her medical training as a midwife and immediately ordered up hot water and towels. However, her eyes failed to focus on the injured foot (it must have been the lateness of the hour) and it was left to dad **Dave Lewis** to perform the open foot surgery, expertly removing the offending shard of glass. Well done Dave!



On a recent trip to Costco gossip columnist **Alison Lewis** bought a giant pack of 100 toilet rolls. However, not for the first time this month, Alison's eyes failed her, and the family now find themselves with a lifetime's supply of *kitchen* rolls. In the meantime, would all visitors to Church Farm please take their own loo paper.

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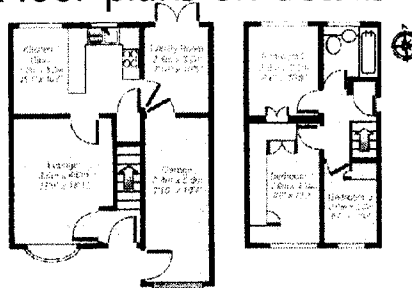
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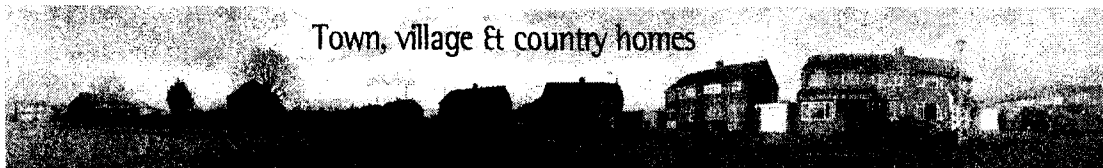
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In The Village

Aston Abbotts Fete 2005



"I'm very excited about the way everything is coming together for this year's fete," says fete organiser Poonam Gupta. "We have so much that's new and all of the favourite stalls as well.

"Students from Wingrave School will be displaying their work for the first time this year and children from the school are

going to be invited to come in fancy dress. Details will be in the school newsletter and there's going to be a prize awarded to the best boy and the best girl. The prize will be a month's junior's membership compliments of Aqua Vale Swim And Leisure Centre.

"We're also very excited about the first appearance in Aston Abbotts of Colonel Custards Magic Show. This is going to be terrific fun for the kids and there is to be just one performance so make sure you don't miss it.

"We are trying to make the fete a ready special afternoon out for everybody. We are inviting to people to come along from one o'clock, when hot food will be on sale. So why not come along and have lunch with us at the fete? Also at 1 o'clock we have the first ever Aston Abbotts Dog Show organised by Lynne. We want as many entries as possible and there are lots of different categories [details are on page 19 ~ Ed]. If you want to enter your dog then just bring it along to the Grove Field behind the green at one."

Poonam is quick to reassure that the usual stalls are not forgotten. "Of course, all of these new attractions are in addition to the usual stalls and events which everybody loves so much. All of the usual stalls will be there. The tombola, the bric-a-brac - that's always a favourite and some people come from far away to see if they can find a bargain. Groceries, cakes - home-made of course. Plants, books... have I forgotten anything? Oh yes, gifts, Pym's, ice-cream, children's toys... I can't remember them all! Alpacas - they'll be there. I think there have been some new alpaca arrivals recently but I am not sure if the babies will be there. What else? More for the youngsters - the Lion train, face-painting, kids lucky dip. Oh, by the way, even though the fete is open from one for food and the dog show the stalls will not be ready until the official opening at 2 o'clock so please don't try to buy things from the stall holders as they are setting up."

Poonam is keen to stress how the traditional nature of the fete has been retained. "Two of our most popular attractions which make this such a traditional fete are the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Morris dancers. Both will be there of course. And how could we English get through the afternoon without a cup of tea? Teas and cakes will be on sale in the Church room from half-two onwards, and anybody who would like a quieter

moment away from the hustle and bustle of the fete is also bound to enjoy the floral display in the Church.

"The raffle is always one of the most popular things at the fete and I'm very grateful to Rod and Val Rothero for taking it on this year. This year it's a bit special as the first prize winner will have a choice of prizes. Wingrave shop is going to be selling raffle tickets before the fete, or you can get them from Rod and Val [details on page 23 - Ed]. Please, please, please, if you can sell any to friends and family, please do so."

I ask Poonam what people could do to help make the fete a success. "Well, the main thing is to come along on July the 23rd and have a great time!!! But of course we rely a lot upon the generosity of villagers making donations for the stalls. We have a team of volunteers who will be calling on the Monday and Tuesday before the fete to collect anything that anyone feels they can give us. We are particularly looking for bottles for the Tombola, bric-a-brac, groceries, nearly new items for the toy stall and the gift stall, but please no electrical items as we are not allowed to sell them and also please no expired groceries.

"Clare has asked me to ask you to take any plants for the plant stall round to Oak Farm House in the week before the fete to give her a chance to sort and label them. Francesca also needs donations of homemade cakes and she would like them taken to the cake stall on the day."

Finally I asked Poonam if there was anything else she could tell us. "I'd just like to say a big thank you to all the helpers in advance for their time and effort. It really would not be possible to host a village fete of increasing popularity like this without the help of so many people. A big *Thank You* to one and all."

My thanks to Poonam for taking the time out to chat with us. Of course, we have a whole weekend of events this year, with a wartime dinner-dance on the Saturday evening and a very full programme of VE day commemoration events on the Sunday. Details on pages 13 and 15.

~ Phil Spooner

Chicken Farm Update

AVDC planned to decide the fate of the chicken farm application on 23 June, but it seems that the planning officer needs more time to deliberate on the various documents, land boundaries and, more importantly, all the letters of objection that the villagers submitted. The planning officer therefore has delayed the meeting (he says) until August or possibly September. However, bearing in mind that the whole issue of this application is riddled with inaccuracies, inconsistencies and uncertainties, it might well be that AVDC might decide to call an earlier meeting. We watch this space with interest. At the eventual AVDC committee meeting that will determine the success or failure of the application, the committee are usually swayed in their decision by the number of local people who attend to witness democracy in action. Once the date and venue of the meeting is fixed, it is hoped that as many villagers as possible will attend.

~ Dickie Dicken

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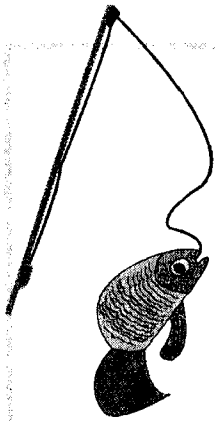
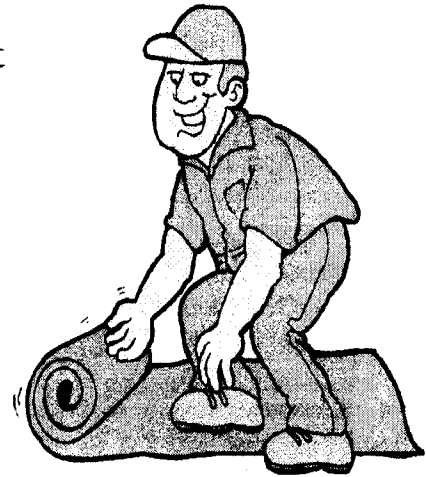
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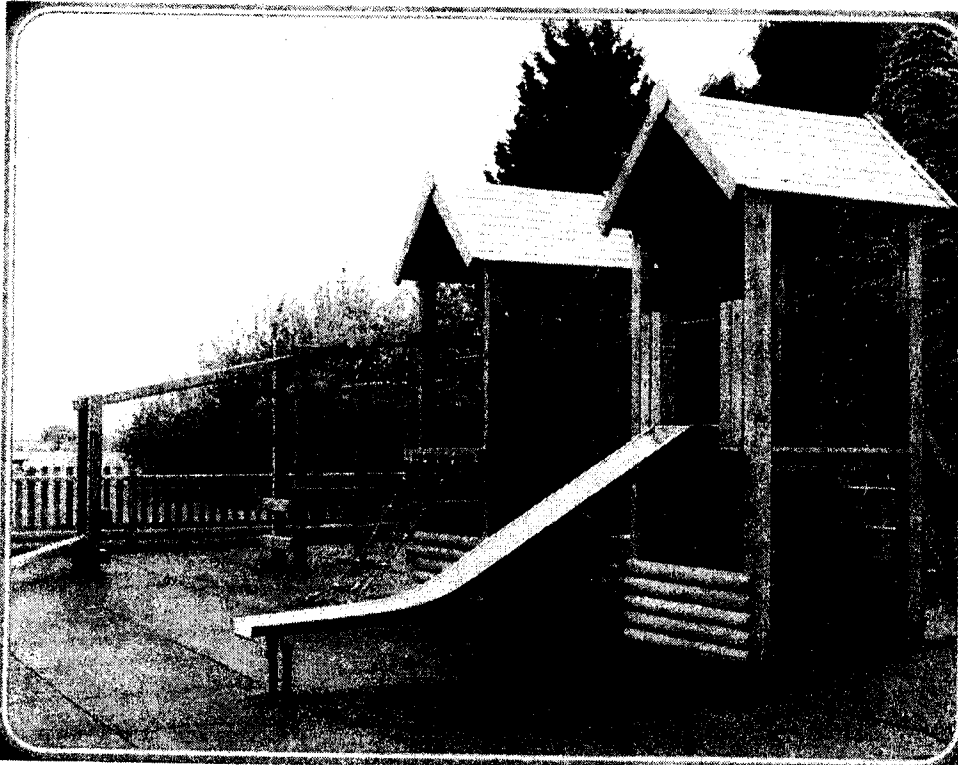
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Aston Abbotts Recreation Ground

We are now able to start ordering new equipment for the childrens playground and below is an idea of what the first new play apparatus will look like. We have unfortunately not received a grant from AVDC and are therefore currently applying for grants from other organisations. As soon as we are able to raise further funds, either from grants or from village fund raising, further play equipment will be installed.

~ Jackie Farrands



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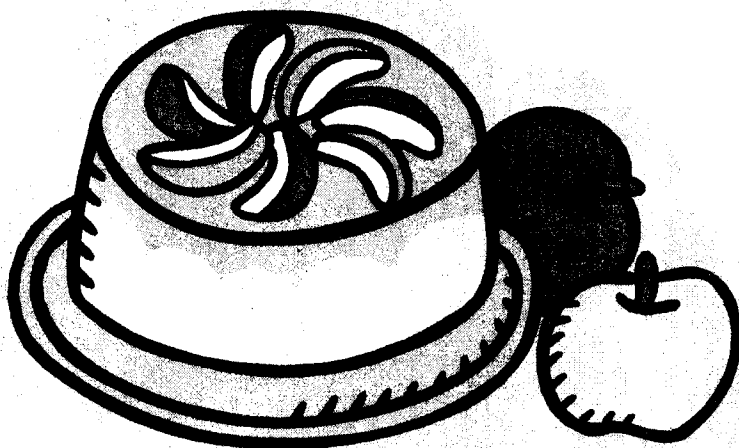
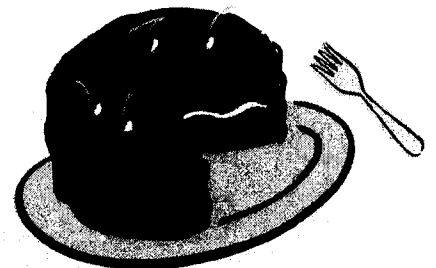
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Francesca is

half-baked



So please help her out!

Francesca Bean is running the Cake stall at this year's Aston Abbotts fete, but she can't cook all of the cakes herself. So can you help her out? Francesca needs home baked cakes delivered to the cake stall on the day of the fete. All contributions will be gratefully received. Thank you one and all.

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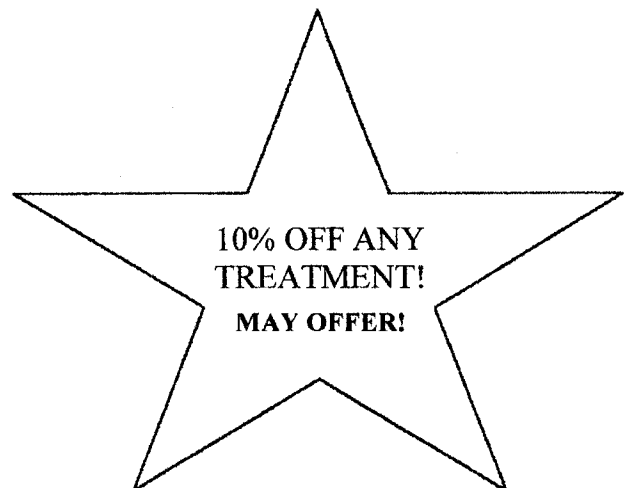


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Stick Dancing Class

I went to the last dance class, organized by Poonam Gupta. This was an Indian Stick Dancing class and I had no idea what to expect! I turned up late as I didn't want to shock anybody too much by being on time, and thought for a while that I could just stand and watch everybody else making a fool of themselves.

However, Poonam soon found me a couple of sticks and I had to join in (some of the others improvised with kitchen equipment - don't worry, nothing was broken!) Once I got into the rhythm of walking and 'hitting sticks', we then had to start dancing at the same time - this proved too much for some, as my bruised knuckles can testify. However, we all got the hang of this unusual dance very quickly (I don't know whether we would have done better or worse if the Gnomes had been to The Oak first - Tuesday nights of course being our evening out).

After the dancing we then, obviously, retired to the pub for a well deserved drink - some of us were exhausted. We had all very much enjoyed the evening and are now looking forward to the next dance classes. We may even find some dance talent suitable for the next cabaret, or maybe not!! So if you missed this class, make sure you come to Julia's classes - they will be great fun and will also raise funds for new equipment for the recreation ground.

~ Jackie Farrands

Aston Abbots Ladies Club

26th May

15 members were present at today's meeting held in the Church Room. The Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members and the minutes were read and signed.

Our Coffee Morning at Audrey Stephenson's house on May 19th to raised £154.00 for Club funds.

The Chairman introduced Jan Johnson who talked to us about our summer outing to Woburn Abbey. It was agreed that as we will be travelling in member's cars, we should meet at the coffee shop at 10.30. This will enable our tour of the house and grounds to begin at 11.30. However, it was recognised that some members might prefer to go round on their own.

Members were requested to pay their £7.00 entrance fee to April at the next meeting,

Joan Alexander put forward a number of ideas for our next meeting which is due to be held on June 23rd.

As we didn't have a Speaker for today's meeting, Avril Bradley Davis ran a word competition for members which produced a lot of laughter. June Brine thanked her for an entertaining afternoon and presented her with a bunch of flowers.

Tea was served by Jan Johnson and Sheila Read. Mary Morris won the raffle prize.

~ Shirley Ford

CHILLI EATING

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...

Don't forget, the pub is 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.



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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

13th June

I am occasionally asked how is it that I see so much in the countryside? The answer is simple - it's a combination of being reasonably observant and spending time in the fields. Not just at weekends, but every day of the year. Those of us who keep livestock look at them every day and in my case that usually means about an hour spent driving round several fields. Shepherding we call it. My friends in Kent and East Sussex referred to it as looking. A friend from Kent ran up to say he was coming to visit and could he come looking with me in the morning. I wonder how that word will come out with the editor. Apparently he has a magic machine which prints out his spoken word. Last month in my scribble I referred to proper farmers it came out as pop up farmers [*Whoops! Sorry Peter ~ Ed*]. Has looking come out all right?

Earlier in June I had a splendid day watching wildlife. I was driving a tractor for a friend carting cut grass from the field back to the silage dump at the farm. Curious! We don't use carts, we use trailers, but we are still carting. Some old farmers will say leading silage, going back to the days of leading a horse and cart. Agriculture is almost a separate branch of English.

Back to a days silaging. Every time I was at the farmyard I saw a pied wagtail which always nests in a farm shed. I then drove out of the yard, past two pits of dirty water - green and evil looking but nevertheless home to a family of moorhens - on down a long hedge side where a yellowhammer sat, and through a grazing field with a pair of French partridges in residence. Later in the day a skylark rose from the short grass and in the evening a cock pheasant with three hens came out to feed

Into the field of cut grass where three red kites floated and dived around the tractor looking for titbits on the exposed grass stubble - the three kites were later joined by a 4th - four kites in 20 acre field! Now we always used to have rooks and kestrels feeding in newly cut grass but obviously the kites keep these birds away. One day will we be saying that the introduction of the red kite has driven the kestrels to critical levels? As I've said before, you can have too many of even the loveliest of creatures.

Also in the silage field was a fox crossing during the morning and two hares appeared and moved on. A Chinese water deer however came out of the hedge on one side of the grass and wawalked daintily across going into a rape crop on the other side. She crossed and re-crossed four times during the day, had she a fawn in the grass and was looking for it?

We really are very lucky in this area to have such a wealth of wildlife due, in my opinion, to livestock farmers and the grass they grow.

Bees have been an interest to me lately. Is it really possible there are enough bees locally to pollinate the 70 acres of beans

being grown at Lower Burston, especially as the bean flowers are hidden under the canopy of the crop. We should all be eating local honey made from the flowers in local hedgerows and our own gardens. What could be better for you? I make no apologies for suggesting we should all get honey from Kevin Fletcher on Lines Hill - local food naturally produced and

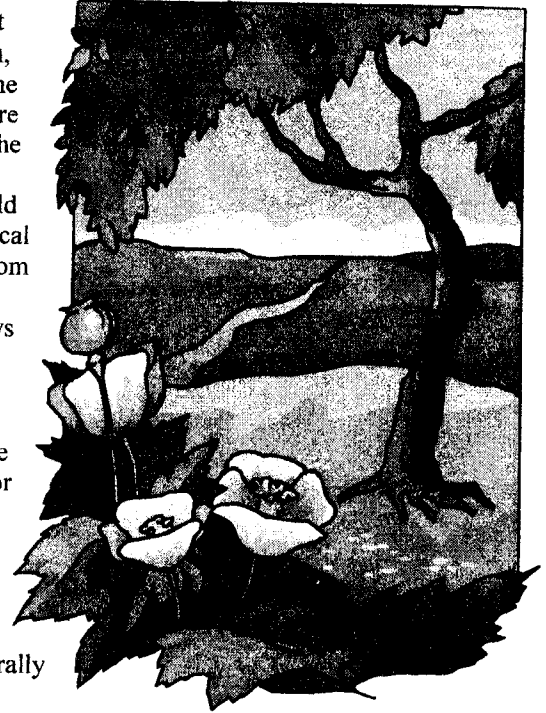
believe me delicious. Like many naturally produced products honey is probably too cheap. Rather like wool.

Yes, shearing is coming up, something that has to be done for the comfort and welfare of the sheep. Gone are the days when the wealth of the country was built on wool. Last year Alex and I sold 825 kilos of wool. From 400 odd sheep, believe it or not, we have will have 22 different grades, each grade at a different price, ranging from 40 pence to 4p per kilo. The total wool check last year was £523 and the bill for shearing was £376! The margin of £150 then has to cover Alex and myself, and a friend working a full day sorting sheep for the shearer - feeding the two shearers and the chap who rolls and packs the fleeces, and then two trips to Thame with a Land Rover and trailer to deliver the valuable commodity. I mustn't complain - two years ago some of our wool was worth nothing at all - the woolstaplers took it to get it off our hands.

To think that in the past fortunes were made from wool - what price the woosack in the House of Commons now - it's about as valuable as our politician's!



*Peter mentioned in his column that I sometimes use voice dictation software to help with the task of typing up articles. This had led to some 'howlers'. Fortunately I spotted the one elsewhere this month, when IBM ViaVoice translated 'membership' as 'remember sh*t'. I wouldn't have wanted that to go into print! ~ Ed.*



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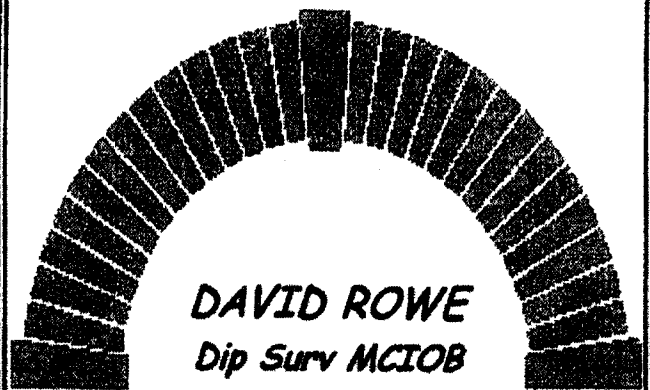
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Margaret Climbs Ben Nevis

In May Tony and I went on a touring holiday in Scotland and while in Fort William we climbed Ben Nevis. It's a huge bulk of a mountain with a wide path and fairly easy walking to start with, but a long slog and the last 1000 ft is comprised of four giant zigzags each 250 ft high, which never seem to end! We were in T-shirts to start, but near the top it began to rain, then hail, then snow, so we put on our wet weather gear plus hat and gloves.

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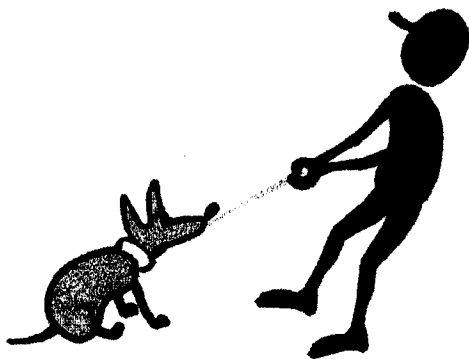
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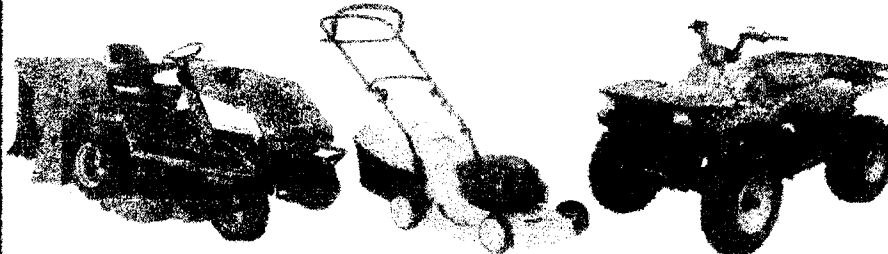
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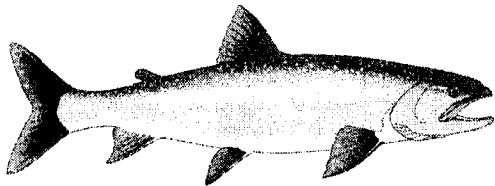
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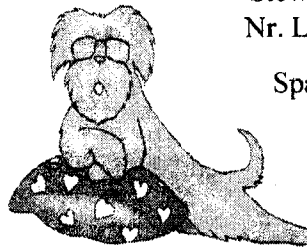
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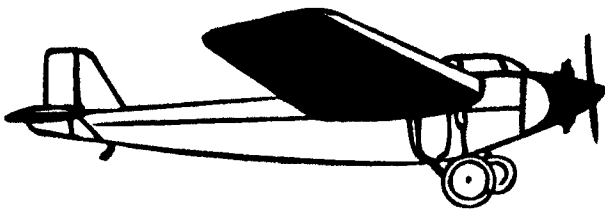


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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 22nd June 2005

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), R. Clarke, D. Dicken, P. Shorrock, M. Kent, T. Manning and Mrs. K. Curry (Clerk). One member of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. There were no matters arising.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked councillors to consider where they may site the new noticeboard.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

No one was present from any of the above organisations, but a short statement from District Councillor Peter Cooper was read out, outlining his support for the Parish Council regarding planning matters.

To Approve The Annual Accounts

Resolved to approve the annual accounts for year ending 31st March 2005. The Annual Return was signed.

Family Fun Day

The idea of a Family Fun Day on the Rec to raise money for the children's play area was warmly welcomed, though the organisers will have to provide their own insurance for the event.

Twinning

There are three villages in the Czech Republic who may be

interested in twinning with Aston Abbotts. Interest was expressed in this proposal, which will be brought to the next meeting.

Planning

- 05/01218/APP Old Masters Restaurant, Old School, Cublington Road. Erection of two semi-detached houses. Resolved to oppose this application on the grounds that it would adversely affect the character of the Conservation Area, and is an overdevelopment of the plot.

Highways

It was noted that no rural verge cutting has been taking place.

Recreation Ground

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

The Recreation Ground Committee reported that the grant they had applied to from AVDC has been refused. However, there is still the £10,000 which the Parish Council has provided. Permission was asked to spend this money on a 'Multiplay' system. Resolved to proceed with this part of the project.

Dates Of Future Parish Council Meetings

Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 27th July at 8 pm in the Church Room.

EVERYBOBY IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

Church Flowers

July

2 nd /3 rd .	Mrs. A. Parker
9 th .10 th	Mrs. S. Loder
16 th /17 th	Mrs. S. Ford
23/24 th	Festival Rota
30/31 st	

August

13 th /14 th	Mrs. A. Goodman
20/21 st	Mr. C. Higgs
27/28 th	Donated

Church Sidesmen

July

3 rd	Mr. G. Kemp
10 th	Mr. C. Higgs
17 th	Mr. A. Ford
24 th	Church wardens
31 st	Mrs. S. Ford

August

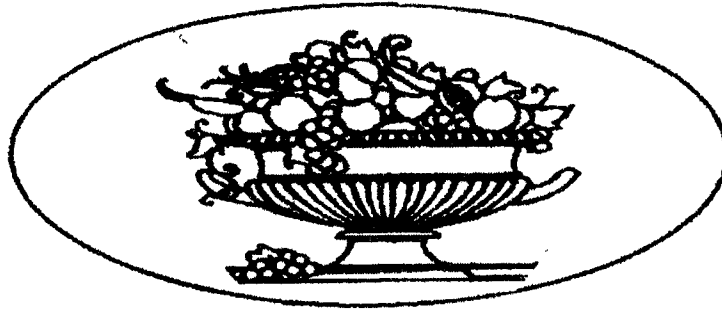
7 th	Service at Wingrave
14 th	Mr. C. Higgs
21 st	Mr. G. Kemp
28 th	Mr. A. Ford

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

Other Church Events

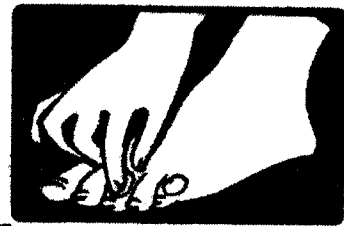
Saturday 2 nd July	Wingrave patronal festival, ploughmans lunches
Saturday 9 th July	Wing safari supper
Saturday 16 th July	Wing Carnival

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YOUTH CLUB HELP NEEDED

Following requests for a Youth Club to be set up in Wingrave, we held an open meeting, chaired by Peter Rice from the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs. An outcome of this meeting was that we sent out a brief survey, in January, to ascertain the actual level of interest. The results indicated sufficient interest for us to go ahead and proceed with the setting up of a Youth Club. The survey results identified that the idea of a local Youth Club appealed mostly to the 10-12 year olds and 14-18 year olds. Various venues were considered, with the final conclusion being that Wingrave Community Centre was currently the only viable option. At our last WCA executive meeting (6/06/05) we decided that the Youth Club would be open to children from the Wingrave School catchment area. (Please note, children will not need to attend Wingrave School). Our aim is to have the Youth Club up and running by October. Probably initially starting with School Years 5 and 6.

We acknowledge the need for Youth Club provision for the older age group, who will need their own space separate from younger children and visa versa, but we have to start somewhere.

However, before we can even go ahead and start the Youth Club **we need more volunteers**. We are also looking for someone to work as a joint leader.

If you think that you might be interested in being a volunteer, even just helping occasionally,

We would like to invite you to an informal meeting at:

The Methodist Church*, Nup End Lane, Wingrave

on: Friday, 8th July at 6.30pm.

(*Unfortunately the Community Centre was already booked)

Liz Mitchell, from the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs will be present at the meeting to advise, guide us and answer questions. Liz will also discuss our training options and prepare for the setting up of the Youth Club.

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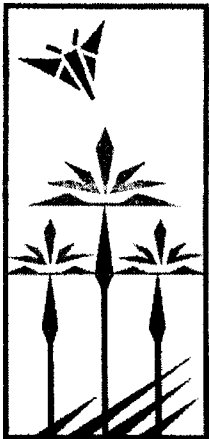
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A Mother's Dictionary

AEROPLANE : What Mum impersonates to get a one year old to eat strained vegetables.

ALIEN : What Mum would think had invaded her house if she spotted a child-sized creature cleaning up after itself.

APPLE : Nutritious lunchtime dessert which children will trade for buns and cakes.

BABY : 1. Dad, when he gets a cold. 2. Mum's youngest child, even if he's 42.

BATHROOM : a room used by the entire family, believed by all (except Mum) to be self-cleaning.

BECAUSE : Mum's reason for having kids do things which can't be explained logically.

BED & BREAKFAST : Two things the kids will never make for themselves.

CARPET : Expensive floor covering used to catch spills and clean mud off shoes.

COOK : 1. Act of preparing food for consumption. 2. Mum's other name.

COUCH POTATO : What Mum finds under the sofa cushions after the kids eat dinner.

DATE : Infrequent outings where Mum and Dad can enjoy worrying about the kids while in a different setting.

DRINKING GLASS : Any carton or bottle left open in the fridge.

DUST : Insidious interloping particles of evil that turn a home into a battle zone.

DUST RAGS : See "DAD'S UNDERWEAR."

EAR : A place where kids store dirt.

EAT : What kids do between meals, but not at them.

EMPTY NEST : See "WISHFUL THINKING."

ENERGY : Element of vitality kids always have an oversupply of until asked to do something.

"EXCUSE ME" : One of Mum's favourite phrases, reportedly used in past times by children.

EYE : The highly susceptible optic nerve which, according to Mum, can be "put out" by anything from a suction-arrow to a carelessly handled butter knife.

FABLE : A story told by a teenager arriving home later at night than they should have done.

FOOD : The response Mum usually gives in answer to the question "What's for dinner tonight?" See "SARCASM"

FROZEN : 1. A type of food. 2. How hell will be when Mum lets her daughter date an older guy with a motorcycle.

GENIUSES : Amazingly, all of Mum's kids.

GUM : Adhesive for the hair and carpet.

HAMPER : A wicker container with a lid, usually surrounded by, but not containing, dirty clothing.

HANDI-WIPES : Pants, shirt-sleeves, drapes, etc.

HANDS : Body appendages which must be scrubbed raw with volcanic soap and sterilised in boiling water immediately prior to consumption of the evening meal.

HINDSIGHT : What Mum experiences from changing too

many diapers.

ICE : Cubes of frozen water which would be found in small plastic tray if kids or husbands ever filled the damned things instead of putting them back in the freezer empty.

INSIDE : That place that will suddenly look attractive to kids once Mum has spent a minimum of half an hour getting them ready to go outside.

"I SAID SO" : Reason enough, according to Mum.

JACKPOT : When all the kids stay at friends' homes for the night.

JEANS : Which, according to kids, are appropriate for just about any occasion, including church and funerals.

"JEEEEEEEEZ!" : Slang for "Gee Mum, isn't there anything else you can do to embarrass me in front of my friends?"

JOY RIDE : Going somewhere without the kids.

JUNK : Dad's stuff.

KETCHUP : The sea of tomato-based goo kids use to drown the dish that Mum spent hours cooking and years perfecting to get the seasoning just right.

KISS : Mum medicine.

LAKE : Large body of water into which a kid will jump should his friends do so.

MAKEUP : Lipstick, eyeliner, blush, etc. which ironically make Mum look better while making her young daughter look "like a tramp."

MAYBE : No.

MILK : A healthful beverage which kids will gladly drink once it's turned into junk food by the addition of sugar and cocoa.

"MuummmMMM!" : The cry of a child on another floor who wants something.

MUSH : 1. What a kid loves to do with a plateful of food. 2. Main element of Mum's favourite movies.

NAILS : A hard covering on the end of the finger, which Mum can never have a full set of due opening stubborn modelling clay lids, removing packaging from the latest toy and diving down the back of the sofa to retrieve army men and/or doll clothing.

OCEAN : What the bathroom floor looks like after bath night for kids, assorted pets, two or three full-sized towels and several dozen toy boats, cars and animals.

OPEN : The position of children's mouths when they eat in front of company.

OVERSTUFFED RECLINER : Mum's nickname for Dad.

PRISON : Where children who don't eat their vegetables or clean their rooms eventually end up, according to Mum.

PETS : Small, furry creatures which follow kids home so Mum will have someone else to clean up after.

PIANO : A large, expensive musical instrument which, after hundreds of pounds worth of lessons and constant harping by Mum, kids will refuse to play in front of company.

PURSE : A handbag in which Mum carries the cheque-book and keys she can never find because they're buried under

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tissues, sweet wrappers, a plastic container full of cereal, toys from a fast-food restaurant, a teddy bear, a football, wallpaper samples, a grocery list and several outdated coupons.

QUIET : A state of household serenity which occurs before the birth of the first child and occurs again after the last child has left for college.

RAINCOAT : Article of clothing Mum bought to keep a child dry and warm, rendered ineffective because it's in the bottom of a locker stuffed in a school bag or because the child refuses to wear "the geeky thing."

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TEACHER CONFERENCE : A meeting between Mum and that person who has yet to understand her child's "special needs".

TERRIBLE TWO'S : Having both kids at home all summer.

TRAMP : A woman with two kids and no stretch marks.

TROUBLE : Area of nonspecific space a child can always be sure to be in.

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WASHING MACHINE : Household appliance used to clean blue jeans, permanent ink markers, loose change, homework, tissues and wads of gum.

"WHEN YOUR FATHER GETS HOME" : Standard measurement of time between crime and punishment.

The other day, I went out for an evening with the 'boys'. Before I left, my wife asked what time I would be in, so I said before midnight. Anyway, during the evening, the beer went down far too easily. I looked at my watch and discovered it was nearing 3 am. Anyway, the next thing I knew I was staggering home. As I got in, the cuckoo clock cuckooed 3 times. I knew that the noise would wake up my wife, so I cuckooed 9 more times. Impressed with my quick thinking, I found my way up the stairs and flopped into bed. The next morning my wife asked me what time I got in. I told her 12 am. She didn't look bothered. Then she said, "We need a new a new cuckoo clock." When I asked her why, she said, "last night it cuckooed 3 times, paused, cuckooed 4 times more, cleared its throat, cuckooed twice more, giggled, cuckooed 3 more times, then tripped over the cat and broke wind!"



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Clergy Comment

Sixty years on from the end of the Second World War, it seems that there are still battles going on in Europe. But they are battles that we actually find happening in many areas of life.

People see what appears to be the thin end of a wedge, and the more they try to put the pieces together, the more they decide that they find these changes unacceptable. The European Constitution may be right, but we have not yet been convinced that it is the way forward.

Just over a year ago the parish churches of Wing, Wingrave with Rowsham, Aston Abbots and Cublington were linked together. What was formerly one parish and a group of three parishes started to work together more closely. At present there are no formal links - although I suspect that they will come in time. There have been links before between these parishes. Wingrave and Wing, Aston Abbots and Cublington, Wing and Aston Abbots. But now we are trying to make a group of four work effectively.

But there is a mighty big difference between being alongside and working together and becoming a single unit. And we are working together for financial and logistical reasons - for the cost of a priest can be shared between the four parishes. Even whilst we remain separate we still find it difficult to offer and receive financial help from each other. We might be convinced of the logic - but we are still not sure whether we can yet remove the boundaries.

"I give to MY Church - I don't want the money to be used to solve problems somewhere else". I am sure that you know how

the thinking goes. If THEY need money, let them get on and raise it - after all we do not have any spare money, we are struggling". "Even if we had spare money, we want to decide how it shall be spent rather than just having it taken from us".

But the Church isn't about money. Nor is about being pushed together into supposedly sensible units. The trouble is that those are two ways in which our minds work. We worry about the money and we worry about the organisation - and sometimes we are right to do so. But the Church of God is not about money or organisation, but about a loving God who gave his only Son to die for us.

How does our understanding of that loving God square with our concerns about the Church's constant shortage of money? Are we really being realistic?

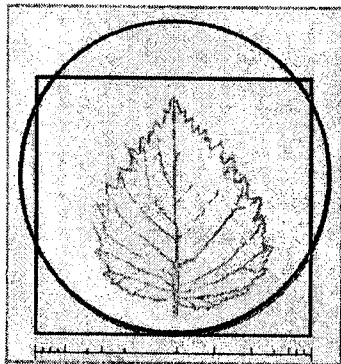
Are we worried about some other hidden agenda that is going on that will change things? What is it about the future of our Church that we are really frightened about?

~ Bob Willmott

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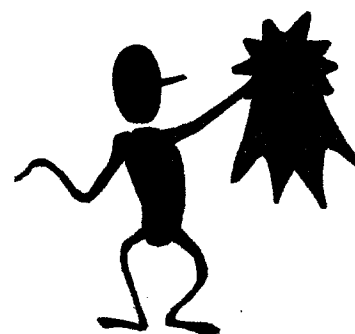
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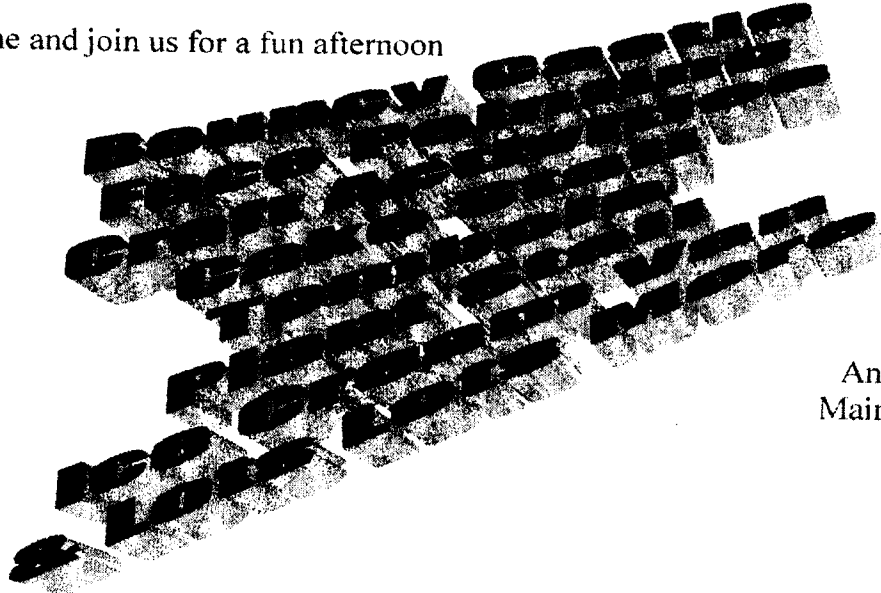
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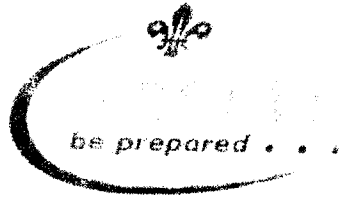
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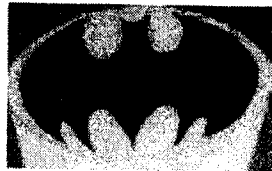
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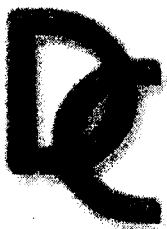
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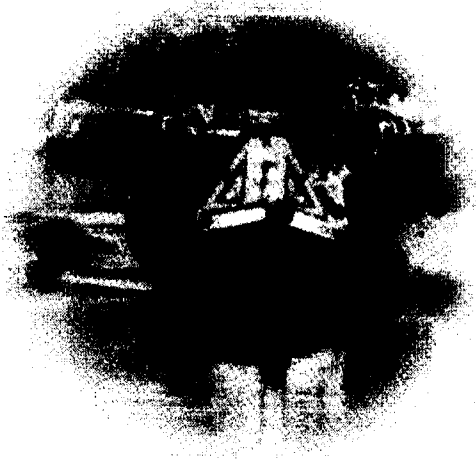
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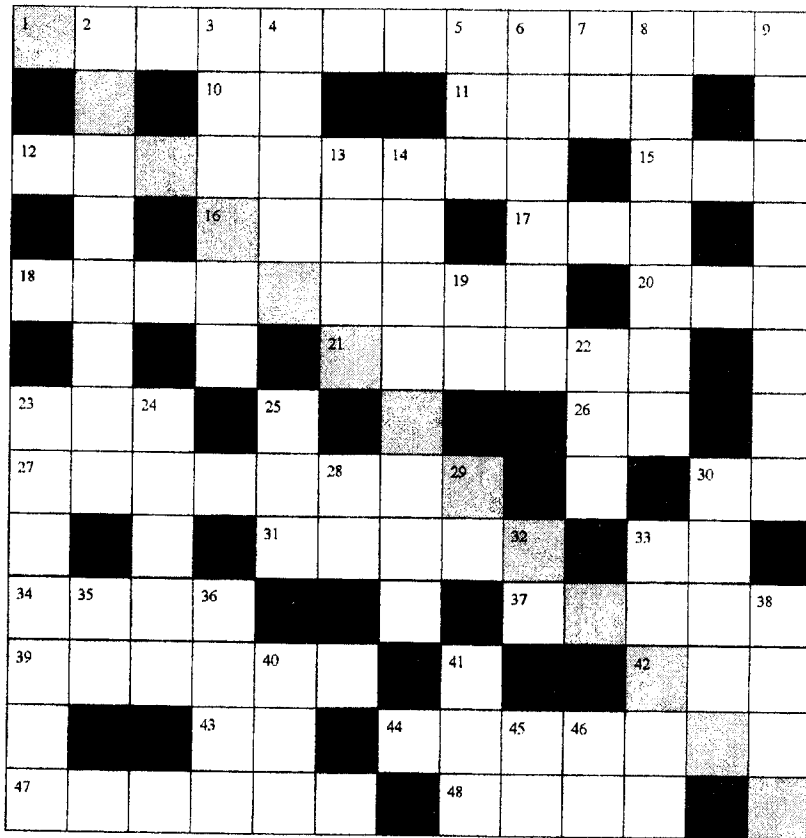
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The Chronicle Crossword

July/August 2005



June Solutions

ACROSS 1 Aspire 8 Vein 9 German
13 AI 14 GI 16 Roared
18 Misconception 20 Elm 21 Trachea
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DOWN 1 Avail 2 Seismic 3 Pi
4 Ingots 8 eg 6 Prophetic 7 Maria
10 Erect 11 Mated 12 Neo
15 Inroads 17 DNA 18 Medecine
19 Carried 23 My 25 Diurnal 27 Egg
28 Empire 30 Old 32 Noon 34 Poe
37 Fete 39 Dam 40 FBI 41 Ban
42 Aga 43 Tar 45 Lo
DIAGONAL 8,31 Victor Scott

DIAGONAL 1,32 Farmer who gave his name to a hill (8,5)

ACROSS

- 1 Lincoln and Kennedy suffered this (13)
- 10 Negative (2)
- 11 Semi-precious stone (4)
- 12 Personal mark (9)
- 15 Allow (3)
- 16 Put . . . , taken advantage of (4)
- 17 Adult male (3)
- 18 Ancient Indian book of love (9)
- 20 Fish with long smooth scaleless body (3)
- 21 Fads, vogues (6)
- 23 Beer (3)
- 26 Third person singular of be (2)
- 27 They contain soiled water (8)
- 30 Hitler's bodyguard abbr. (1,1)
- 31 Girl's name (5)
- 33 Electric power (1,1)
- 34 Scottish dance (4)
- 37 Jewelled head-ornament (5)
- 39 Hides in the ground (6)
- 42 Exhibition site near Birmingham (1,1,1)
- 43 Mum (2)
- 44 Cure-all (7)
- 47 Photographer's apparatus (6)
- 48 Spice (4)

DOWN

- 2 Fitting and adequate (8)
- 3 Once every year (6)
- 4 Eastenders is one of these (5)
- 5 Neither (3)
- 6 Tarzan could have become one (6)
- 7 Part time soldiers (1,1)
- 8 Disease (7)
- 9 Use these for thank-yous and messages (8)
- 13 He sells tickets illegally (4)
- 14 Lies (8)
- 19 Sappers Regiment (1,1)
- 22 Horrible noise (3)
- 23 Sharp tongued (7)
- 24 Girl's name (5)
- 25 Simian (3)
- 28 Applied to a thing without life (2)
- 29 Compass point (1,1)
- 30 Rocky slope (5)
- 32 Army rank abbr. (1,1)
- 33 Move to music (5)
- 35 We are a member of it (1,1)
- 36 Czech new tree? (4)
- 38 You can arbitrate here (1,1,1,1)
- 40 Organ of hearing (3)
- 41 Stationary traffic (3)
- 45 Sodium (1,1)
- 46 The alternative to 33 across (1,1)

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10 <i>Trinity 7</i>	10.00 Family Communion Praise	8.00 Communion 10.00 People's	10.00 Parish Communion	8.45 Parish Communion
17 <i>Trinity 8</i>	08.00 Communion 10.00 People's Praise	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
24 <i>Trinity 9</i>		10.00 Four Parish Communion	18.00 Songs of Praise	
31 <i>Trinity 10</i>	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	at Wingrave 10.00	8.45 Parish Communion
7 Aug <i>Trinity 11</i>	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	at Wing 10.0	at Wingrave 10.
14 <i>Trinity 12</i>	10.00 Family Communion	8.00 Communion 10.00 People's Praise	10.00 Parish Communion	8.45 Parish Communion
21 <i>Trinity 13</i>	08.00 Communion at Aston Abbots 10.0	at Cublington 10.0	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
28 <i>Trinity 14</i>	10.00 Four Parish Communion			
4 Sep <i>Trinity 15</i>	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service (Lay)

Sunday Readings

3 Jul	Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19	28	Trinity 14	Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
	Thomas	Ephesians 2 19-22; John 20.24-29	4 Sep	Trinity 15	Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
10	Trinity 7	Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23			
17	Trinity 8	Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43			
24	Trinity 9	Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52			
31	Trinity 10	Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21			
7 Aug	Trinity 11	Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33			
14	Trinity 12	Romans 11.1-2,29-32; Matthew 15.10-28			
21	Trinity 13	Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20			

From The Registers

Baptism

29 May Charles Montero at Aston Abbots

Marriage

21 May Graham Costello & Louise Evans at Wingrave

4 Jun Darren Ridley & Caroline Missen at
Cublington

Funerals

3 Jun Dorothy Priestley at Amersham

Ian Meyer at Amersham

Flower and Sidesman rotas are on page 25

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Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

Programme for 2004/2005

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

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- Thursday 7th** Whist Drive. Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sunday 10th** Rambling Club members meet at Ampthill 2 pm
- Tuesday 12th** Aylesbury Vale transport meeting at County Hall. 7.30 pm. (Bus/train queries to Colin)
- Thursday 14th** Aylesbury committee meeting Winslow Centre 6 pm (Highway matters to Colin or Richard)
- Saturday 16th** British Legion trip to Bournemouth—details on the right.
- Thursday 21st** Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
- Saturday 23rd** Village Festival/Fete opens 2 pm. Hot food and Dog Show from 1 pm.
- Sunday 24th** Barbecue on the Rec at 1 pm. Also many displays and shows for the VE Day Celebrations. See page 15 for a full programme
Floral displays in St. James Church
Songs of Praise Sunday 6 pm
- Wednesday 27th** Parish Council Meeting Church Room 8 pm
- Thursday 28th** Catch 11.00 bus to Cublington for Holiday walk bring picnic lunch, return 1.55 bus
- Saturday 30th** Coach trip to Greenwich Maritime museum (Sea Britain) departs The Green 10 am Book with Colin
- Sunday 31st** Rambling club members meet at Great Kimble 2 pm

August

- Wednesday 3rd** Children's holiday entertainment in Church Room. Watch for posters and time.
- Thursday 4th** Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
- Thursday 11th** Catch 2 pm bus to Rowsham. Holiday walk to Hulcott
- Sunday 21st** Rambling club members meet at Whipsnade Tree Cathedral 2 pm
- Thurs 1st Sept** Bucks County Show Weedon Park
- Friday 2nd Sept** Refuse collection NOT Thursday

Book These Dates

Saturday, 16th July RBL daytrip to Bournemouth. A few seats remaining. £9 adults - £4.50 children. Departs 7 am Aston Abbots. Book with John on 681626.

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!

Saturday 10th September. Four churches sponsored walk. 681343/681982 for details

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As a result of the open gardens weekend £243 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to the people who opened their gardens.

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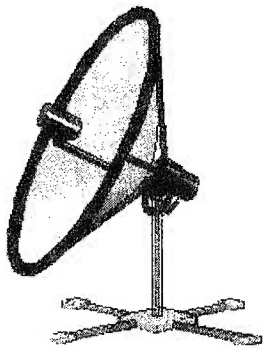
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Days out using 65 bus (£7.00 Explorer takes 2 adults and 2 children returns)

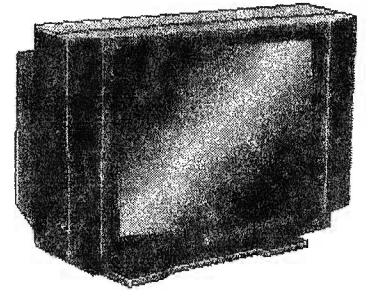
- Milton Keynes shopping
- Luton (via Leighton Buzzard) shopping/Luton Hoo parks
- High Wycombe (chair museums, river gardens, walks)
- Oxford (shopping, museums, river gardens, walks)
- Tring/Marsworth (museum, canal, reservoir, walks)
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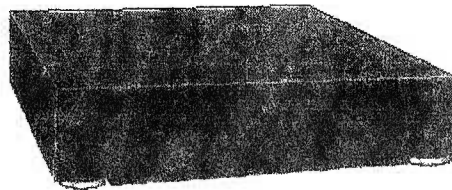


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We have just confirmed that a professional World War 11 re-enactment group will be on the rec. in Aston Abbotts on Sunday 24th July between 11.30am and 2.30 pm and 4.30 to 5.30pm. Come along and experience this unique opportunity to experience what life was like during the war for your Grandad & Granny!! Their programme is;-

Home Front Interactive Area

- 1.) An introduction to what life was like in the war*
- 2.) Demonstration of 1940's rationed cooking and wartime recipes.*
- 3.) Lead by an ARP Warden, the audience invited to take part in the procedures for an air raid/gas attack.*
- 4.) Evacuation of children plus a blackout competition for the youngsters.*
- 5.) Meet Home Guard Soldiers and discover preparations for Dartford's defence.*
- 6.) The day will include drill and other Home Guard activities.*



The Army Camp

- 1.) Take part in drill from WW11 and dress up in period uniform (Lots of photo opportunities)*
- 2.) Interaction using documents, maps, and propaganda leaflets. Talk to RAF and USAF personnel.*
- 3.) WW11 equipment with lots of 'hands on' opportunities for both adults and children*
- 4.) Discover life on the Front with demonstrations of period weapons including Bren and Vickers M/c guns. Other weapons available for the public to handle under supervision.*



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