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Morris Dancers at Aston Abbots fete 2005. Picture by Tomas Kriklan

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Editorial

New Editor Wanted

I've always wanted to resign something 'to spend more time with my family'. That seemingly innocuous little phrase usually hints at some form of exciting indiscretion and, whilst nothing could be further from the truth, I rather like the air of notoriety that it confers.

The truth is that I have been editing The Chronicle for nearly five years now. I have enjoyed the job immensely and I hope that my efforts have in some measure paid back a little of the friendship and warmth that we have found since we moved here to Aston Abbots seven years ago. However, these days my day job is making much greater demands upon my time and I really do want to pay a bit more attention to our elderly family. (Mrs Ed thinks she sees enough of me anyway.) I have less spare time now, and more demands are made upon it. I also feel that I am getting a bit stale, and I simply don't have the time to re-invigorate the magazine. More importantly, I no longer have the time to do the job as well as I would like to do it. So it's time to move on.

That means that I am seeking someone to take over the reins of The Chronicle. I hope to remain a contributor, but a new editor is now needed.

What does the editor actually do? The Chronicle editor has a free hand, and can really put their own stamp or style upon the magazine. He or she collates the articles, many written by others, the advertisements, and the other bits, lays them out in whatever format they like, and produces a single printed copy. The actual printing and distribution, dealing with the advertisers, and the financial affairs are all handled by others. Sometimes the editor 'commissions' articles (usually with a mix of blackmail, bribery and general wheedling), and most months there are one or two handwritten items to be typed up.

When the Chronicle first started it was produced by sticking bits of articles onto backing sheets, a rather tedious process to say the least. These days the whole business is a lot slicker and a lot quicker - I keep the whole magazine in a single Microsoft Publisher file, which is carried forward each month. That's just my choice of program; my predecessor used Microsoft Word. The new editor will be able to lay out and produce the magazine just however they please. However, it follows that the ability to use a computer is probably the main qualification for the job. That, and the vaguest grasp of the basic rules of the English language are just about it.

So what does the job pay? Nothing, of course! However, there is huge satisfaction to be gained from contributing to the community and in a job (hopefully) well done.

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming editor of the Chronicle, please give me a ring on 01296 681544 anytime to discuss the matter. It's a hugely rewarding job and I will miss doing it, but now it's time for a change.

Phil

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and much, much more.....

Alison's Gossip Column

Happy Birthday

Vannessa Worrall	3 rd
Piers Parker	4 th
Christopher Fox	6 th
Fiona Whyte	6 th
Sarah Smith	8 th
Claire Gresswell	14 th
Sally Palmer	18 th
Louise Palmer	20 th
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Halisi Drysdale	22 nd
Stephen Oldfield	22 nd
Mel Smith	22 nd
Anna Picking	24 th
Alex Dutton	25 th
Liz Hall	25 th
Lynne Maguire	26 th
Adrian Dixon	30 th

Christian Aid Week

A total of £118.56 was raised in Aston Abbotts. Cublington Road to the Bull and Butcher raised £65.38, collected by me. The rest was collected by Jan Johnson.

This is an increase on last year's sum. Thanks for all the contributions.

~ Anita Parker.

Good Luck to **Tori and Gary Moul** at the Royal Oak, who have taken over The Moat House in Broughton.

Teri and Gary will continue to run and live at the Royal Oak, as well as running the new pub. We wish them the best of luck in their new venture.

We were very sorry to hear of the tragic death of **Helen Peacock** at such a young age. Our thoughts are with her family, Andrew and Kirsty

Dear Phil,

May I use your magazine to pass on our grateful thanks to all our neighbours and other friends from the village (old and new), who have given such fantastic support during Helen's illness and since her death. It has meant a great deal to us and has helped enormously.

~ Andrew and Kirsty Peacock.

If your name is **Mel, Jade, or Shirl**—see page 27

Congratulations to **Anita Parker** who is a grandmother again. **Annabelle Andrea** 7lb 6oz was born to **Andrew and Valentina Parker** at Stoke Mandeville hospital on August 1st. All well - even grandma!

Get Well soon to **Sharon Wilkinson** who is recovering from an appendix operation and also to **Percy Humphrys** who has Shingles.

Congratulations to **Fiona Whyte** on her excellent A level results and a place at Leeds university. Also to **Kirsty Lewis** on her results and her place at Portsmouth.

John and Deirdre Whyte are also celebrating 25 years of wedded bliss. What a fortunate man John is!!!

By the way, **Linda Wheaton** is 46 years old, not 53!

A warm Aston Abbotts welcome to **Sarah** who has moved into Longmoor Barns. We hope you enjoy living here in Aston Abbotts. And NO Sarah - Neil and Phil ARE NOT AN ITEM!

Sharon and Ray would like to say a big thank you to all friends and family who sent such lovely cards and flowers throughout her being poorly.

Thank you once again ~ Sharon.

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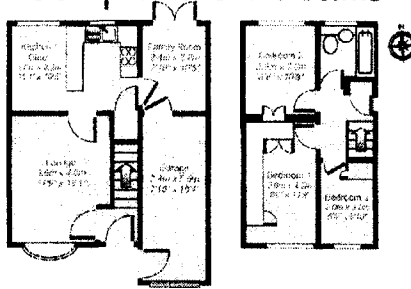
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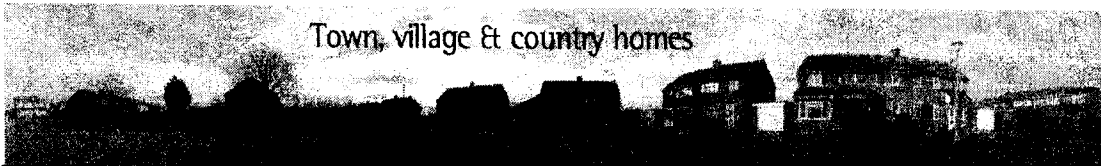
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In The Village

Pull The Other One

About 18 months ago on a Saturday the door bell went and there is the imposing figure of the Countryman blocking out the daylight. Sprawled out on my sofa, he said, "You know things that started in 1537 you really have to keep going."



"Interesting", I thought, "what the hell is he on about?"

"I'm sure" he said, "as a little Englander you would want to keep a tradition going..."

Sometimes I choose to be Welsh and this was one of them.

"Peter", I said, "What are you on about?"

"Bell ringing" says our sturdy figure, and with that I and several others had been conned into learning how to ring the Bells of Aston Abbots.

Peter Knight, our Tower Captain, has been a patient and persistent teacher. From the first, where we wrecked the stays to now where we have made sufficient improvement to go giggling to other bell towers, he has quietly helped us all to a reasonable level.

We have rung for weddings and we rang for the VE day celebrations.

On July 10th all the bells in England were rung at 5 pm. We took part in this and had to execute what is called a Firing.

Normally the 6 bells are rung in a variety of sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Rounds) or 1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6 (Queens) etc, but for Firing we had to ring all 6 bells at the same time 10 times.

The tower seemed to be packed with people because it was a very special occasion more so because Reg Darvill was there. Reg, aged 90, had rung the bells for the end of the war in 1945 on VE day and he rang treble for us 60 years on for the VE60.

It was Reg, who on moving to Wingrave in the 60's, found that the Bells of Aston Abbots were not being rung so got a band of people together and taught them how to ring.

Present on the VE60 ringing were Peter Knight, Reg Darvill, Alex Knight, Sally Dean, Hallesie Drysdale, Anita Parker, John Dixon, Kevin Fletcher and myself, as well as some Wingrave hangers-on.

Sally and Hallesie are very much the younger generation and are both skilled and enthusiastic about bell ringing.

Peter is still looking for volunteers, so no matter how you or old you are give Peter a ring and he will be happy to teach you how to ring the Bells of Aston Abbots

I have been amazed how much fun it has been, thanks Peter.

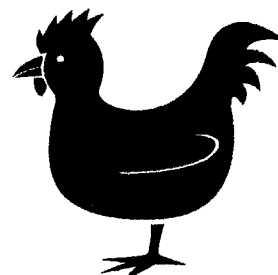
~ Neil Chesher

THE CHIP VAN

DON'T FORGET WEDNESDAY EVENING IS CHIP VAN NIGHT (ABOUT 9.15—LISTEN OUT FOR HIS BELL AROUND THE GREEN) - USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Chicken Farm Update

As you will all know the Development Control meeting for the egg farm at Norduck has been delayed.



The meeting will take place in the Reg Maxwell Hall, Civic Centre, Aylesbury on the 15th September 2005 and will commence at 10.30 am.

A number of interested people will be away on holiday or unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments and Clare Shorrocks has suggested that those people should be invited to sign a petition to be delivered to the Development Control Committee. If you are unable to attend and cannot change your arrangements, please contact Ann Dicken on 01296 688577 and she will pop around for your signature.

The reason for the delay is that the Development Control department at Aylesbury Vale is quite outrageous and is a sad reflection on our local government who clearly are completely out of touch with the community they represent.

It might be worthwhile to remind everyone of our existing planning system. The planning officer is normally disposed to agree an application, and it is left to the public to oppose it. This is similar to Napoleonic law where one is guilty until proved otherwise (English law is the reverse – innocent until proven guilty). Should the Development Control Committee decide to reject the application, the applicant can appeal, in which case the Local Council have to produce arguments to support the rejection. On the other hand, if the Committee approve the application, we, the public, do not have the right of appeal and the application stands.

~ Dickie Dicken

Church S W O T

Although few of us are very keen on "flipchart – management speak", it has been suggested that it would be very helpful if Churches looked at their "Strengths", their "Weaknesses", their "Opportunities" and their potential "Threats" – S W O T.

Whilst this can give a picture of the Church from those who are the "Regulars" – telling us what we already know and helping us see more clearly the way ahead, it is also useful to have the views of those who may come to Church less frequently – but who are nevertheless interested in how the Church responds to their needs. We stand a far better chance of meeting the needs of people if we know what the perceived needs are, than by hoping that our "guesswork" is right.

If you would like to spend a few moments thinking about the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats that face the Church here, then we should be very pleased to have your comments. There are some "Forms" around – but if you want to give us the answers in the next few weeks on the back of an envelope (which is where the best answers are usually to be found), then this will be just fine.

~ Bob Willmott

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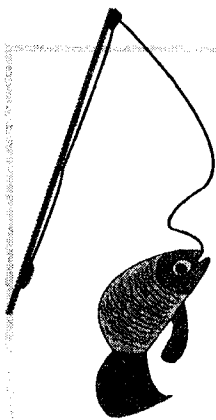
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The Aston Abbotts Dog Show

I was quite excited to be asked to judge the dog show at the fete and as far as I am aware it was the first dog show ever held on fete day. Very soon it dawned upon me that I was on rocky ground. I was bound to upset or offend someone, and how could I possibly make a choice from all those lovely dogs? Well I decided to concentrate solely on the dogs not the owners, and with some help from Lynne and Clare Connolly, the decisions were made.

Badger Scott, handled by David won Dog with the Waggiest Tail. That one was hard as it was difficult to assess the seven very happy, wagging dogs! Best Child Handler, went to Katie showing Tess. Most Handsome Dog went to Clare Gresswell with Archie, a gorgeous English Springer Spaniel. Bramble Dickason, a smart Schnauzer shown by Corbyn, came in second, and Max the senior English Setter owned and shown by Rosemary came third. Poor Max was rather nervous and so he was shown from outside the ring!

Best puppy went to Mrs Shrimpton with "Rupert".

The Scruffiest Dog award went to Holly Connolly, shown by young Megan. The Prettiest Bitch was Emma's Numpty, a lovely young Estrela Mountain Dog. Second place went to Australian terrier "Millie" Clarke (more used to getting awards from top dog shows such as Crufts), and third to Phil and Lynne with "Nellie" the chocolate Labrador.

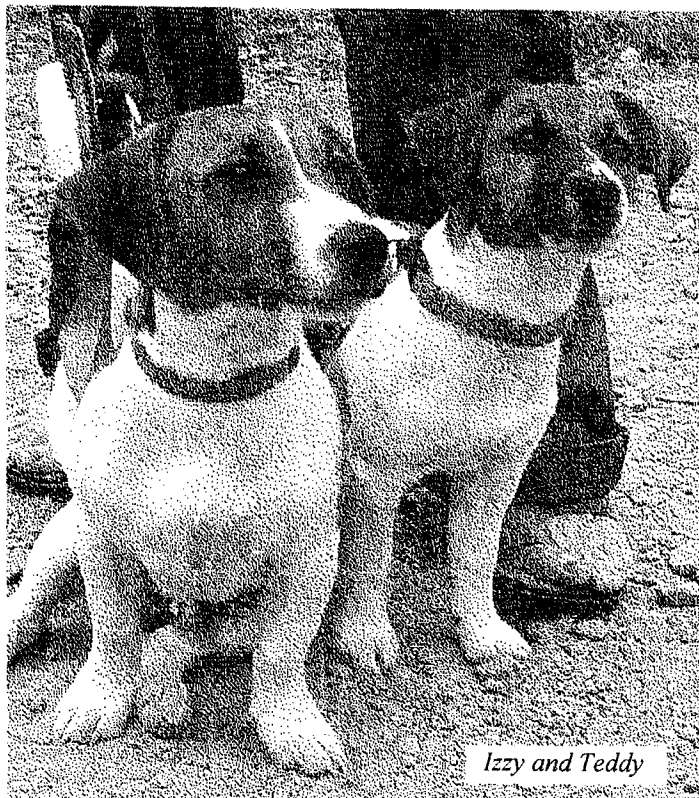
It was all good fun, and I am only sorry they could not all have won, as they were all so well behaved, and all the owners were good sports too.

Many thanks to Poonam and Lynne, for organising this very successful new idea for the Fete.

~ Carol Spooner



Scruffiest dog 'Holly' with Megan



Izzy and Teddy



Carol and Lynne compare notes

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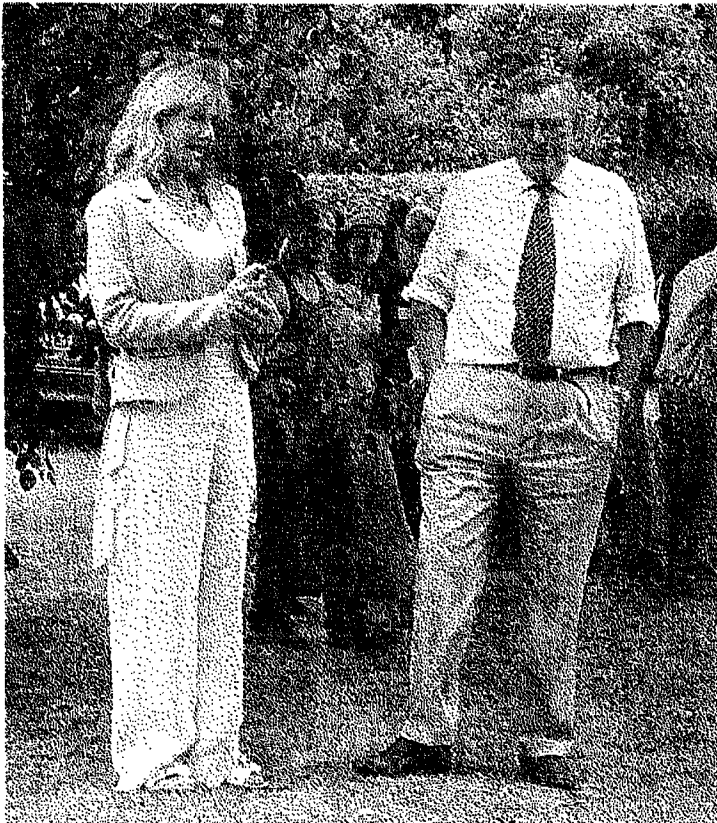
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Aston Abbots Fete raises over £3600



Above: Mrs Angel Olley opens Aston Abbots fete 2005

Below: The bric-a-brac stall always attracts bargain-hunters

Mrs Angela Olley of The Abbey (pictured left with fete MC and Chronicle columnist Peter Knight) opened this year's fete as the weather gods smiled down upon us—yet again.

This year the fun had started an hour before the official opening, with the first Aston Abbots Dog Show proving a big attraction and many people queued for food and Pimms.

Many people enjoyed the earlier start and, after the opening speech by Mrs Olley, then turned to the traditional stalls. The Great Horwood Silver Band and Morris dancers provided entertainment, whilst many stalls found themselves selling out early in the afternoon.

The final total raised, after expenses, was in excess of £3600—the highest amount ever raised. I congratulated fete organiser Mrs Poonam Gupta. Poonam expressed her delight at the final total, but said, "I really want to express my thanks to all of the people who worked so hard for this fantastic result, not just on the day but also in the weeks leading up to the event. And it was so much harder for many of the stall holders this year; the earlier start meant they had to set-up earlier and had to stay open longer. Thank you so much to everybody."

The fete accounts are printed on page 11. These show how the money was raised and how it has been distributed. My thanks to Dickie Dicken for providing these

Once again, our congratulations to Poonam for doing such a wonderful job. Now, how are we going to beat that total next year??

~ Phil Spooner



HOT NEWS

Andy & Sally are returning soon to Aston Abbotts having achieved their goals with the pub some 14 months ahead of schedule! Huge thanks to those who supported us and visited us in St Issey.

The cottages in North Cornwall are still available for self-catering holidays, weekend breaks - or any time that you want to get away from it all.

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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

August 2005

We always say that every year is different on farms and in the gardens, but when looking through my five-year diary I am always surprised at the striking similarities. I only hope that this year turns out to be similar to last year and gives us a good wet spell, really wet, very soon.

It seems to me that we now have a serious drought; no serious consequences just yet, but I think they are but another dry hot week away. The grass in the fields has dried up dramatically, the spring water has stopped flowing in one field, and a drinking pond has gone dry in another. Fortunately our sheep have a large acreage to roam, otherwise we would be short of grass already.

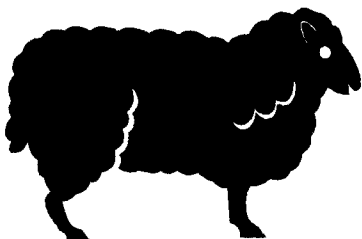
There has undoubtedly been a lot of hay and silage made this year and I will not be surprised to see a fair bit of it being fed before Michaelmas unless there is a change in the weather.

Please remember if you are reading this in a flood that it was written on 10th August!

In days gone by farmers and graziers sometimes had to resort to the long meadow. They became so short of grass for their cattle or sheep that they turned them out to graze the roadsides. In the Midlands many country roads have wide grass verges and these could prove an invaluable source of grazing or *keep* as we call it.

August/September is the time of year for the big sheep fairs around the country. What used to be Bicester sheep fair was held at Thame on the 5th August this year and 20,000 animals were there to be sold, mostly breeding stock. A successful survivor of the many sheep fairs there used to be in the area. Middleton Stoney sheep fair survived until about 12 years ago. All rather similar to livestock markets. When I came to this area there was a great choice of markets to use. Aylesbury, Thame, Tring, Buckingham, Winslow, Leighton Buzzard, Bicester, Slough, and the really big Banbury and Northampton. All gone now, except amazingly Thame and, God bless it, little Winslow.

The first sheep fair I attended was, of course, in Leicestershire. Ullasthorpe sheep sale or *ship sale* as it was pronounced thereabouts. The fair was at Ullasthorpe because, although a small village, it was on the main railway line and had a siding. Once a year in August a whole field opposite a pub was covered in temporary sheep pens made of willow bundles tied with binder twine. Not baler twine, *binder twine*.



A whole train would come down from Yorkshire loaded with hundreds of breeding sheep - a cross-breed we called *mashams* with a smaller number of greyface. The sheep together with those from

local farms made Ullasthorpe "the centre of the universe" for one day. Thousands of sheep, hundreds of Leicestershire farmer's, the auctioneer going up and down the rows of pens on a pony and trap and drinkers from the pub spilling out across the road - etched in my memory.

I was 16 when I first had sheep to sell at Ullasthorpe - what excitement! I still have the sale catalogue. As always I was backed and supported by family farmers.

"What lot number are now Peter's sheep?"

"I'll tell Rowland and we'll keep an eye out so they won't be knocked down to a dealer for an easy buy."

Surrounded by such wonderful people, how could I have been anything else but a farmer?

What about the gardens in this drought? As usual very mixed results. Potatoes have yielded surprisingly well despite being far from drought resistant. Lettuce and French beans as usual seem immune to water problems, the former as long as they will germinate. Runner beans are looking good, albeit with a touch of blackfly. Peas and broad beans - all over now - were good this year.

The problem is the brassicas - I've never had worse - they desperately need water, are infested with white fly, and soon will be covered in caterpillars. Winter cabbage look hopeless - only the earliest planted Brussels look as if they will give a crop. The squirrels have taken all, yes all, the green figs and young pears but the plums - the early plums variety *Tsar* are superb - a huge yield, good-quality, and totally free of wasps - a real feast.

And... Harvest should be completed by the Bucks show - it can't all be bad!

Peter Knight



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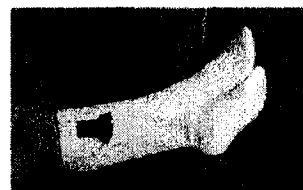
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A Vit Weekend

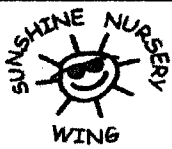
Vit Kriklan took several photographs of his parents dancing: it was the first time he had ever seen them do so in his 15 – shortly to be 16 – years. Such was the combined effect of Aston Abbotts and the Dad's Army Jazz Band that performed at our 1940's Dinner-Dance. (Indeed Vit said it was the first time they had danced together in 20 years, but having regard to his age, I am treating this as youthful hyperbole). Vit (pronounced "Wit" - hence the pun above) was staying in the village together with his parents, Tomas & Anna Kriklan as our guests for the weekend, having travelled over from their home in Dolni Bella, near Pilsner, in the Czech Republic.

Originally the Kriklan family were only planning to visit Normandy in order to see the WW2 battlefields, landing beaches and cemeteries there, but having received a report from a friend who had come to the first Czechoslovakian week-end, they decided to extend their holiday to include a visit to Aston Abbotts for the second instalment.

The Dinner-Dance took place in a marquee on the Rec. on Saturday, 23rd July, and I think I can say, without false modesty (being a member of the organising committee) was an unqualified success. The food – a hog roast – combined with a spread organised by Francesca & April – was superb, and was washed down with an abundance of beer & wine. Since we were not able to sell this, we put free bottles of wine on every table, and invited guests to make a contribution towards the cost of the equipment for the children's playground for any subsequent supplies they needed – which they did to some effect! The Dad's Army Jazz Band were wonderful, both for their musicality and their showmanship, and I saw several people dancing that evening who, like Vit's parents, were not

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often seen on a dance floor!

Vit had already experienced one earlier shock to the system, having watched the Whitchurch Morris Men performing at the Fête, which was clearly very different to folk dancing as the Czechs know it; and he and his parents clearly enjoyed their first ever English fête.

The marvellous weather that we enjoyed on the Saturday unhappily did not last, and Sunday was a day of almost continuous drizzle and rain. However this did not spoil Vit's weekend. In the morning he played football as a guest player for the Slovak Embassy in their 7-a-side match against an Aston Abbotts team. Despite the rain, a good time was had by all – especially by the visitors, since they ran out winners by a score of 5-1. The best goal of the game was scored by the Slovak's other guest player, Petr Miller of the Czech Embassy, who had been the liaison man between the Embassy and the village in connection with both Czech Weekends.

There then followed a reception for our Czech & other visitors, and the two football teams, and members of the 6.30 Club organised a barbecue selling



Above: Now just who is that fool in the gas mask?

Below: A rather wet and bedraggled Radovan Javorcick, deputy Head of the Slovak Mission. Undeterred by the weather the Czech/Slovak football team beat Aston Abbotts 6-1. Then, despite the rain, the footballers went on to play a second game, with a result that was not much better. However, it was great fun for everybody.



hamburgers & hot dogs.

Vit and the rest of us then enjoyed an afternoon's entertainment on the Rec. – which, thanks to the beneficence of Home Front Recall (part of the National Lottery Fund) we were able to appreciate in the warm and dry of the marquee that had been obtained for the Dinner-Dance. (Had it not been for this the afternoon would have been a fairly wet and miserable affair; and while the weather was very disappointing, and clearly kept away the influx of visitors we were expecting, the fact that we had the marquee was an absolute Godsend).

The afternoon kicked off with a Slovak troupe of musicians & dancers, Karpaty, performing traditional Slovak music & folk dances, who put on an exuberant & exhilarating display. We then had a thoroughly enjoyable hour long review called "Keep Smilin' Through", performed by a theatrical group called The Heydays Theatre Company " – which was a potted history of the Second World War, including sketches, songs, impersonations and jokes, encompassing the poignancy of the War years and the humour of radio variety theatre. Karpaty then came back for a further session at the end of the afternoon. In the midst of the afternoon it was discovered that Sunday was the day of young Vit's 17th birthday; so in the best British tradition the audience (led by Nigel as MC) sang "Happy Birthday to You" to him.

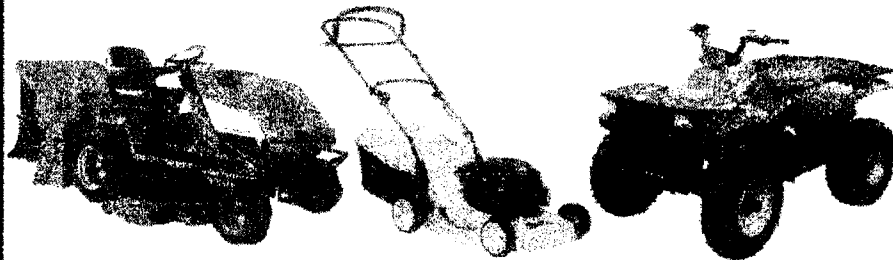
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Re-enactment Display which we had organised, and which was mainly taking place in the open, was less well attended than we had expected, as was the collection of WW2 vehicles we had obtained. It did clear up around 4.00, so that the audience from the marquee were able to go round and see what was on offer, and talk to the Re-enactors, but the appearance of the sun came too late to bring in the visitors from outside the village who had been expected. Nevertheless a good time was had by all, assisted by the copious amounts of cheap beer & wine that remained from the previous evening, and the afternoon teas that were served in the Marquee at the end of the afternoon.

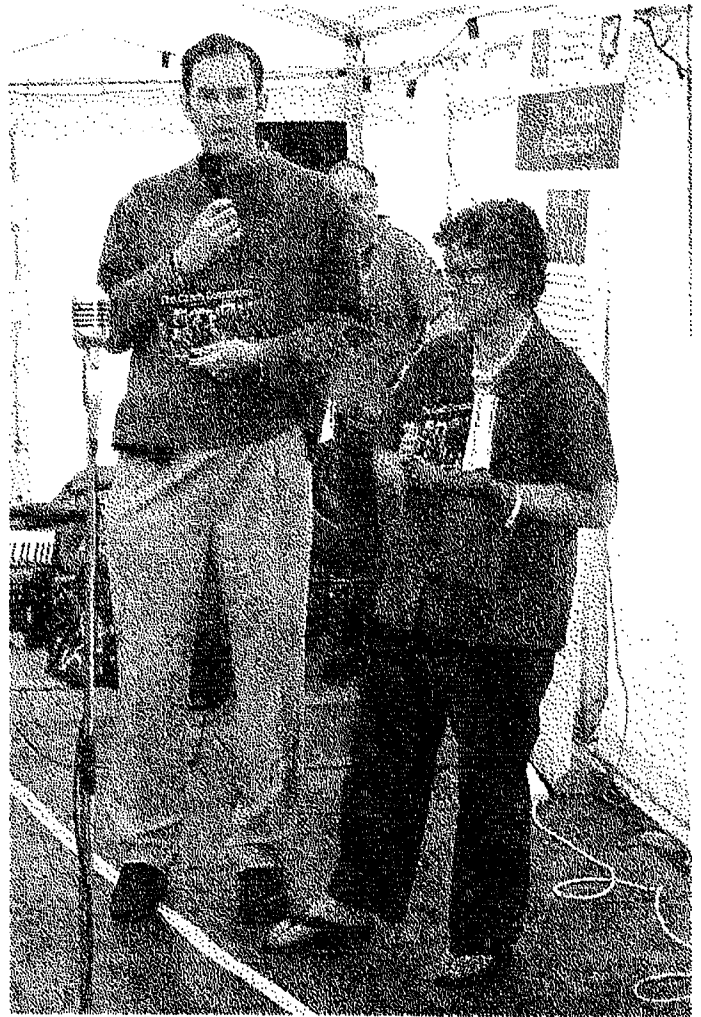
Martin & Angela Olley were kind enough to allow me to take a group of (mainly Czech) visitors around their garden, so that they could see the lime tree planted by President Benes in 1943, and see close up the house in which he had lived and the surrounding grounds.

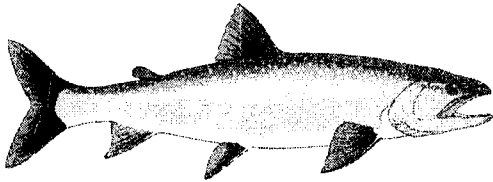
In the evening a service was held in St. Mary's Church, with the choir from St. Mary's Church in Aylesbury taking part. Finally, to round off the day Neil Rees & his friend Steve Holdsworth put on another film show in the Church Room, at which they showed some film footage never seen before in this country of President Benes at The Abbey during the war years, followed by film that was made some years ago about the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich and its aftermath, called

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Right: Neil Rees promotes his book—see page 29

Below: The girls of the Karpaty dance troupe





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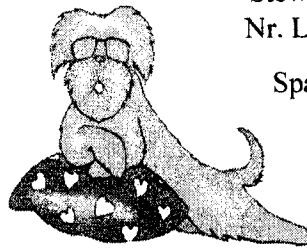
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“Operation Daybreak”, which starred a young Martin Shaw. As she did for the first Czech Weekend, Clare arranged an exhibition which was open on both Saturday & Sunday, of photographs, postcards and other memorabilia, relating to the War and the Czechs & Slovaks who were in Britain during it: this time in the Church itself, since the Church Room was already being used over the weekend. This was again visited by a gratifyingly large number of people.

A final post script about Vit. Clare & I bought a CD of The Dad’s Army Jazz Band performing, and sent this to the Kriklands in The Czech Republic, as a memento of their visit. In the e-mail which Tomas Kriklan sent thanking us, he said that Vit was having great difficulty in deciding whether to listen to this or his favourite German heavy metal group, Ramstein! And, when I last heard from him at the end of August, Tomas said that Dad’s Army were still winning!

In conclusion, the committee would like to thank Home Front Recall for the generous grant that they gave us to enable us to put on the weekend’s entertainment, and also to thank everyone who helped make the weekend such a success. I would particularly mention:-

April for doing most of the organisation; Francesca for (as always) helping with the catering; Phil Spooner for helping with all the electrics and sound system (and for the time he spent helping to run the bar on Sunday); Lol for arranging the football; Kevin for lending and erecting his gazebo for the use of the Re-enactors on Sunday; Geoff for spending so much time the wrong side of the bar on Saturday; Ivan & Liz for letting us use their electrical supply & water; Michael Page, Elizabeth McManus & Juan Gutierrez for letting us use their land for parking; Juan and Brigitte for doing much of the washing up of glasses and plates with their machine, and Clare, April & Rita who did the rest of the washing up; Carol Spooner for setting tables and work behind the bar on Sunday; Adam Shorrocks for helping behind the bar; Frank for loan of a gazebo to keep the hog roast dry; Dave for running the electrical cable from Liz’s house to the Rec; Shirley for organising a rota of people to man (or woman?) the exhibition – and everyone who was on that rota; Andy & the 6.30 Club members who ran the barbecue; the ladies who made cakes for, and served, the afternoon teas on Sunday; and Neil Rees and his girl friend Kirsty for

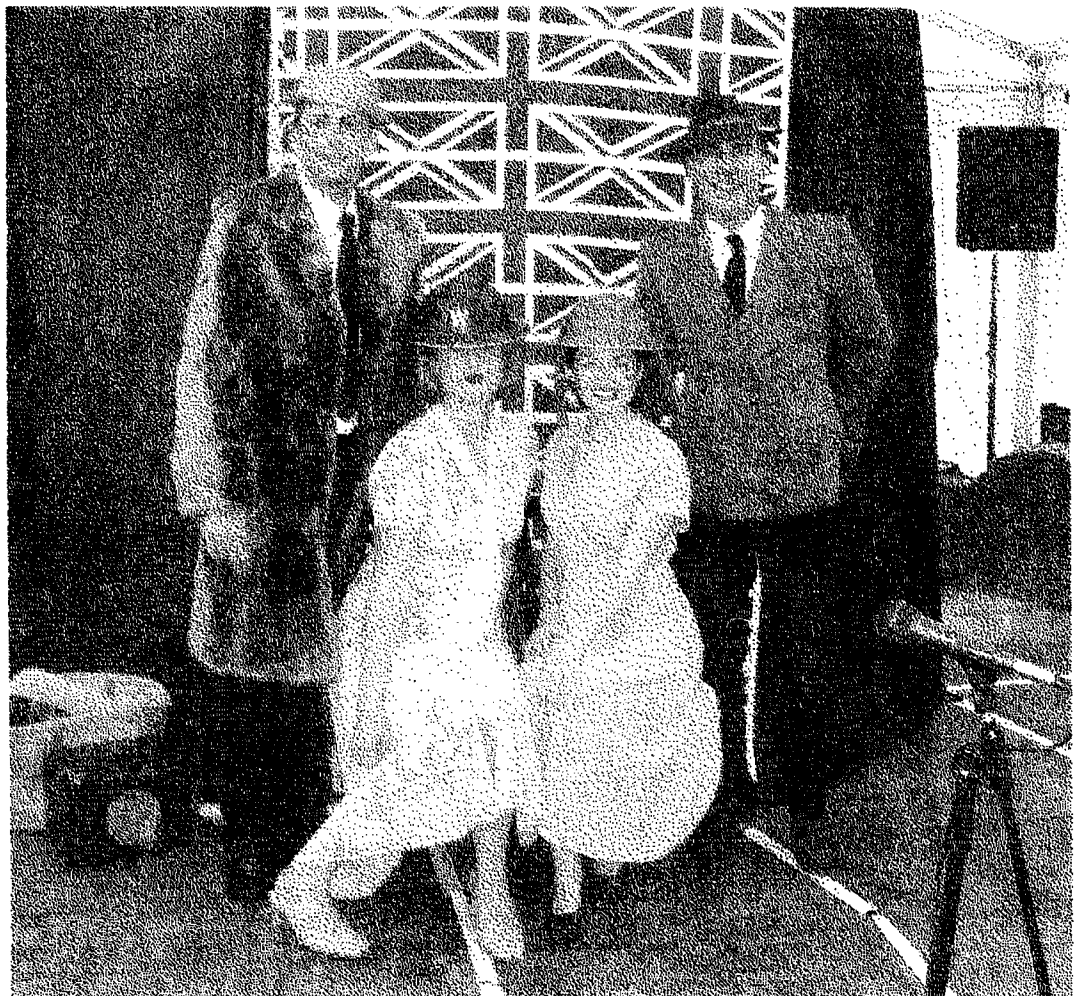
their enthusiasm and help over the weekend, including again leading a party of interested Czech & Slovak visitors around places in the area of historical interest to the Czech & Slovak peoples, and, in the case of Kirsty, making & lending to us a collection of banners with words and pictures/photographs about the activities of Czechs & Slovaks in Buckinghamshire during the war, which were used in the decoration of the marquee.

I would also like to mention that as some of you will know, Neil has produced a lavishly illustrated book about the Czechs & Slovaks who were in Britain during the War, called “The Czech Connection, and he has very kindly given over 400 copies to us to sell in order to raise money for village charities. This is an extremely generous gesture, since every copy we sell means one less that he can. The book sells at £7.50, and if anyone would like a copy, would they please get in touch with Clare or me. At the moment all proceeds will go to the playground appeal. [See page 29 for details of how to buy this book ~ Ed]

If there is anyone who deserved a mention whom I have forgotten, please blame me and not the committee. I apologise, and assure you that your contribution was valued at the time.

~ Peter Shorrocks

Thanks are also due, of course, to Peter Shorrocks who played a big part organising the event. Congratulations to all concerned upon the success of the weekend, which was clearly enjoyed by all who attended it. The pictures in this feature are by Tomas Kriklan, except for the picture of the Heydays Theatre Group on this page by myself. ~ Ed.



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Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 27th July 2005

Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), R. Clarke, D. Dicken, P. Shorrock, J. Farrands, M. Kent, T. Manning and Mrs. K. Curry (Clerk). One member of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Matters Arising From The Minutes Not On The Agenda

The No Parking sign for the gate to the Recreation Ground has not yet arrived. The Clerk will chase it up.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that we have been unsuccessful in our entry for this year's Best Kept Village competition.

The External Audit on the Accounts has been completed.

Work has now begun to remove the waste illegally dumped at Badger's Oak Farm, so extra traffic will be coming through the village for the next few weeks.

County Council, District Council And Police Matters

District Councillor Peter Cooper was present. He spoke on two matters:

- Play Equipment Grant - following the disappointment of not being awarded a grant from AVDC, the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee was persuaded to call the decision in for review. Two representatives from the Parish Council attended and spoke at the meeting. It transpired that the real reason for not receiving a grant is that there is no money available. The Scrutiny Committee is to ask the AVDC Cabinet to restore the grant money to their budget.
- Mr. Cooper also spoke about the planning application for a chicken farm at Norduck Farm, which will go to Committee on August 4th at 11 am. He will be speaking in support of the Parish Council's objections to this application.

Parish Council Noticeboard

Quotations for a replacement board were rejected as being too costly. Other options will be explored

Twinning

Notes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All councillors agreed that the principle of twinning with another village is a good idea. We need to find out how to set up a scheme, and what the cost would be. Cllr. Shorrock agreed to investigate the matter further.

Highways

Countrywide speed review - Formal Consultation. Resolved to comment that the proposal to extend the 30mph limit in Moat Lane to the village nameplate on Lines Hill is good, but why not include the last two dwellings as well? Also to express disappointment that there is no proposal to reduce the limit to 50mph on the A418.

Recreation Ground

Safety check - children's play area - up to date. The shed has been vandalised again. It has been reported to the police and a crime number allocated. Quotes will be sought for repairs.

The Recreation Ground Committee reported that the Multiplay equipment has now been displayed in the Chronicle and no adverse comments received. Resolved to order the first phase of equipment.

Family Fun Day - no one was present to report on the plans.

November 5th - Bonfire Night. Resolved to donate up to £200 towards the cost of fireworks this year.

Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September 2005 at 8 pm in the Church Room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

Business Signs

In a Podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

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At a Proctologist's door: To expedite your visit please back in!

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On a Plumber's truck: Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber..

At a Tyre Shop in Milwaukee: Invite us to your next blowout.

On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door: Hello. Can we pick your nose?

On an Electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.

At an Optometrist's Office: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

On a Fence: Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive.

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In the front yard of a Funeral Home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.

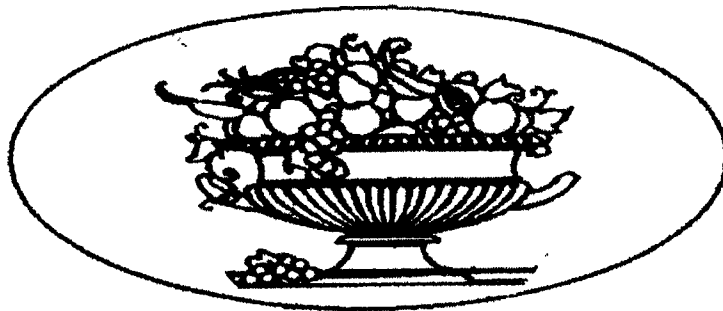
A Prayer for the Stressed

Grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change, the courage to change things I cannot accept and the wisdom to hide the bodies of those I had to dispose of today because they got on my nerves.

Also, help me to be careful of the toes I step on today as they may be connected to the feet that I have to kiss tomorrow. Help me always to give 100% at work - 12% on Monday, 23% on Tuesday, 40% on Wednesday, 20% on Thursday and 5% on Friday.

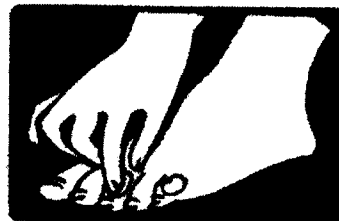
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Apologies also to Mel's sister, **Shirl Hanlon** for not getting this message to you earlier. This is from Mel to you...

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"for putting up with me and the children in your house for the last two years. Thanks too for all the painting and decorating you did to get the new place looking great. I could never have done that stairwell without you. You're one in a million!!"

Wasps

A World renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps is walking down the High Street one day when he spots an advert in his local record shop for "Wasp sounds from around the Globe". On further enquiry he discovers that a vinyl recording of this subject has just been released and a few copies are available in store there and then.

Naturally, being a World renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps he is curious and asks the young chap behind the counter if he can have a listen to "Wasp sounds from around the Globe". A few seconds later the World renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps is standing at one of those little sound stations with his headphones on and a puzzled expression on his face. He removes the headphones, walks back to the counter and catches the young sales persons attention. "Excuse me" he says, "I'm A World renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps and I've just been listening to "Wasp sounds from around the Globe", and I must say, there appears to be some mistake. Those are no Wasp sounds with

which I am familiar".

The young man dutifully checks the recording in question and assures the World-renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps that he is indeed listening to "Wasp sounds from around the Globe". Puzzled, the World-renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps returns to the headphones and once again begins to listen. After a few seconds he once again returns to the counter and accosts the young fellow there. "Excuse me" he says, "As I mentioned before, I am a World renowned expert in the sounds of European Wasps and I've just been listening to "Wasp sounds from around the Globe" and I have to say again, those are no Wasp sounds with which I am familiar. Are you certain I have been listening to the correct recording?"

Slightly exasperated by now, the young man checks the disc currently playing and with a slightly sheepish grin confesses: "Oops, sorry sir, I seem to have played you the bee side"



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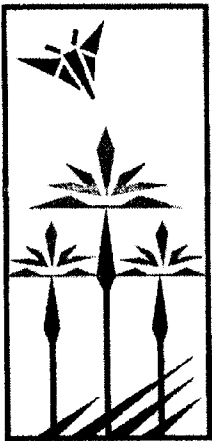
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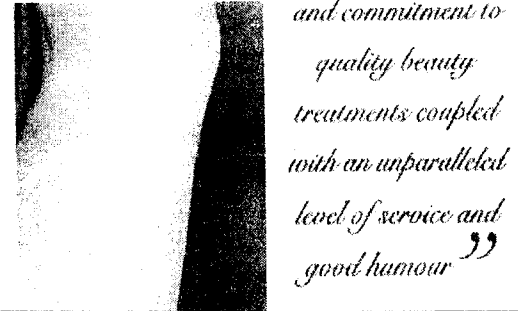
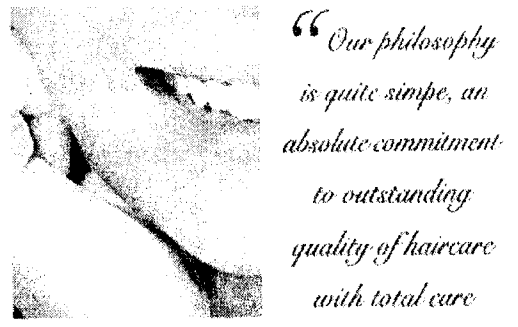
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The book tells the story of President Benes of Czechoslovakia at Aston Abbots and his officials at Wingrave and Addington. The book is based upon interviews with people who lived at Aston Abbots during the war and with Czechoslovak veterans. It uses 136 illustrations, mainly taken in Aston Abbots, with captions to tell the story of the Czechoslovaks from their arrival in the Aylesbury Vale in 1940 until their return to Prague in 1945.

The author is Neil Rees who is from Bucks. He learnt about the local Czech connection from his grandmother who used to live at Rowsham.

The book is ISBN 0-9550883-0-5 and costs £7.50.

The book is available from Peter and Clare Shorrock, cheques payable to "The Czech Connection": Oak Farm House, Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots HP22 4LU

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All profits go to the new children's play equipment in Aston Abbots, to replace the old that was bought with money left to Aston Abbots School by President Benes.

If you have any information or memories about the Czechs in Bucks during the Second World War contact the author Neil Rees, 1 Eskdale Avenue, Chesham, Bucks HP5 3AX tel: 01494 776457/ 793921 or e-mail neil.rees@czechsinbucks.org

Neil Rees has been interviewed about this book by Radio Prague. You can read or listen to the interview at <http://www.radio.cz/en/article/69301>

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When your humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage.

Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly, but when they try to show it to a friend, stare at them blankly.

When humans take you for a walk, stop somewhere at random and sniff around the entire area as your humans wait. Act as if the spot you choose will ultimately decide the fate of the earth.

When out on a walk in a city, always pick the busiest most visible spot to empty your bowels - especially if your human has forgotten to bring a plastic bag.

When out for a walk, alternate between choking and coughing every time a strange human walks by.

Make your own rules. Don't always bring back the stick when playing fetch with the humans. Make them go and chase it once in a while.

When your humans come home, don't greet them at the door. Instead, hide until they think something terrible has happened to you. Then jump out barking loudly at them.

When your human calls you to come back in, always take your time. Walking more and more slowly the closer you get.

Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside.)

Alligator Teeth

A tourist was admiring the necklace worn by a local Indian.

"What is it made of?" she asked.

"Alligator's teeth," the Indian replied.

"I suppose," she said patronisingly, "that they mean as much to you as pearls do to us."

"Not really," he replied. "Anybody can open an oyster."

Support Group

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

News Flash!

A van carrying a dozen movie stuntmen on the way to a film location in the mountains spun out of control on the icy road, crashed through a guard-rail, rolled down a 90-foot embankment, turned over, and burst into flames. There were no injuries.

News Flash!

Last night's charity panto performance in aid of 'Help the Paranoid' descended into chaos ... Someone in the audience shouted, "He's behind you!"

Q: What do you get if you cross a centipede with a parrot?

A: A walkie-talkie

The Husband Superstore

Recently a "Husband Super Store" opened where women could go to choose a husband from among many men. It was laid out in five floors, with the men increasing in positive attributes as you ascended.

The only rule was, once you opened the door to any floor, you HAD to choose a man from that floor; if you went up a floor, you couldn't go back down except to leave the place, never to return. A couple of girlfriends went to the shopping centre to find some husbands...

First floor: The door had a sign saying, "These men have jobs and love horses." The women read the sign and said, "Well, that's better than not having a job or not loving horses, but I wonder what's further up?" So up they went.

Second floor: The sign read, "These men have high paying jobs, love horses, and are extremely good looking." "Hmmm," said the ladies, "But, I wonder what's further up?"

Third floor: This sign read, "These men have high paying jobs, are extremely good looking, love horses and help with the housework." "Wow," said the women, "Very tempting." But there was another floor, so further up they went.

Fourth floor: This door had a sign saying "These men have high paying jobs, love horses, are extremely good looking, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak." "Oh, mercy me," they cried, "just think what must be awaiting us further on! So up to the fifth floor they went.

Fifth floor: The sign on that door said, "This floor is empty and exists only to prove that women are just bloody impossible to please. The exit is to your left, we hope you fall down the stairs."

Cricket Explained

As we go to press there is much excitement over the performance of the English cricket team. For those of you who don't really understand what is going on, here is a brief explanation of the rules of cricket.

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in.

There are two men called umpires who stay all out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out.

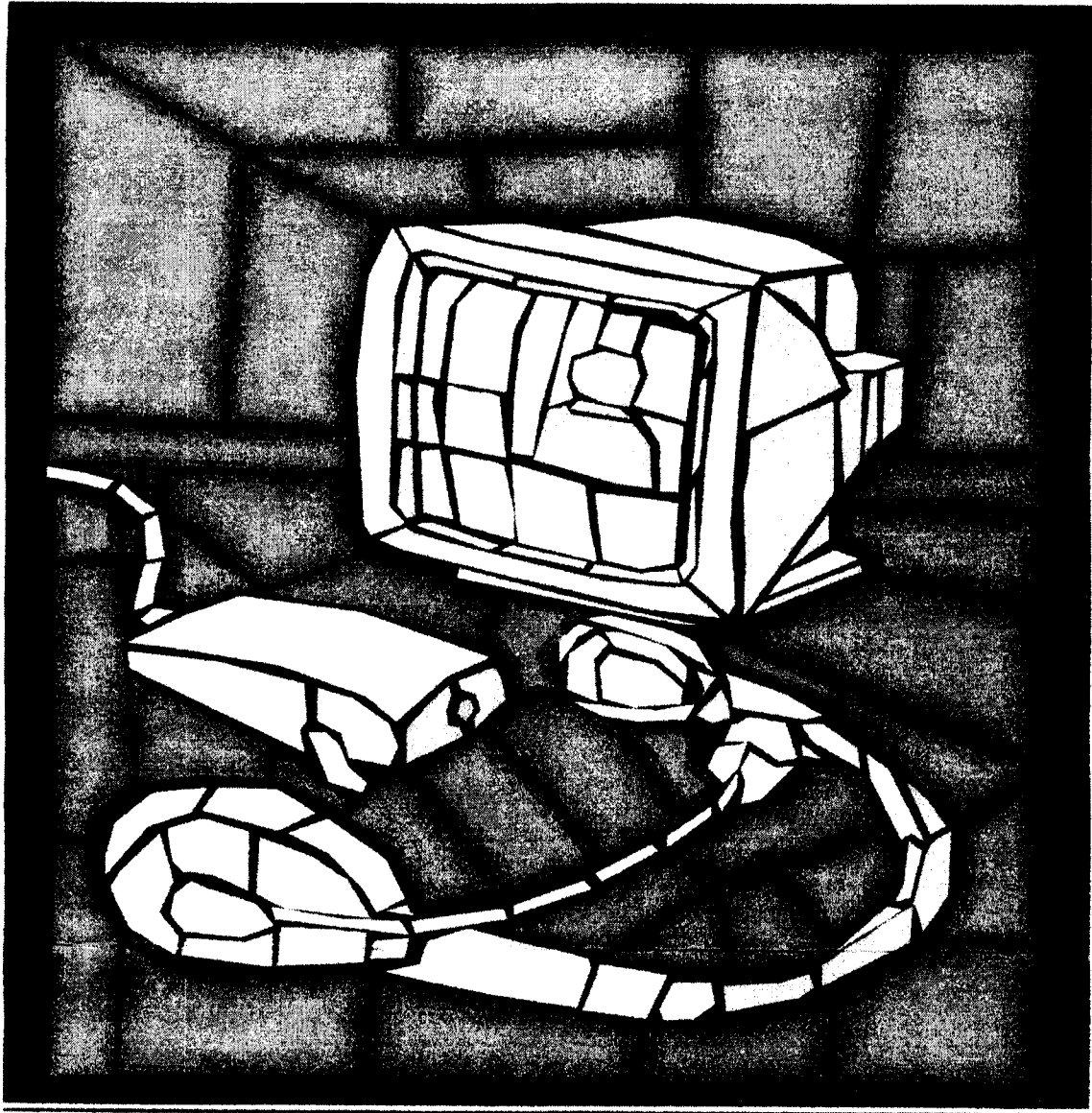
When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game!"

Thoughts

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.

Remember, half the people you know are below average.

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Clergy Comment

A "pearl of wisdom" (or "bit of useless information") that I picked up recently was from a man who came from Kingskerswell in Devon. He told me that the name originated when William of Orange had landed at Brixham and was on his way to London. Having left Torbay he was on his way to Newton Abbots. Stopping for water, he discovered that the local water was very bad – so he cursed the well – hence King's-cursed-well.

We carry around this kind of useless information – and I am tempted to regale you with even more – although I will restrict myself to the story of the salt that was used in former times at Baptism. Salt was apparently put on the back of the babies tongue immediately following the baptism to symbolically make the baby as clean inside as on the outside – it also guaranteed that the baby would yell!

I am sometimes asked where the water in the font goes after the Baptism. The answer is very simple. Back directly into the ground. It is said that this was to avoid superstition – although the chances are that it is just as likely that it saved the cost of installing an elaborate "soak-away" drainage system. In any event it must be classed as "used" water – although it is probably not polluted.

I also heard recently that one of the pumps in Aston Abbots is no longer working properly – yet it is comforting to know that

it is not being relied on as a regular water supply. For we have come to take the supply of good clean water in our taps somewhat for granted.

We have been having some trouble at the Rectory with our drains recently. There was a bubbling noise in the downstairs cloakroom when the bath water went down the drain. This led to the discovery of a blockage somewhere between the house and the road. When this was cleared, it was advised that there should be further investigation, as the cause of the problem was possibly tree roots.

Apparently, following a succession of dry summers, the trees are seeking any moisture they can find, and their roots work their way into the drainage system through any weak joint. Having found a source of moisture they then produce a mass of small roots that reduce the flow of water and eventually cause the drain to block.

Whilst blocked drains may not seem a very pleasant topic, yet we sometimes allow our lives to become cluttered and blocked by things that we hoped had passed through. We allow things to enter our lives that restrict our ability to live at our fullest potential. Sometimes it is necessary to take drastic action to purge our system.

~ Bob Willmott



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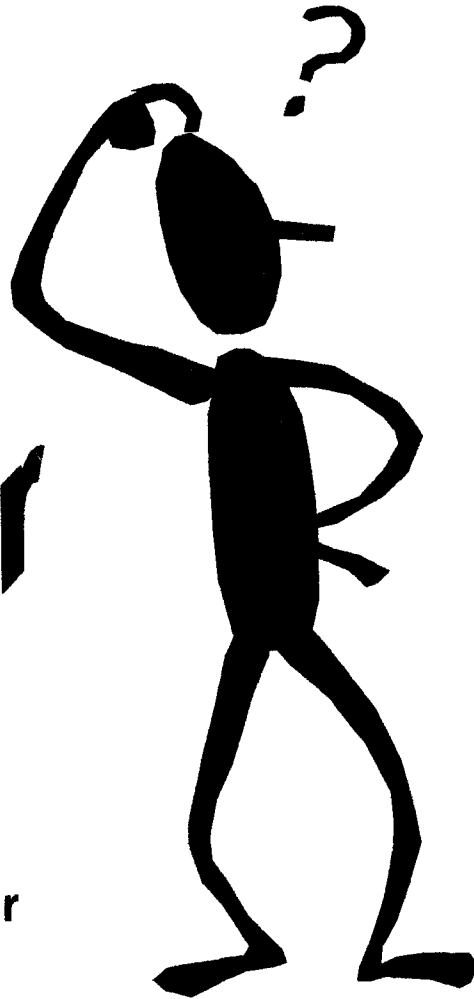
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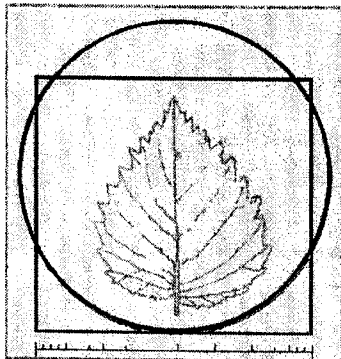
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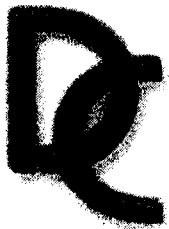
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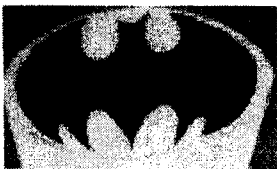
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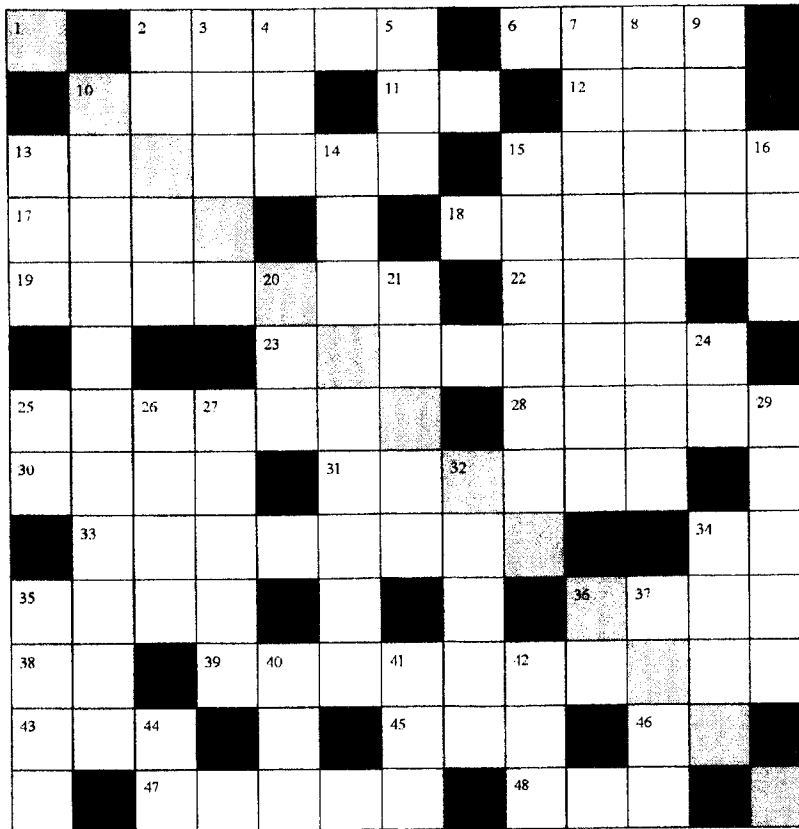
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1,32 Last shopkeeper (7,6)

ACROSS

- 2 Positive characteristic (5)
6 You might keep these up your sleeve (4)
10 '... homo' picture of Christ crowned with thorns (4)
11 Denoting position in space or time (2)
12 Where economics is taught (1,1,1)
13 Previously (7)
15 Groups of followers - especially religious (5)
17 Any year from 13 to 19 (4)
18 To beat soundly (6)
19 Excessive joy (7)
22 Tear (3)
23 Hot and luxuriant climate (8)
25 Begin (7)
28 Married French lady (5)
30 Small fairy (4)
31 A nation, a community (6)
33 Takes advice (8)
34 Train Company (1,1)
35 Small car now made by BMW (4)
36 Ill defined spot or smear (4)
38 German yes (2)
39 Celery rots [anagram] (10)
43 Explosive (1,1,1)
45 Metals are recovered from this (3)
46 Either (2)
47 An examination of accounts (5)
48 Moose (3)

DOWN

- 2 Areas of land (5)
3 Perfume (5)
4 Ocean (3)
5 Scottish river (3)
7 Administrative post (8)
8 Adventure (8)
9 Men play 5 Ladies play 3 (4)
10 He's also called 'sparks' (11)
13 Consumed (3)
14 Held in bad odour (9)
15 Small crustaceans (7)
16 Embarrassed (3)
20 Consumed (3)
21 Tyrol mountaineers song style (5)
24 French female (2)
25 'On behalf of' abbr. (1,1)
26 County that abuts Bucks (4)
27 Pessimist of human values (5)
29 Happy (5)
32 Aquatic weasel (5)
34 Prickly seed case that sticks to clothes (4)
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18 <i>Trinity 17</i>	8.00 Communion X 10.00 Parish Praise (Lay)	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Morning Service (Lay)	10.00 Family Communion
25 <i>Trinity 18</i>	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	18.00 Evensong	8.45 Parish Communion
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4 Sep	Trinity 15	Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20
11	Trinity 16	Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
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25 th	Mrs. A. Curnow
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Marriage

29 July Calvin Drury & Fiona Waite at Wingrave

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What's On In September

- Thursday 1st** Bucks County Show. Weedon Park.
Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 7th** Parish council meeting in the Church Room. 8 pm
- Thursday 8th** Bingo in the Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 10th** Sponsored cycle ride/walk/horse ride in aid of historic churches, forms from Ann Goodman. See page 15
- Sunday 11th** Harvest Festival in St. James Church 10 am.
Harvest tea and sale of produce in the Church Room at 4 pm - do come
- Sunday 11th** Rambling club members meet at Woburn 2 pm
- Monday 12th** Church Wardens meeting Church Room 8 pm
- Tuesday 13th** Aylesbury Vale transport meeting at Buckingham, 2 pm. Train/bus queries to Colin
- Thursday 15th** Whist Drive in the Church Room at 7.30 pm
- Thursday 15th** Norduck egg farm planning meeting at Maxwell Hall (Aylesbury Civic Centre) 10.30 am
- Sunday 18th** Village footpath walk. Meet at the Green 2 pm
- Saturday 24th** Benifice walk for Wing, Wingrave, Aston Abbots, Cublington, Aston Abbots walk to Cublington, bus back 5 pm. Details from Colin
- Sunday 25th** Evensong at St. James church 2 pm
- Thursday 29th** Whist Drive in the Church Room at 7.30 pm

Other Church Events

- Sunday 4th Sept** All Saints, Wing. Tadige Singers concert 4.30 – 6 pm. Tea and cakes, details from Bobbie on 681982
- Saturday 10th and Saturday 24th September.** St. Nicholas, Cublington September Benifice walk. Details Biddy 681806
- Sunday 2nd Oct** St Peter and Paul Wingrave. Harvest Festival 10 am. Followed by lunch. Details from Joyce on 681621

Book These Dates

Cheese and Wine Quiz Evening. Friday 28th October. Bell ringers, P.C.C. Ladies club, Gnomes, 6.30 Club, get your teams together. No more than 6 per team.

Alpaca Products Sale in Nash's farm. October 28th/29th—see page 14.

Christmas Bazaar in the Church Room on Saturday November 26th from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. to raise money for the new playground equipment. Stalls will include gifts, bric-a-brac, cakes and jams, Christmas decorations, toys, etc. Contributions and offers of help will be gratefully received nearer the time.

Thank You

Thank You Kevin Fletcher for the splendid rope spider in the ringing chamber, it really looks good from the aisle. Thank you Kevin.

Chronicle deadlines are on page 22

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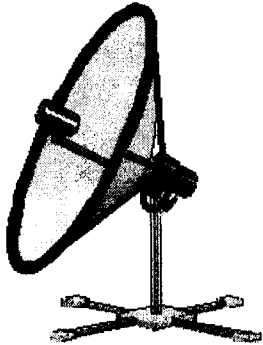
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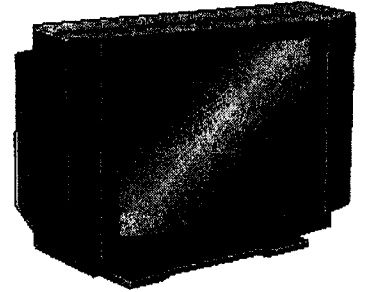


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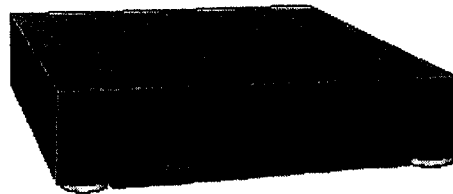


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Church Farm News

Whodunit ?

A dastardly deed was done at the Whyte's 25th wedding anniversary bash and our poor hero Dave was the victim. There was Dave, in the early hours of the morning, leaning over the swimming pool, innocently filling his mega-waterpistol, when some evil person crept up behind and shoved him in. The enormous splash that resulted was heard clearly all over Aston Abbots, but by the time a soggy, bedraggled Dave had spluttered his way out of the water there was nobody close by and everybody was pretending that they hadn't seen a thing. So whodunit? I notice that a certain ex-submariner smirks broadly every time the story is retold – could he possibly know anything about it?

Alison Takes The Plunge

Following last month's back page article about the Dave Lewis hot-tub experience we can now report that Mrs Alison Lewis is no longer a hot-tub virgin. At present we don't know if she followed husband Dave's lead with an *au naturelle* adventure.... but we hope to find out when Tracy gets the film back from Boots.

Medical Study

We understand that the sound of snoring from Church Farm has become so bad that our intrepid electronics engineer Dave Lewis has now become part of a medical study. Dave has been so overwhelmed by this attention that he has offered to bequeath his body to science. So far the Natural History Museum have failed to take up the offer.