

# **THE CHRONICLE**

**ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE ~ Issue 249 ~ October 2005**

# **NEW EDITOR NEEDED**

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# Editorial

## Just Two More Issues Of The Chronicle?

Well, I didn't expect to be bowled over by the rush last month when I asked for a volunteer to take over editing the Chronicle! Therefore I was not particularly surprised at the lack of response, although, in truth, I was a little disappointed.

I must be blunt. By the end of the year my other commitments will prevent me from putting together the Chronicle each month. I am prepared to continue until the December issue, but I will not be able to do it after that. So it follows that if a new editor cannot be found the Chronicle will come to an end. Personally, I will be deeply saddened should the Aston Abbots village magazine die after 22 years and 250 issues.

Therefore I appeal again for help from everybody in the search for a new editor. It may be that someone out there has considered whether or not they could do it, but he or she is nervous about putting their hand up without finding out more about it. So, if you know of anybody who might be interested please get him or her to contact me so we can have a chat about it. You won't get the hard sell from me - just a chat about what is involved.

I am sad to be giving up the editorship of the Chronicle, but I will be far sadder if it's publication ceases. So let me repeat:

*I regret that if a new editor cannot be found the Chronicle will cease publication with the December issue*

## Slim Pickings

You might notice that your Chronicle is somewhat lacking in editorial content this month. There is nothing underhand about this considering my "resignation" - it is just one of those months when I have received hardly any submissions and I just haven't had the time to write many articles myself. Every now and again we have a lean month and this time it is thrown into sharp relief against the recent jam-packed volumes.

Please remember, this is your magazine and it does rely substantially upon articles submitted by its readers. They do not have to be long - just something of local interest or relevant to the village. So if you are involved in a village or local activity, how about spending a few minutes putting pen to paper and telling everybody about it? All submissions are very gratefully received. Thank you to everybody who has contributed.

*Phil*

*In This Issue*

*In your October Chronicle ~*

- Newsflash—Shopping in Aston Abbots
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- On Guard in Aston Abbots

*and much, much more.....*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## Happy Birthday

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Denise Robinson	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Juliette Gutierrez	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Stuart Biddle	5 <sup>th</sup>
Devon King	8 <sup>th</sup>
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Tori Smith	27 <sup>th</sup>
Mandy Thornhill	29 <sup>th</sup>
Hayley Wilkinson	31 <sup>st</sup>

Thank you to the organiser and everyone who contributed to the collection for a 50th Birthday gift for me. I will be off to Milton Keynes to inspect M & S's autumn collection shortly.

~ Sally Palmer



*British Summer time ends on the night of Saturday 29th October and clocks go back 1 hour*

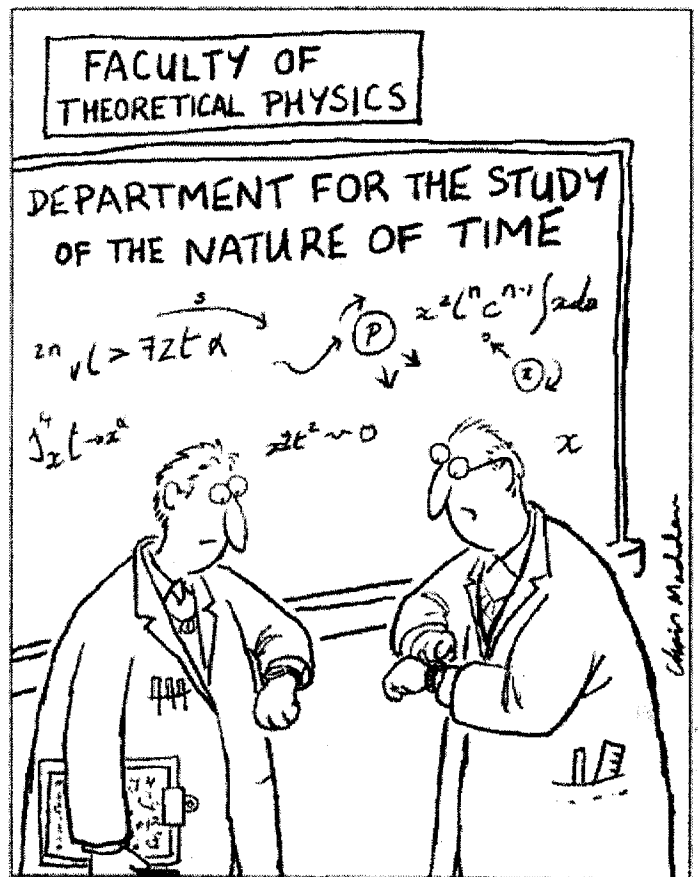
## GET WELL

to **James McManus** with his damaged elbow, **Harry Roberts** with his leg in traction in Stoke Mandeville Hospital and **Thomas Hinds** who has also been in Stoke Mandeville with a terrible virus.



## THE BIG 5-0

Belated Happy Birthday Greetings to **Sally Palmer** who clocked up her first half-century on the 18th September. Many Happy Returns Sally—and our apologies for missing it in last month's Chronicle



Isn't it 'Spring back, Autumn forward'?

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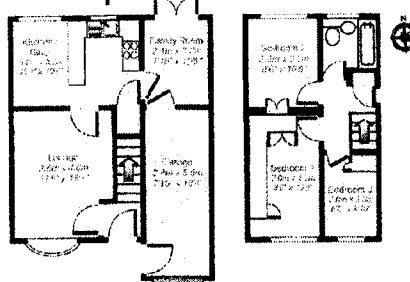
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# In The Village

## NEWSFLASH

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There will be general grocery items - potatoes eggs etc.

Now that Bernard's shop has closed this will be the only opportunity for villagers to purchase their groceries without having to travel to another village or into town. However, the Wingrave shop will not continue with this service if it is not used - so please give it a try.

~ Colin Higgs

*Maybe if someone was to organise coffee and tea at the same time in the Church Room it might also provide a pleasant little social occasion for older villagers who find it less easy to get out and around for their shopping ~ Ed*

### Storage Wanted

The Parish Council is looking for alternative storage for the stage and show equipment, following yet another break-in at the shed on the Rec. It is unfortunately becoming too expensive to keep repairing the damage, simply to have the thieves / vandals strike over and over again. If you are able to help by offering storage, or know someone who might, please contact the Clerk, Kate Curry on 01296 681137

Thank you

### 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!**

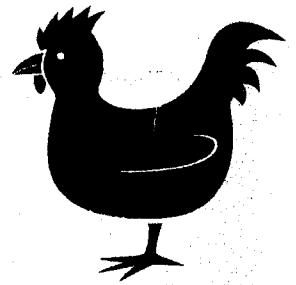
### Cluck Cluck Cluck

It appears that chicken farm may well be heading for Aston Abbots following a decision by Aylesbury Vale's planning committee to defer the decision to officers and the apparent support for the application from the committee.

Despite 100 letters of objection and over 70 people attending the hearing, which had to be moved to Aylesbury Civic Centre in order to accommodate the number of attendees, it rather looks like our fears for our home environment might be disregarded.

As one angry objector said of the planning committee, "They're a clucking waste of time". At least, I think that's what she said.

~ Phil Spooner



### Aston Abbots Ladies Club

22nd September

Today was our first meeting of a new season. 15 members were present. Several apologies for absence were received.

The Chairperson, Joan Alexander welcomed today's speaker, Miss Mary Mountain from Wingrave who had come to talk about and demonstrate the art of wool spinning and weaving. She gave us a very interesting talk and showed us examples of her work.

Tea was served by June Brine, Audrey Stephenson and Irene Lowden. The raffle prize was won by Joan Alexander.

~ Shirley Ford

### The Impossible Pie

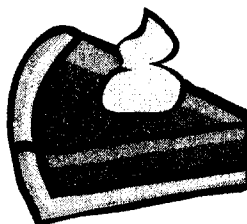
#### Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 3 ounces margarine
- 1 cup of white sugar
- 1/2 a cup of flour
- 1/2 a teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/4 a teaspoon of salt
- 2 cups of milk
- 1/2 a cup of coconut
- 1 teaspoon of the Miller

#### Instructions

Place all ingredients into a blender. Pour into a buttered flan dish. Bake in 350 degree oven or number for gas for one hour.

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~ Colin Higgs

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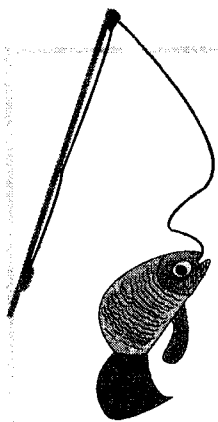
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# It's a Mad World

## More Debates

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, is married to the staunch Democratic niece of former President John F. Kennedy. At a lecture in Seaside, Calif., Schwarzenegger said the presidential debates were not a big deal in his house. If he wanted to hear a Republican-Democratic debate, he said, "I'd just take my wife out to dinner." Bush and Kerry only had to debate three times, he says, but "I have to do it every morning over breakfast." And asked what his wife thought about his speech at the Republican National Convention, Schwarzenegger replied, "Well, there was no sex for 14 days." (Source: Monterey County Herald)

## The Howling

Animals at the Dogs Home in Battersea, England, kept getting out of their cages. Not knowing how, the staff set up a video camera. "There are lots of stories about Battersea being haunted," spokeswoman Becky Blackmore explained, "so we wanted to make sure that there was an explanation for what was going on." The resulting footage captured the culprit red-pawed: "Red", an impounded stray, had figured out how to let himself out of his kennel. After escaping, he also released "a group of chosen companions" for an overnight raid on the food storage area. "It is amazing really because lurchers aren't particularly renowned for their intelligence," Blackmore says. (Source: AFP)

## Hardly Heroic

High school teacher Trent Spencer, 27, of Edmond, Okla., was having marital problems, police say, and tried to impress his wife so she wouldn't leave him. They allege he paid two of his students \$100 each to pose as robbers. After they broke into his home and tied up his wife, Spencer jumped out and engaged them in a "choreographed fight". It was well planned indeed: he hit one of the students over the head with a board sawn most of the way through so it would break on impact. The ruse was spoiled, however, when something unplanned happened: his wife managed to get out of her ropes and called police, who unravelled the plot. "It was the most bizarre hoax we've ever had," a police spokeswoman said. "It's sad because he was so desperate." (Source: Reuters)

## Artistic License

Florida artist Maria Alquilar initially refused to return to Livermore, California, to fix spelling errors on a mural she created at the city's new library. She admits the tile mural includes 11 spelling "oversights", including the names of historical figures such as "Eistein", "Shakespere", "Van Gough" and "Michaelangelo". Alquilar says the library should have caught them before she fixed them in with cement and was upset by the criticism of her spelling prowess, but changed her mind and agreed to fix the errors after the city agreed to pay her \$6,000 plus travel expenses. She was paid \$40,000 to create the piece. Alquilar says the work is meant to be "a testament to The Enlightenment" and said the controversy over her spelling errors was "idiocy". (Source: Contra Costa Times, Miami Herald)

~ Taken from thisistrue.com

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## Cheese and Wine Quiz Evening

Friday 28th October  
Church Room. 7.30 pm.  
Tickets from Shirley (681865)  
or Colin (681343) cost £3.00.  
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on the night

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## On Guard In Aston Abbotts

*Vojta Levin, who was in Aston Abbotts in May and July wrote a brief summary of his time at Aston Abbotts for Neil Rees.*

I was serving in No.1 company, 2nd battalion of the Czech Brigade when we were informed that a platoon was to be sent to Dr. Benes's residence in Aston Abbotts for guard duties. We were to relieve a platoon from the 1st battalion.

It was a depressing sight when we arrived. A row of tents in the pouring rain. Nissen huts were being built by Italian prisoners. We found out that our duties were not too onerous, one night guard duties in 3, every third afternoon and evening off with a liberty truck going to Aylesbury. My friend Cpl. Ada Scheffel and I made use of it. and as the pubs were not open yet went into a cafe. We heard 2 girls at a neighbouring table speaking a sort of German and Ada, who was German himself, went over to investigate. It transpired they were Swiss au pair girls, which was OK, as friendships with German or Austrian girls were frowned upon. Their names were Anna and Louise and it was the beginning of a romance which was to last about a year.

When our tour of duty ended we applied immediately for the next one and were accepted, as Aston Abbotts was not too popular. We did altogether 3 runs, I remember a Christmas dinner and dance in the Bull's Head in Aylesbury, which must have been the high point of our stay.

It came to an end when our units were moved to Devon and a permanent guard unit was installed in Aston Abbotts. Anna's permit expired in Spring 1942 and being homesick she returned to Switzerland. Louise stayed on, but I do not know if she still kept contact with Ada. I was transferred to the army driving school as an instructor and lost touch with Ada and did not meet him again until we went to France. Tragically he lost his life in November 1944 when the turret of his tank was hit by a bazooka.

This is about all I remember. Regrettably my memory is not as good as it was.

~ Vojta Levin

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# Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

15th September

15th September and not only is harvest over but half the land seems to have been cultivated or planted. A quick, easy, and therefore cheap harvest has been followed by continuing dry weather making cultivation easy with just enough rain to help break down the soil for sowing. There will be virtually no costs associated with drying grain this year, but then with wheat at £60 a ton or less can anyone afford to burn diesel to dry it. 20 years ago lorry loads of wheat left Nash's Farm at £120 a ton. It was used for bread-making and a loaf seemed cheap enough then: - economics is about as easy to understand as government policy.

It astonishes me the advances made in agricultural machinery over the last 10 years - it's got bigger and bigger with fewer and fewer men involved.

My first experience of combining was on a small Ransome combine towed by a little grey Ferguson tractor. I seem to remember we used to harvest about six acres a day - all the corn being put into sacks for both storage and transport. 6 acres a day! A combine can now do 60, but what an advance that 6 acres was on the horse drawn binder.

Fields round the village that I can remember being pleased to see Paul Kempster plough in a day - a long day - now are done in three to four hours. Mind you, a big tractor 20 years ago was 70 horsepower. Now they are 300 and the fuel they burn - wow!

Fantastic news - I have seen a hedgehog. OK, so it was three-quarters grown, in Aylesbury, and dead on the road, but it's the first I have seen for over a year. I have never seen a hedgehog out in the fields or hedges, always around gardens or buildings. One regularly raised young in the straw barn at Norduck. There seems to be plenty of worms, slugs and snails around as food for hedgehogs, but I do wonder about all the slug pellets used by gardeners going into their food chain.

Poison - now there's a subject. We seem happy to put vast amounts down to kill something we don't like - i.e. rats - but are terrified of using a poison on other things in case it's a pollutant. It's a case of striking a balance I suppose.

I well remember the old farm, a muck heap in the middle of the yard, flies all around it. The wall of the pigsties black with flies basking in the sun and the continual hum of flies in the house as they flew around the kitchen light. The hanging of fly papers

covered with their catch and the fact that all food had to be covered. The milk on the table with a piece of lacy material with beads all around to keep it in place across the

top of the jug. My uncle being driven mad by flies on his sweaty face as he toiled - yes toiled - in the fields.

No one wants to go back to those days but what else have we lost with the cans and cans of fly spray we have released into our environment.

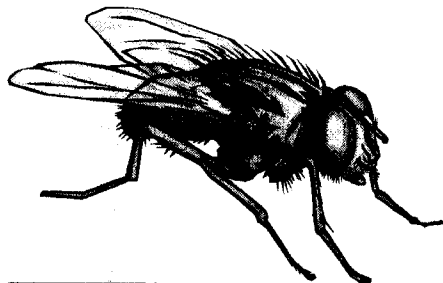
One thing we haven't lost is Daddy long legs - they were very few last year. This year swarms are emerging

from the permanent pasture - I just wish there were flocks of swallows to feed on them as they used to be. Yes there are some swallows, but very few compared with several years ago. I'm sure lack of nesting sites has some effect. Here all the old buildings where swallows used to nest have been converted into "executive dwellings" - there's hardly a farm left with a traditional barns and buildings in this area. I know a farm in Staffordshire with huge Victorian brick barns - there's no shortage of swallows there.

Grasshoppers seem to have had a good year in our fields, both green and brown ones in abundance. The hedgerow fruits are also looking good. The great disappointment is mushrooms or lack of them. Despite the recent rain is it just too dry for mushrooms this year? I feel cheated - two years now with few mushrooms - half the reason to rent a field is to have your own supply of fresh picked field mushrooms. I shall just have to keep eating tomatoes with my bacon at breakfast.

Yes, I'm so old fashioned that I still have fried bacon every morning, followed by local honey on toast.

Something else I can't quite believe - no one has gone and bought local honey from Kevin Fletcher on Lines Hill - not one villager eats honey? Now that is hard to swallow!



*Peter Knight*



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# 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.**

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# Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005

## Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), R. Clarke, D. Dicken, J. Farrands, M. Kent, T. Manning and Mrs. K. Curry (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Peter Shorrocks

One member of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

## County Council, District Council And Police Matters

District Councillor Peter Cooper was present. He made the following reports:

Improvements to the A418. The next meeting of the Focus group in October will be the final one before the project goes to public consultation. This is now being given high priority within the County, though the estimated completion date is 2014/5.

There are still parking issues at Bricstoc, despite the creation of two disabled bays.

Mr. Cooper congratulated the members of the Playground Renovation Group who managed to 'call in' the decision not to award us a grant for play equipment to the Scrutiny Committee. As a direct result, the Cabinet has undertaken to restore in full the £50,000 which had previously been deleted from this year's grant budget.

Mr. Cooper will unfortunately be on holiday when the planning application at Norduck Farm goes to Committee, so will submit a written statement instead of speaking in person.

## Planning

- 05/02034/AGN Os 3000 Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts. Erection of agricultural building for storage of feed, hay, machinery and livestock (report from Planning Committee). **Resolved** to oppose this on the grounds that it would have an adverse impact on the AAL and be

contrary to RA 10 of the Local Plan.

- 05/00834/AAD Land off Wingrave Road. Retention of two directional / advertisement signs. **APPEAL Resolved** to oppose the appeal because of the impact of the signs on the AAL.
- 05/00258/APP Norduck Farm, Moat Lane. Erection of three buildings for egg production and temporary siting of mobile home. Agreed to write to AVDC suggesting planning conditions which should be imposed if the application is granted.

## Highways

It was decided to request a pedestrian footpath from the 30 mph limit to Wingrave Crossroads.

Visual pollution - **Resolved** to try to have some of the many private signs and boards removed from the village roads.

## Recreation Ground

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

Report from Recreation Ground Committee: The main structure of the new multiplay equipment is now complete, though the swings have yet to be finished. The matting is uneven in places. It was suggested that some minor landscaping could be introduced to the play area.

Repairs to shed - the vandalism to the shed on the Rec has continued and there is now substantial damage. A temporary repair will be made while alternative storage for the items in the shed is sought..

## Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next Meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 8 pm in the Church Room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

## Charity Event in Aid of Stoke Mandeville SCBU

I am asking for a few moments of your time to help me with a charity event to raise money for the Stoke Mandeville Special Care Baby Unit (charity number - 1050385 / 01296 316115).

My brother has done a London to Paris bike ride (180 miles) on the 1st of July in aid of the special care baby unit following the premature birth of his son – Mason Longley who passed away at 5 weeks old on 30th Dec 2004. He did very well however he has set a target to raise £20,000, so to help raise the much needed funds we are doing various charity events to help raise the money... We have raised £10,000 pounds so far and have a little more coming in following the bike ride.

Our last charity night raffle and auction raised £7,000 so if you could help my family needs help with raffle prizes, auction prizes, sponsors and donations to help buy this much needed equipment.

Our next charity night is on the 29th of October at Aston Clinton Social Club and we hope after this event we would have reached the target! We are doing a full day event...

10.00-15.00 hrs – Various stalls, Tombola, Raffle tickets for evening draw, Bring and buy, tea and cakes and Psychic medium/Tarot card reader - Angela Wood

16.00-18.00 hrs – Children's Halloween fancy dress disco – games and food.

19.30-late – Adults Halloween Disco, Mini Auction, Raffle and Buffet Like wise if you can help with the Buffet in return of advertising that would be great too as it really helped last time!

If you have helped us before we are truly grateful. Please e-mail me if you can help in anyway at all, or if you want more information about the event. Thank you for your time.

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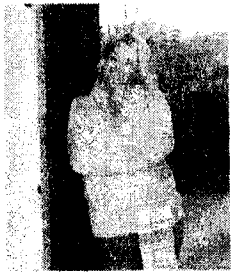
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Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Oxley	Southern U.S.A.
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Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Carol Service, Cublington, Tea at "Treeways", Cublington

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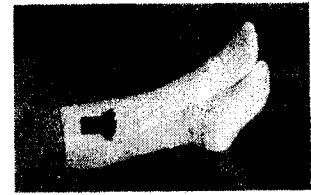
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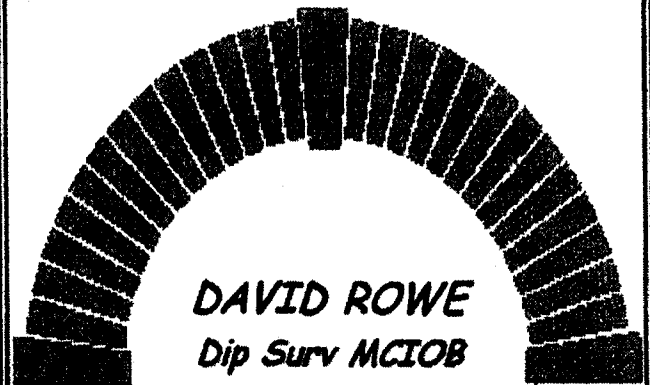
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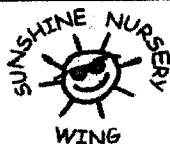


## Riddle Me This, Mr Riddler

1. Cathy has six pairs of black gloves and six pairs of brown gloves in her drawer. In complete darkness, how many gloves must she take from the drawer in order to be sure to get a pair that match? Think carefully!!
2. An old fashioned bike wheel has 21 spokes. How many spaces are between the spokes - 20, 21, or 22
3. Why can't you take a picture of a Indian woman with hair curlers?
4. You're the bus driver. You stop on a corner and 3 men get on. Next stop .....2 men get off and 5 women get on. Next stop 7 children get on and 2 women get off. Next stop, 7 men get on .....and 6 children get off. Finally, 3 men get on and 2 women get off. How old is the bus driver?
5. What is the largest possible number you can write using only 2 digits - just 2 digits, nothing else?
6. What animal keeps the best time?
7. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain in the world?
8. George, Helen, and Steve are drinking coffee. Bert, Karen, and Dave are drinking soda. Using logic, is Elizabeth drinking coffee or soda?
9. How many birth days does the average man have?
10. What kind of cheese is made backwards?
11. Two planes take off at the same exact moment. They are flying across the Atlantic. One leaves New York and is flying to Paris at 500 miles per hour. The other leaves Paris and is flying to New York at only 450 miles per hour ( because of a strong head wind ). Which one will be closer to Paris when they meet?
12. What English word can have 4 of its 5 letters removed and still retain it's original pronunciation?
13. What is the next 3 letters in this riddle?  
o t t f f s s \_ \_ \_
14. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
15. There is a common English word that is nine letters long. Each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word - from nine letters right down to a single letter. What is the original word, and what are the words that it becomes after removing one letter at a time?
16. In your sock drawer, you have a ratio of 5 pairs of blue socks, 4 pairs of brown socks, and 6 pairs of black socks. In complete darkness, how many socks would you need to pull out to get a matching pair of the same color?
17. How can a woman living in New Jersey, legally marry 3 men, without ever getting a divorce, be widowed, or becoming legally separated?
18. A woman goes into a hardware store to buy something for her house. When asked the price, the clerk replies, "the price of one is 24 pence, the price of forty-four is 48 pence, and the price a hundred and forty-four is 96 pence. What does the woman want to buy?
19. If there are 5 apples on the counter and you take away 2, how many do you have?
20. If, having only one match, on a freezing winter day, you entered a room which contained a lamp, a kerosene heater, and a wood burning stove, which should you light first.

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## Clergy Comment

She didn't know me from Adam when we met at Inverness airport – and I didn't know her from Eve!

That sounds like the beginning of a story that could have several outcomes. In fact, my brief was to meet an unaccompanied lady, together with a couple (whom I had met previously) from two separate flights. I was then to transport them the fifty or so miles into the Highlands to the location of the wedding to which we had all been invited. I was on my own as Penny had travelled to the destination in another car.

There was not much conversation on the journey. We exchanged pleasantries. We discussed the weather. We realised that we had been given two different sets of instructions about how to find our destination. But it did strike me – what if the person I had picked up was not the right person? After all, she was not the only lady travelling alone on that particular flight.

I actually knew virtually nothing about her. I had only a single word (her name) on the paper that I held – perhaps it is a good job she was not a “Cameron” or “Brodie” or “Findlay”.

The day before I had travelled North I had been to a funeral of a man I had known for almost thirty years. Tom was a very ordinary, down to earth man. “Tom was Tom!” was how his widow described him – and you knew what she meant. For Tom was always ready and willing to help out.

As I hadn't seen many of them for a very long time, it was hard to remember all the names that went with the familiar faces at the “Funeral Tea” – and even harder to remember who was related to whom in the Family. There were the “Barnett's”, the

## Tragedy

George Bush, while visiting a primary school class, found himself in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings. The teacher asks George Bush if he would like to lead the discussion of the word “tragedy.”

So the illustrious leader asks the class for an example of a “tragedy.”

One little boy stood up and offered: “If my best friend, who lives on a farm, is playing in the field and a runaway tractor comes along and knocks him dead, that would be a tragedy.”

“No,” says the Great George Bush, “that would be an accident.”

A little girl raised her hand: “If a school bus carrying 50 children drove over a cliff, killing everyone inside, that would be a tragedy.”

“I'm afraid not,” explains the exalted leader. “That's what we would call a great loss.”

The room goes silent. No other children volunteer. George Bush searches the room. “Isn't there someone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?”

Finally at the back of the room a small boy raises his hand. In a quiet voice he says: “If Air Force One carrying George Bush and the First Lady were struck by a missile and blown to smithereens that would be a tragedy.”

“Fantastic!” exclaims George Bush, “That's right. And can you tell me why that would be a tragedy?”

“Well,” says the boy, “because it wouldn't be a great loss, and it sure as hell wouldn't be an accident, either.”

“Adam's” and the “Lucas's”. And, of course, many others who had different relationships with Tom – friends, neighbours, colleagues and so on.

A couple of months ago the Bishop of Buckingham came to Wing for a Confirmation Service. One of the things that struck me during that Service was the phrase used by the Bishop to each candidate: “..... God has called you by name, and made you his own”.

We may have difficulty recognising and remembering people – but God doesn't. He knows us all by name. He recognises us. He knows all about us. He loves us all. He delights in our happiness and is there to support and uphold us in the sad and painful experiences of life.

How different our world would be if we were more aware that there is something of God in our relationships with each other!

~ Bob Willmott

## More of It's a Mad World

### How Low Can One Go?

During an attempt to set a world record for deep diving, Australian David Shaw had reached a depth of 271 meters in the Boesmansgat sinkhole in South Africa, when he found he was not the first one there. He found the skeletal remains of Deon Dreyer, who had never come up from a similar record-setting attempt in 1994. Shaw said he could have gone deeper, but gave up his quest after he found Dreyer's body. (Source: AFP)

### Buried Treasure

Deputies from the St. Bernard Parish, La., Sheriff's Office arrested Kenneth Rabalais, 19, after he allegedly pried open the tomb of his cousin, who was killed in an auto crash ten months ago. “He believed there was money and possibly marijuana behind the face of the tomb,” a sheriff's spokesman says, “but apparently there was nothing there.” Rabalais was charged with misdemeanour grave desecration and faces six months in jail. Meanwhile, detectives in Columbia County, Wisc., investigated the theft of the cremated remains of Michael Hendrickson, who committed suicide 10 years ago. He had been buried with several items of “memorabilia”, including some beer. Detectives went to the home of Karen Stolzmann, 44, his former girlfriend, with a search warrant and say they found his cremation urn and some of the memorabilia, but think she drank the beer. They were not able to charge her for grave desecration, a felony in Wisconsin, since she dug him up shortly after he was buried, and the statute of limitations has expired. (Source: New Orleans Times-Picayune, Portage Daily Register)

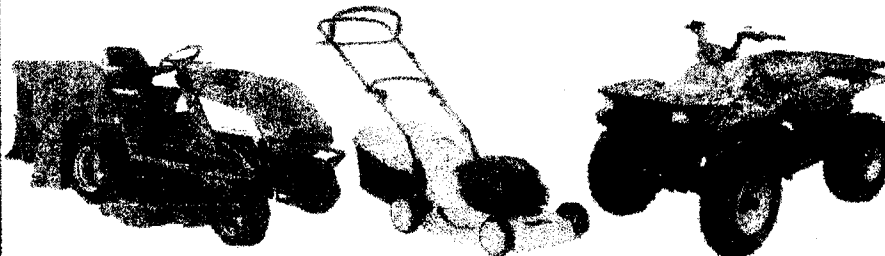
### Paving Stones

The District Council in Rother, Sussex, England, was concerned that the markers on graves in two area cemeteries were unsafe -- so it knocked them down. Now, it has added insult to that injury by ruling that the flattened headstones are a tripping hazard. The Council has proposed spending 8,000 pounds (Source: US\$14,400) to make them flush with the ground so people can't trip on them. “They were deemed dangerous standing up,” said one woman visiting a grave, “and now they're dangerous lying down. Surely that would have been obvious to a village idiot?” (Source: London Telegraph)

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How did you know you were God?

I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Allison

On Halloween I am going to wear a Devil's costume, is that all right with you?

Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?

Is it true my father won't get into Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?

Did you mean for giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

Who draws the lines around the countries?

Do animals get to use you too or is there someone else for them?

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the church ... is that OK?

I like the Lord's Prayer the best of all. Did you have to write it a lot or did you get it right the first time? I have to write everything I ever write over again.

God, it's OK that you made different religions but don't you get mixed up sometimes?

Did they really talk that fancy in Bible times?

I would like to know why all the things you said are in red?

Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours or do you just know him through the business?

Did you really mean do unto others as they do unto you, because if you did then I'm going to fix my brother.

My grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back DO you go?

I know all about where babies come from. I think. From inside mommies and daddies put them there. Where are they before that? Do you have them in Heaven? How do they get down here? Do you have to take care of them all first? Please answer all my questions...I always think of you. Yours Truly, Susan

Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.

Why is Sunday School on Sunday? I thought it was suppose to be our day of rest.

I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had 3 stitches and a shot.

If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton, because I hate her. Thank You. Love, Denise

Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year.

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big but not with so much hair all over.

I keep waiting for Spring but it never comes yet. Please don't forget.

I think the stapler is on of your greatest inventions.

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Of all the people who work for you, I like Peter and John the best.

My brother told me about being born but it sure doesn't sound right.

If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes.

I would like to live for 900 years like the guy in the bible.

We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said you did it. So, I bet he stole your idea.

If you would of let the dinosaurs not get extinct we would not have a country...I think you did the right thing.

It is great the way you always get the stars in the Right places.

## Ties

A lost Arab, desperate for water, was plodding through the desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked toward the object, only to find a wizened old market trader sitting at a card table with neckties laid out on it.

The Arab asked, "My thirst is killing me. Do you have water?"

The wizened old market trader replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$150. This one goes very nicely with your robes."

The Arab shouted, "Idiot! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water!"

"OK," said the wizened old market trader, "it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie. I will show you that you have not offended me. If you walk over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. Go! Walk that way! The restaurant has all the water you need."

With his last ounces of strength the Arab staggered away toward the hill and eventually disappeared.

Four hours later the Arab came crawling back to where the wizened old market trader was sitting at his table.

The wizened old market trader said, "I told you, about two miles over that hill. Could you not find it?"

"I found it all right," rasped the Arab. "But the b\*st\*rd wouldn't let me in without a tie."

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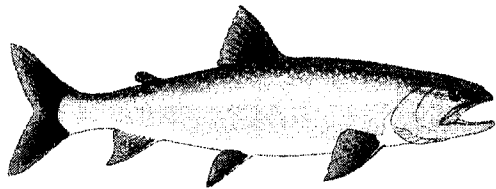
After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!!!"

"Impossible!" said the groom broom. "We haven't even swept together!"

A woman goes to her doctor with a bit of lettuce sticking out the top of her knickers.

Doctor says "Ooooh, that looks nasty"

The woman says "That's just the tip of the iceberg"



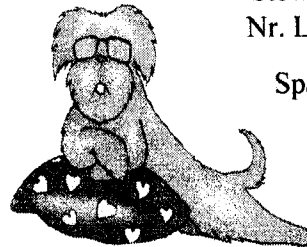
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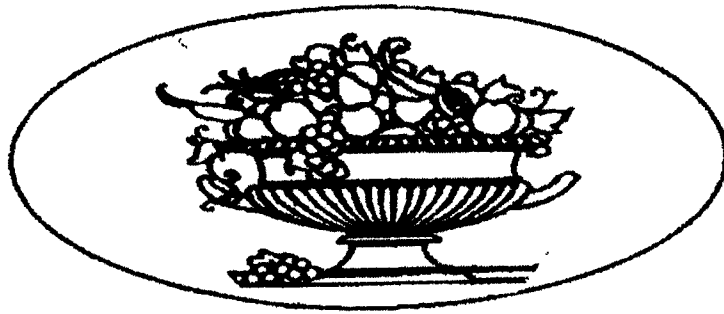
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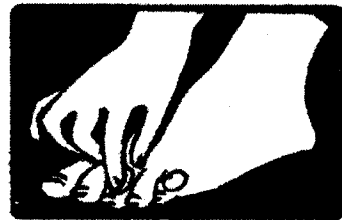
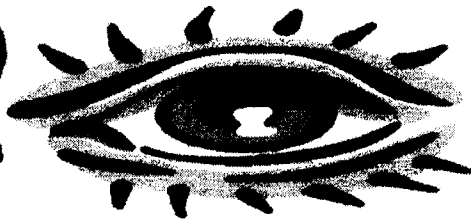
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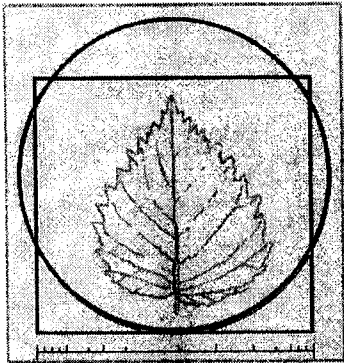


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The author is Neil Rees who is from Bucks. He learnt about the local Czech connection from his grandmother who used to live at Rowsham.

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

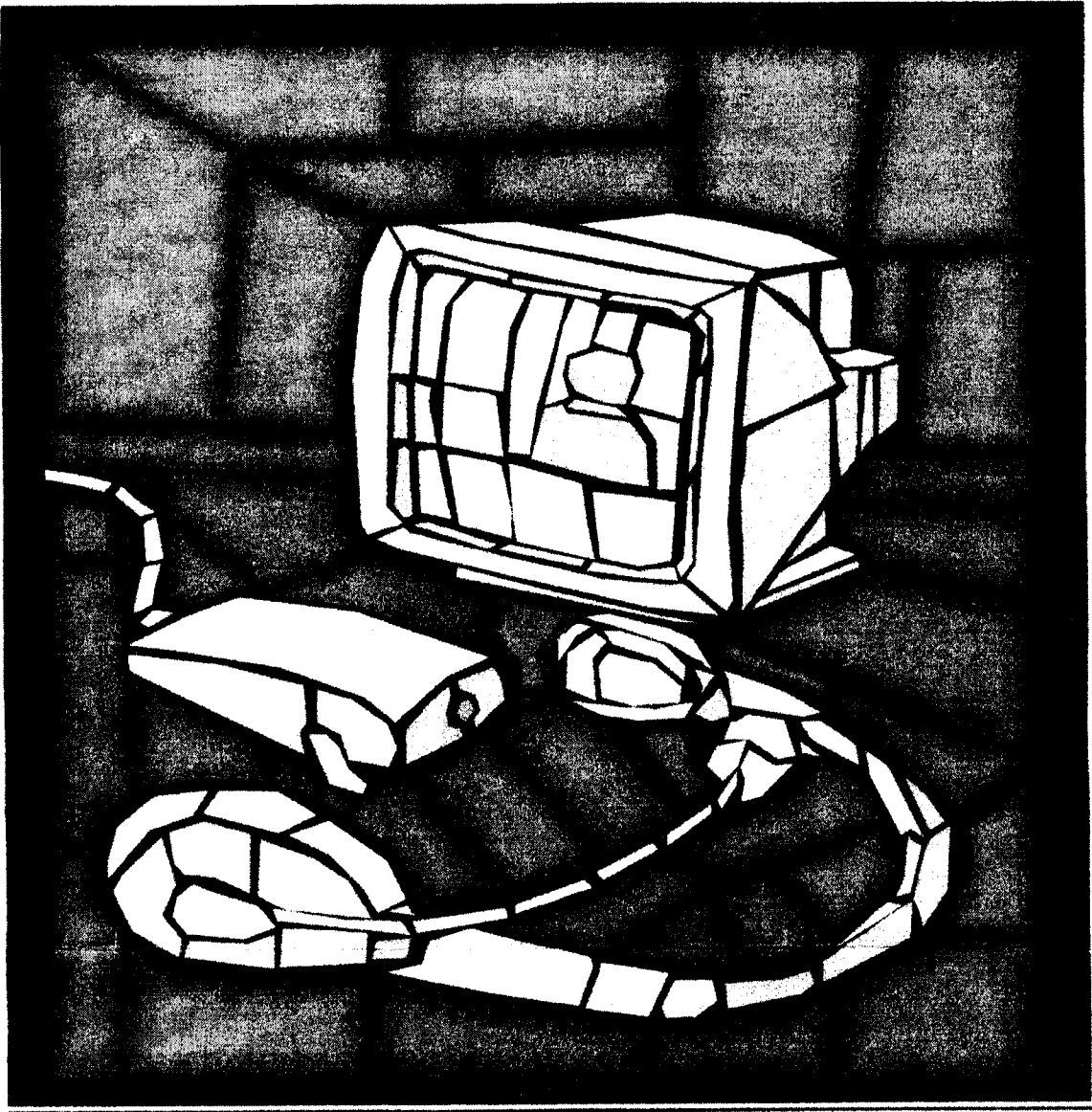
The book is available from Peter and Clare Shorrock, cheques payable to "The Czech Connection": Oak Farm House, Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots HP22 4LU

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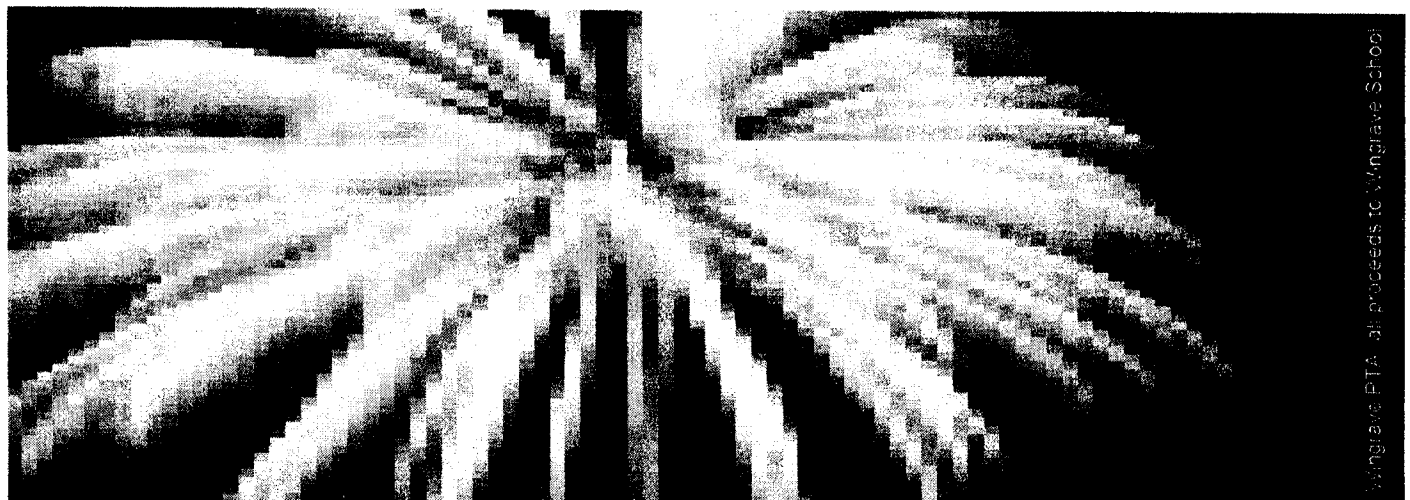
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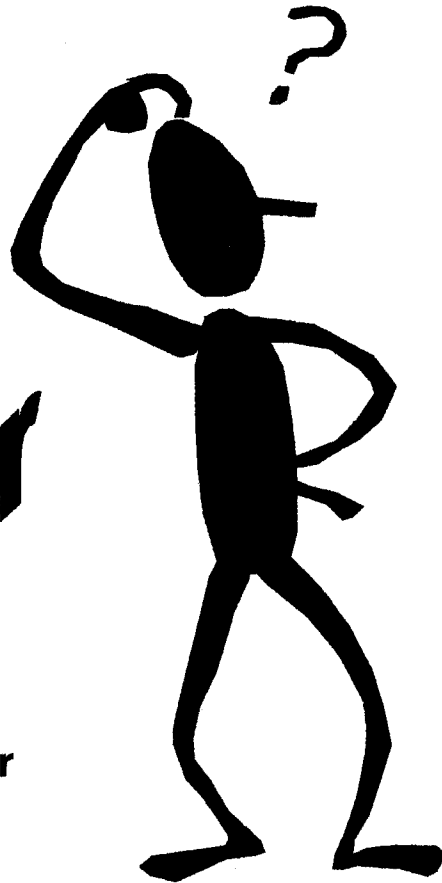
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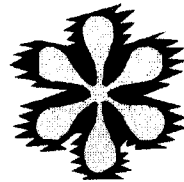
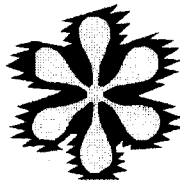
# Riddle Me This, Mr Riddler—The Answers

These are the answers to the riddles on Page 17. No cheating—Try the riddles first!

1. Eleven. She could possibly take out 6 black left hand gloves and then 6 brown left hand gloves, the next one would have to be either the right hand or left hand match.
2. Twenty one
3. You can't take a picture with hair curlers - you need a camera!
4. Well, how old are you? I said you're the bus driver.
5. 99, this is 9x9x9x9x9x9x9x9x9 or 387,420,489.
6. Four. If you don't agree, try it yourself!
7. Mount Everest has always been the tallest mountain, even before being discovered!
8. Elizabeth is drinking coffee. The letter E appears twice in her name, as it does in the names of the others that are drinking coffee.
9. One, he may have many Birthdays, but only one birth day!
10. EDAM cheese (made backwards is edam)
11. They will both be the same distance from Paris when they meet!!
12. Queue and thanks to some of our visitors here is another answer: aitch - take away the aitch and you are left with "h".
13. THE ANSWER: e n t They represent the first letter when writing the numbers one thru ten.
14. It has to be Johnny. He's the third child!
15. The base word is Startling - starting - starting - string - in - I sing - in - in - I
16. Four. If you don't agree, try it yourself!
17. It's her job, she's a Justice of the Peace or a Minister.
18. House numbers.
19. You have 2 apples. There are 3 left on the counter, but you have 2.
20. The match of course!

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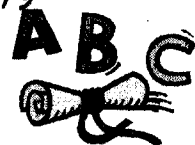
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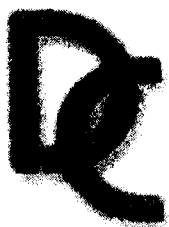
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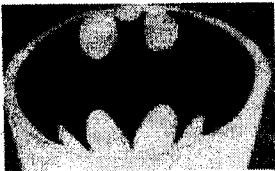
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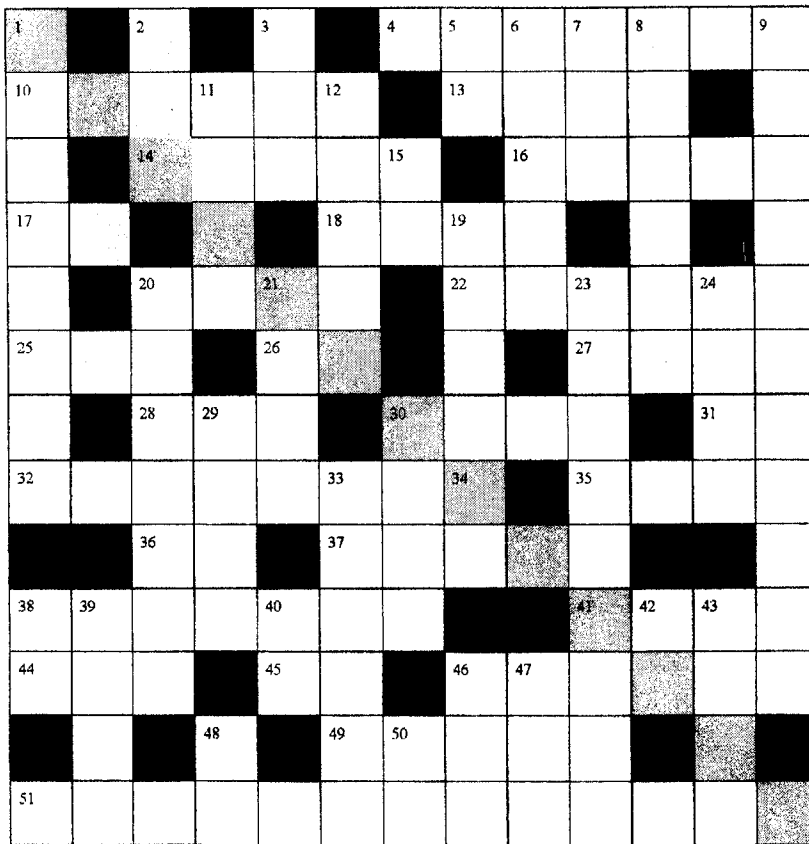
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# The Chronicle Crossword

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## September Solutions

ACROSS 2 Asset 6 Aces 10 Ecce  
 11 At 12 LSE 13 Already 15 Sects  
 17 Teen 18 Thrash 19 Ecstasy  
 22 Rip 23 Tropical 25 Proceed  
 28 Madam 30 Pixy 31 People  
 33 Consults 34 BR 35 Mini 36 Blur  
 38 Ya 39 Clerestorey 43 TNT  
 45 Ore 46 Or 47 Audit 48 Elk  
 DOWN 2 Acres 3 Scent 4 Sea 5 Tay  
 7 Clerical 8 Escapade 9 Set  
 10 Electrician 13 Ate 14 Disrepute  
 15 Shrimps 16 Shy 20 Ate 21 Yodel  
 24 LA 25 Pa 26 Jaxon 27 Cynic  
 29 Merry 32 Otter 34 Burr 35 Myth  
 36 BT 37 Look 40 Led 41 Rot  
 42 See 44 TA  
 DIAGONAL 1&32 Bernard Osborn

## DIAGONAL - 1&34

American who, in 1929, donated Number 1 Bell in memory of one of his ancestors who had left the village 300 years before. (7 &6)

## ACROSS

- 4 Incredible (7)
- 10 Venetian bridge (6)
- 13 Living/Dining/Bed .... (4)
- 14 Speaks with an impediment (5)
- 16 Bird (5)
- 17 Negative (2)
- 18 Compass point (4)
- 20 Mix (4)
- 22 Taxi driver (6)
- 25 Not lean (3)
- 26 Mother (2)
- 27 Back (4)
- 28 Snake (3)
- 30 Small car (4)
- 31 Our country (1,1)
- 32 Child's sweet (8)
- 35 Make fast (4)
- 36 Dramatic finish to fight (1,1)
- 37 Indian water-lily (5)
- 38 Illicit liquor-shop (7)
- 41 Brass instrument (4)
- 44 Licence displayed by foreign lorry (1,1,1)
- 45 Steamship - initials (1,1)
- 46 Got in touch by telephone (6)
- 49 Grieve (5)
- 51 Flower (13)

## DOWN

- 1 Unjust (8)
- 2 Friend (3)
- 3 Scheme for youngsters (1,1,1)
- 5 Title before a man's name (2)
- 6 Heart artery (5)
- 7 Collection of animals (3)
- 8 To drink in (6)
- 9 Cake (11)
- 11 Cheerful song (4)
- 12 Musical drama (5)
- 15 Mandela's Country (1,1)
- 19 A text for broadcasting (6)
- 20 Obsessive follower (7)
- 21 Zulu warrior (4)
- 23 Butterfly (9)
- 24 Shakespearian character (4)
- 29 Lout (4)
- 30 Celestial neighbour (4)
- 33 Liquid part of blood (6)
- 38 Holy man - abbrev (1,1)
- 39 Rotting (4)
- 40 Einsteinium (1,1)
- 42 French a (2)
- 43 French dandy (4)
- 46 Place (3)
- 47 King/Queen or Duke/Duchess (1,1,1)
- 48 Expressing surprise (2)
- 50 No anagram (2)

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B <i>Trinity 20</i>	10.00 Harvest Communion 18.00 H. Supper	08.00 Communion 10.00 People's Praise (Lay)	10.00 Parish Communion	8.45 Parish Communion
16 <i>Trinity 21</i>	08.00 X Communion 10.00 Parish Praise (Lay)	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
23 <i>Last Trinity</i>	at Wingrave 10.00	10.00 Four Parish Communion	at Wingrave 10.0	at Wingrave 10.00
30 <i>All Saints</i>	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	18.00 Evensong (Lay)	8.45 Parish Communion
6 Nov <i>3 b. Advent</i>	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	at Aston A. 10.0	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service (Lay)

## Sunday Readings

2 Oct	Trinity 19	Philippians 3.4-14; Matthew 21.33-46
9	Trinity 20	Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14
16	Trinity 21	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22
23	Last after Trinity	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46
30	All Saints	1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12
6 Nov	3 before Advent	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13

## From The Registers

### Baptism

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11	Thomas Robson at Wingrave
25	Kirsty Peacock at Wingrave

### Marriage

6 Aug	Richard Sketcher & Rebecca Adams at Wingrave
3 Sept	David Hughes & Claire Kennedy at Wingrave
10 Sept	Dominic Bowers & Emily Denton at Wingrave

### Funerals

12 Sept	Eric Woodward at Amersham
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1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. C. Higgs
8/9 <sup>th</sup>	Weddings
15/16 <sup>th</sup>	
22/23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. S. Ford
29/30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. A. Goodman

## Church Sidesmen

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9 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. A. Curnow
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# What's On In October

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Rambling club members meet at Dunsmore. 2 pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Parochial church council meeting. 8 pm
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** Shop service in the Church Room 10.30 – 12.30. See Newsflash on page 5
- also* Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members Autumn/Winter meeting at Link House, Gt. Brickhill. 8 pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** Aylesbury committee meeting. Winslow. 6 pm. Our representative will request extension of footway to A418 and removal of display signs
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** Leighton Buzzard Farmers market
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Parish council meeting. Church Room. 8 pm
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at Woburn Sands 2 pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** Cheese and Wine Quiz evening. Church Room. 7.30 pm. Tickets Shirley or Colin £3.00. Teams not to exceed 6
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** Alpaca produce sale. 1, Nash's Farm 10-4pm. See page 14
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** British Summer time ends, clocks go back 1 hour.
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** Evensong St. James Church. 2 pm
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** Halloween night.

## Chronicle Deadlines

- Nov Issue** Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>—Distribution starts Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Dec Issue** Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>—Distribution starts Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>
- NB—These are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control*

## Classified

### +++ Urgent Appeal +++

*We need oddments of knitting wool for the Aylesbury Knit Club of which I am a member. Please contact Christine Fox in Aston Abbots on 01296 682024 for more details. Thank you.*

**COMPENDIUM OF GAMES.** Compendium of Games by Ingham Day (Boxed, hardly used), over 35 games with rules, including draughts, chess, solitaire, ludo, snakes & ladders, dominos, word games, roulettee and many more. £5 Brian 01296 681833

Sarah Smith is available for **BABYSITTING**. Phone 01296 681373



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## Book These Dates

**Christmas Bazaar in the Church Room** on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Aston Abbots Bonfire and Fireworks. November 5<sup>th</sup>.** See page 15

## Notices

### Dog Fouling

I have received several complaints about dog fouling on public footpaths across The Grove and Chapmans Lea. This is an offence and carries a £1000 fine so please take note and pick it up. There are dog waste bins on The Green and the recreation ground. PLEASE USE THEM.

### Benfires

It is illegal to light these at weekends, bank holidays, and if air quality is poor or it's very windy. As an alternative please recycle your waste or use the civic amenity tip - in Rabans Lane Aylesbury, or just outside of Tring on this side of the canal bridge.

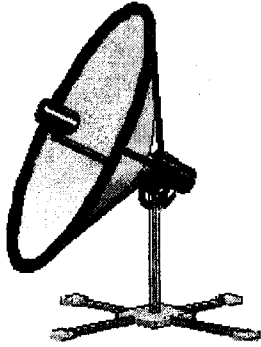
### Bus services

The 17.50 ex-Aylesbury now leaves at 17.55 and operates five minutes later on Mondays to Fridays. Surveys on usage will be carried out this month so please use the bus. 2 pm to Aylesbury needs more support. 2.45 from Aylesbury (Saturday) likewise. These services may be at risk if they are not used.

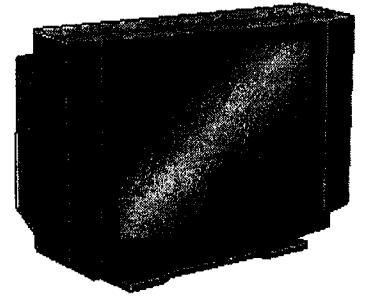
~ Colin Higgs.

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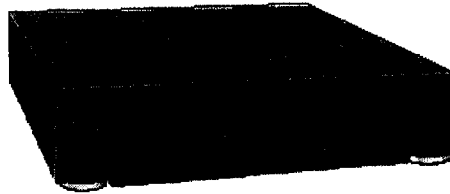


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