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# Editorial

## Our New Editor

**P**hew! You guys had me worried for a while. I was beginning to think that the Chronicle might be left without an editor. However, I am most grateful to **John Hardcastle** for coming forward and volunteering to take over the reins of this, our parish magazine.

I am delighted that John has decided to take on this job. You already know him as the compiler of our crossword. I am sure that he will bring some renewed vitality to the magazine. John lives on Lines Hill and his wife Judy is a regular at the Tuesday night Gnomes gathering. John will start with the January issue, so you lot will have to put up with me for one more issue - the December Chronicle - which will be my last. I also give my thanks to Rod Rotheroe of Nash's Farm for agreeing to have a go at compiling the crossword, also starting in January.

When John takes over he will need the support of the Chronicle readers. Last month I wrote that we needed more articles submitted from our readers and I'm very pleased to have received some items this month. A magazine can only be as good as its content so, somewhere in this issue you will find a further appeal for articles. Thank you to those who have so far contributed.

## Advertising Manager Required

**C**laire Gresswell has done a splendid job looking after our advertisers over the past year or two, and it has been a weight off my mind to know that someone else is looking after that essential part of the Chronicle so well.

Now Claire needs to move on, so we are looking for a new person to look after the advertisers. The advertising manager sends out invoices two or three times a year and deals with queries from new advertisers. Unlike the editor's job this is not a task that needs to be done every month. However it is hugely important, as we are very much reliant upon our advertising revenue. So may I appeal for a new volunteer to take over from Claire? If you want to know more about what is involved, without any obligation, please phone Claire on 682949 and she will explain the job to you. Thank you Claire for all of your hard work.

## 250 Issues And Counting

**I**t seems like only a few months ago that I presided over the 200<sup>th</sup> issue of the Chronicle. In that issue I reviewed the History Of The Chronicle. Now I am proud to see issue number 250 clocked up - another milestone and a testament to the efforts of all our contributors and those who work behind the scenes. I will not repeat the 'History' article, but those of you with access to the Internet will find it on our website - [www.aachronicle.co.uk](http://www.aachronicle.co.uk).

See you next month - for the last time!

*Phil*

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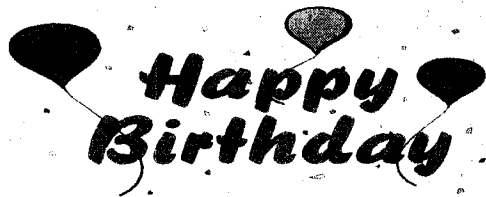
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*In your November Chronicle ~*

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

# Alison's Gossip Column



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Percy Humphries	19 <sup>th</sup>
Rod Rothero	21 <sup>st</sup>
John Whyte	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Olivia Gresswell	23 <sup>rd</sup>

## Francesca, Robert, Victoria, Roberto and Luca

would wish to thank warmly the army of helpers who were instrumental in making October 8<sup>th</sup> such a memorable day.

“Love and marriage go Together Like a Horse and Carriage” what a glorious spectacle to behold for Victoria and Roberto.

The kitchen assistants, flower power, gazebo erection men, table layers, salad and stuffing producers, bed & breakfast, baby sitting service, last minute shoppers, music men, crockery & cutlery loaners, laundry facility, Trinny & Susanna’s expert advice and endless patience!!!

Last and by no means least, a 21<sup>st</sup> century St. George came to the rescue of a frantic Francesca. Panic reigned in the kitchen of Biggs Pavilion. The oven had failed to respond to the “on” switch. You were a star, may you twinkle and shine and rescue many more damsels in distress!!!!

Sunday morning, less said the better, except for all the “brave” who came and removed the debris, thank you.

Our loving thanks and “Lemoncello” to you all.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Cephass Liscott after a long illness. Our thoughts are with his wife, Dorothy.

I would like to say Thank You to all my friends and neighbours for the help, lovely cards, and beautiful flowers. Some I have taken to Florence Nightingale House. They all looked after Cephass so well during his long illness. Many thanks to you all once again.

~ Dorothy Liscott



**Victoria Bean** was married to **Roberto Fucci** at St James church on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. The bride looked stunning in a long cream strapless dress. (Roberto looked pretty good too!) There was a strong Italian flavour to the wedding with lots of Roberto’s family and friends in attendance.



The rain held off long enough for the happy couple to arrive at the reception in Cublington by pony and trap, sipping Champagne on the way and being hooted at by the enthusiastic Italian supporters!

We wish Victoria and Roberto a long and happy marriage.



**Kidney Appeal.** Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Kidney Research Foundation. A total of £26.59 was collected which amount is always much appreciated by this charity. ~ Rita



Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Dawn** from Chapmans Lea who was given a surprise helicopter flight to Bath on October 20<sup>th</sup> by her husband, Tony.



Congratulations to bridge player **Mike Wenble** on the publication of his first book *No Trump Bidding*.



Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Clare Makin** who is recovering from an operation.



Belated Happy Birthday greetings to **Hayley Wilkinson** who was 21 last month. Many Happy

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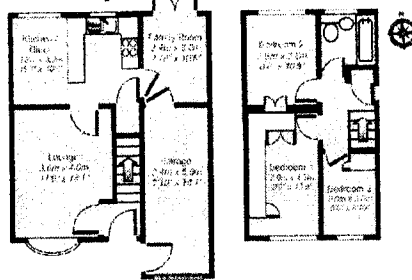
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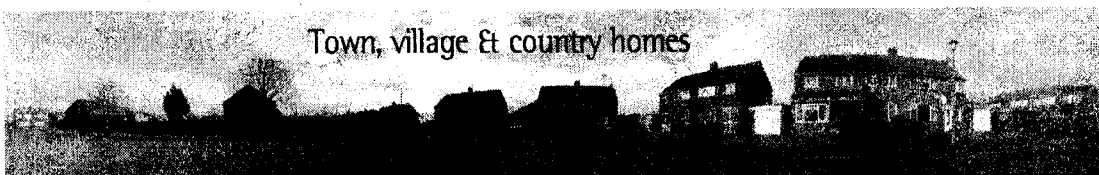
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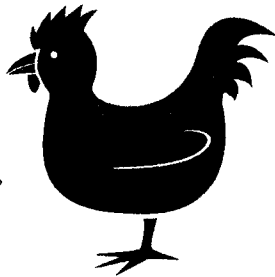
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# In The Village

## Cluck, Cluck, Cluck (cont)

While it was confirmed in last month's Chronicle that we have almost definitely won a chicken farm, we had to wait for the minutes of the Development Control Committee meeting to be published to learn how AVDC intended to allow the project to proceed.



The minutes of the meeting have now been published and they are there for all to read on the AVDC website. The record is a collection of meaningless, unquantifiable, generalities.

In order to let readers know how little we matter to AVDC, the following is an extract from the Development Control Committee minutes for 15 September 2005 and is the formal record that has been placed in the public domain to record this particular momentous day in Development Control:

### **PLANNING APPLICATION 05/00258/APP, ERECTION OF THREE BUILDINGS FOR EGG PRODUCTION AND TEMPORARY SITING OF MOBILE HOME, NORDUCK FARM MOAT LANE, ASTON ABBOTTS**

Members convened at 10.30 am to consider of this item of significant public interest. After consideration of all the information before them, and hearing representations from Aston Abbots Parish Council, Weedon Parish Council and a member of the public and the applicant, it was RESOLVED ~

*That the Head of Planning be authorised to determine the application indicated below following amendment by the applicant as indicated and following completion of the Planning Obligation Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Head of Legal Services to secure the matters referred to, any permission given to be subject to such conditions as the Head of Planning or Development Control Manager considers appropriate.*

There is an Amendment Relating to the Relocation of Poultry Building 2 and then there are the following Agreements covering the project:

- a) the removal of the buildings, access drives and hard standings should the agriculture use of the buildings cease,
- b) the use of the buildings in accordance with an approved operational management scheme which is to include a mechanism for dealing with complaints,
- c) the implementation and long term maintenance and management of a scheme of planting and landscaping

There endeth a lesson in AVDC planning considerations.

Significant public interest needs to continue and, preferably, increase. In order to persuade AVDC to provide more information on how matters are to proceed, it is time for all to write again to ask how the council intend to consider and protect our interests and quality of life. Events in the past two weeks have made these two factors particularly pertinent.

According to *Time* magazine, since 1997, there have been 3,334 outbreaks and 68 deaths attributable to the H5N1 Avian

## England Expects.....

Not to be out done Aston Abbots bell ringers celebrated Trafalgar day with a very special ringing of the bells on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Devised by Tower Captain Peter Knight the bells were rung in a thrilling sequence to enact the Battle of Trafalgar.

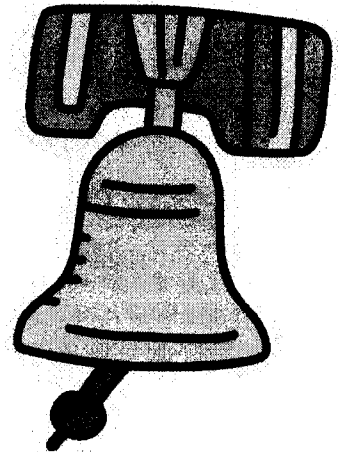
'Rounds' indicated the fleet leaving harbour and moving towards Cadiz and then changing to 'Plain Hunt' to indicate the turmoil of battle. All the bells were 'fired' simultaneously 21 times to indicate the roar of the cannon, then one by one the bells stopped ringing to indicate battle over.

This was followed by a lone bell tolled 37 times to mark the death of Nelson. 37 times, one for each British ship in the battle.

Then back into 'Rounds to signify the fleet returning from battle and Britain 'Ruling the Waves'.

The crew of Matelots, Matolettes and Salts were Peter, Alex, Anita, Sally, Halesie, John and Kevin

~ Neil Chesher



flu. Only last weekend, Sir Liam Donaldson, the Chief Medical Officer described the awaited pandemic as a case of not "if" but "when". Possibly it is time for AVDC to review this planning application before further work is undertaken. Presumably, the committee were swayed by the applicant's case that this was to be a free-range, eventually 'organic', operation. It is suggested, therefore, that it would be timely if AVDC were to review this case urgently as the 'inevitability' of which Sir Liam Donaldson warns will mean that no chickens will be allowed out of their sheds. In that case, the applicant's proposal to build a free-range egg production unit on which the committee deliberated, is no longer valid. While writing this article, Sir Liam Donaldson has just announced that 120 million doses of the H5N1 vaccination, two per person, will be made available once the particular new strain of the virus is identified.

Finally, it is understood that one or two people in the village believe that we made a mistake in not going to see the hen cabins at Dinton. In retrospect, this might be true as the opposition made a point of hyping this up at the meeting. What they omitted to include was that Dinton houses only 2,000 birds. Additionally, while the planning committee accused villagers of not visiting Dinton, we can claim that they made no effort to visit a chicken farm that houses a much larger population. The Parish Council did visit such a farm.

Finally, finally. To date, approximately £3,000 have been spent putting the village case to AVDC. Unlike AVDC, we think you're worth it.

~ Christine Ellwood

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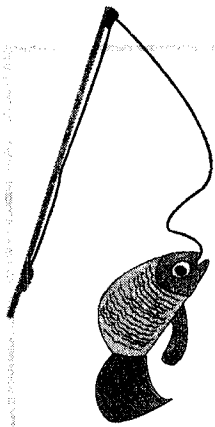
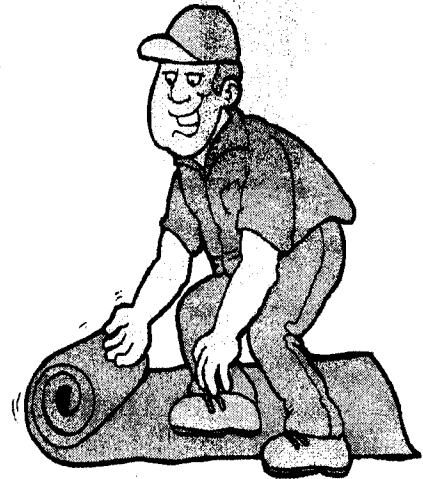
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## Skiing in Milton Keynes



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The first thing we had to do was get the feel of the skis, so we made our way up the slope by side stepping. Alison Lewis soon made herself known by falling over whilst executing this initial manoeuvre [see below ~ Ed]. She also demonstrated the difficulty of getting up again afterwards, a problem that affected us all during the evening. Dave Lewis, the sole male representative, soon demonstrated an unfortunate habit of veering to the left and crashing into the padded barrier and nets. This was apparently due to unequal weight distribution and there was some speculation as to what might have caused this in Dave's case.

Although indoors, it was quite cold and we needed our padded clothing. The slope we were using was about a third of the width of the full slope. It is covered in real snow. The top section was steeper than the bottom section. To our left a button lift took the "recreational" skiers and snow boarders up the main slope. The learner side had a travelator to take you up the slope. This was fairly easy to get on at the bottom with the aid of hand rails. However it proved tricky getting off half way up, as instructed. It necessitated turning your left ski 90 degrees anti-clockwise and stepping off, remembering to quickly follow with the right leg. If you did not, it continued moving up the travelator away from the rest of your body – OUCH. Quite a few of us came to grief executing this manoeuvre!

During the evening we learnt the basics of skiing, how to stop and turn using the snow plough. Most of us were able to progress to the steepest part of the slope. By the end of the lesson Dee Whyte was looking particularly impressive as she sped down the slope. Meanwhile Liz Barlow spent quite a lot of time falling over and being helped up by various young men, perhaps Ivan had better not let her go on that ski holiday.

At the end we all came away with our Records of Achievement showing we had completed all parts of the Fast track course parts 1 & 2. If we do another 3 hours they will let us loose on the recreational slope! Thanks to Alison for arranging the visit and inviting me along.

~ Sally Palmer

*The story I heard about Alison's fall was that the instructor had been at pains to explain how stable the skis were and how difficult it was to fall over. Then he got the class to carry out simple manoeuvres to demonstrate the stability, at which point there was an enormous crash and the class looked round to see Alison flat on her back with skis, arms, and legs sticking up in all directions. "There's always an Alison on every course," sighed the instructor. ~ Ed*

## Shopping in A A

There has been a shop in the Church Room every Thursday morning for the last few weeks.

The shop is run by Len from Wingrave Post Office and Stores and it could offer a lifeline for some villagers, especially if we get the hard winter the weathermen keep promising us.

Despite the provision of teas and coffees by Rita and April, the support has not been great. Fortunately Len is prepared to give it a little time to see if it builds up, but if there is not sufficient interest from the villagers of Aston Abbots the service will inevitably be scrapped.

However, if all goes well there may be the possibility of some post office services in the future. And Len told Mrs Ed that he would be prepared to deliver within Aston Abbots.

So if you are around on a Thursday morning why not pop along to the Church Room and see what's on offer. If there is something in particular that you want I am sure that Len will be pleased to bring it with him the next time.

More detail on page 13

~ Phil Spooner

## That Impossible Pie

My apologies for the errors that crept into the Impossible Pie recipe last month and made it truly impossible. These were due to your editor's laziness in using Voice Typing (and hurried proof-reading).

For any of you still struggling with the impossibility of it all, here are the corrections:

1/2 a cup of flower should have been  
1/2 cup of flour

1 teaspoon of the Miller should have  
been 1 teaspoon of vanilla.

~ Phil Spooner

## THE CHIP VAN

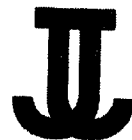
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# Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

13th October 2005

Contrary to popular belief there are one or two benefits from writing in the Chronicle. Besides the obvious benefit of the editor bringing around £100 in cash every month - and if you believe that you could believe that I am a Seventh Day Adventist and teetotal - occasionally people bring mushrooms to our door.

I complain about the lack of mushrooms in our fields and lo and behold some kind person brings some round to prove that they are available in one or two secret locations. Of course, all mushrooms grow in secret locations except perhaps the ones that used to fruit regularly in cricket field by the oak trees; most villagers knew about there. All I can say on this subject is that Alex and I have the grazing on about 150 acres at present and I still haven't picked one mushroom myself.

Despite the beautiful warm weather, remember its 13th October as I write, autumn is upon us. The Virginia creeper has gone that lovely wine red that only Virginia creeper can go and the leaves from many trees have started to fall. The swallows seem to have gone and some birds are flocking together to prepare for winter. I was interested to see, at the Broadfield Road Tesco's the other night, that pied wagtails have started to roost there. I counted 27 perched on the store roof. I wonder, from how far do they fly in to roost together at Tesco's? Thirty years ago the Aston Abbots cover was a roosting site for starlings - thousands flew in from all directions to roost in the blackthorn bushes in the cover and a right old mess they made of it too. The ground underneath them was vile and sour from their droppings and grew nothing. It was a real blessing when, for some unknown reason, they decided to roost elsewhere and stop coming.

We've had a little bit of rain recently, just enough to get the grass growing well in the warm soil and the sheep have literally been in clover with lambs fattening well. However, digging a post-hole is still a nightmare - the ground gets drier the deeper one goes rather than wetter as it should. There is still not a spot of water in any ditch and all the ponds are dry. Yet, to my complete amazement a spring has started running again and it's at the top of a hill. As you drive to Rowsham from the crossroads you look to your right - well a spring has come to life on top of that hill - quite amazing!

I personally believe that many large trees are suffering from long-term drought and I wonder shall we see more and more sick trees next year?

Having said all that I notice that the Wingrave village pond never seems to lose much water - but then Wingrave probably has mushrooms as well, being such a favoured spot!

Toads have appeared again in our garden - I do believe they virtually hibernate through long dry spells. It's good to see the occasional toad active again.

Bees too are enjoying the warmth of the sunny days and my

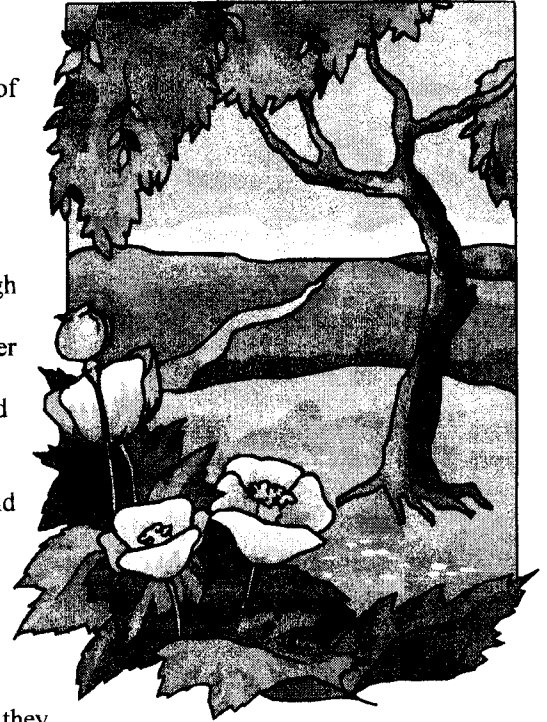
friends tells me that they are bringing loads of pollen back to the hives - probably from ivy which is flowering now.

Walking through the village at 9 o'clock the other night to post a letter I followed a fox down the road. This served to remind me that foxes are everywhere nowadays and most of them look from their droppings as if they have the bellyache. Most nights a fox visits our garden judging by his calling cards, and in the Abbey gardens - well I should think they hold a sports meeting or convention most nights - whatever, they are obviously living off berries at present and their droppings are particularly vile. Thank God my dog doesn't roll in them as so many dogs do.

To someone being interested in wildlife, droppings and tracks serve to show an animal's presence just as much as a sighting. I have certain places where the clay is bare and damp that give footprint pictures of what has lately passed. Deer and badger always showing the clearest.

I just wish I could distinguish more birdsong as so often one can hear a bird but not see it. There's no point in me starting to learn this skill - I'll be deaf before I can tell a blackcap from a woodwarbler.

I would like to finish this piece expressing the fervent hope that some kind soul takes up the reins of editor of the splendid Chronicle, and showing my thanks to the resigning editor for all his patience and hard work in producing the same. Very well done Phil.



*Peter Knight*

*Thank you Peter for your kind words. Fortunately we have a new editor waiting to take over in January—see page 2 for the whole story ~ Ed*



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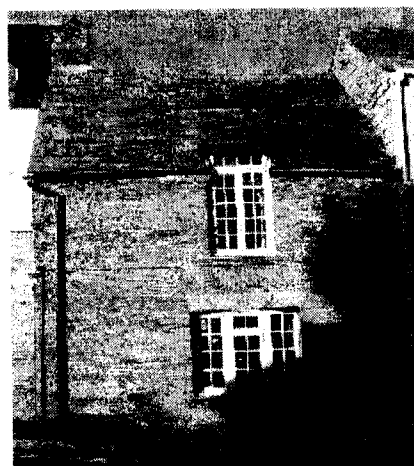
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# Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005

## Present

Cllrs. C. Higgs (Chair), R. Clarke, D. Dicken, J. Farrands, M. Kent, T. Manning and Peter Shorrock. Apologies were received from Mrs. K. Curry.

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

## Matters Arising From The Minutes Not On The Agenda

Peter Shorrock is looking into the possibility of grant funding for possible future twinning with another village.

The Parish Council can now apply for an extension of the footpath in Wingrave Road to the crossroads.

## County Council, District Council And Police Matters

Peter Cooper reported that roads to the North of Aylesbury need to be upgraded to cope with movement of traffic from Aylesbury to Milton Keynes when all of the new housing required by the Government is built in Aylesbury. All Parish Councillors to fill in a survey with regard to numbers of new housing in Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern District, South Bucks District and Wycombe District.

## Heater For The Church Room

A new water heater has now been installed.

## Planning

05/00258/APP Norduck Farm, Moat Lane. Erection of three buildings for egg production and temporary siting of mobile

home. – Councillors reported that they were very unhappy with the conduct of the Planning Committee and felt they had taken no notice of public concern. A letter is to be sent proposing a number of conditions be imposed.

## Highways

It was reported that the road between Aston Abbotts and Weedon does not meet the criteria required for gritting.

A list of signs to be removed, such as signs for new houses, has been given to Highways

## Recreation Ground

Safety check – children's play area – all OK

Firework Display – Fireworks to be ordered, Fire Authorities have been advised.

Report from Recreation Ground Committee – Obtain a quote for 2 trees. Chase up applications for grants to Awards for All and Bucks Playing Fields Association. AVDC grants panel will be meeting again in November when we may receive some money.

Repairs to shed. Temporary repairs to sheds have been carried out. Quotes to be obtained for a shipping container to replace the shed, which should be far more difficult to vandalise.

## Date Of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next Meeting will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 8 pm in the Church Room.

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~ Jackie Farrands



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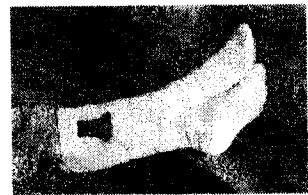
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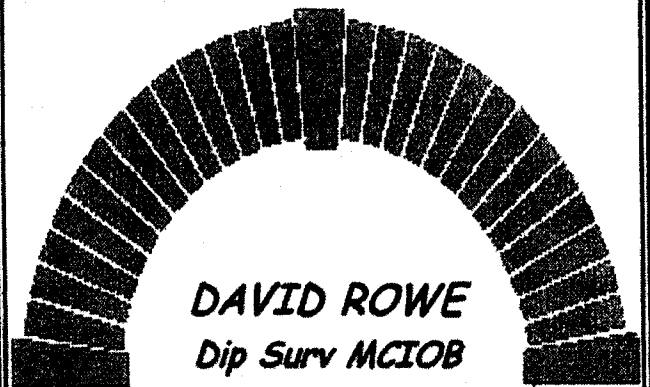
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A magazine stands or falls on its content, so we are always on the lookout for articles and items of interest to our readers. Obviously articles with a specific Aston Abbotts connection are always popular, but many people enjoy general articles, jokes, quizzes, and so on.

Anybody can write for the Chronicle - you don't have to be Shakespeare. Why not give it a go? It does not have to be perfect - The editor will step in if any minor corrections are required. You don't have to write something every month. Just once in a while is fine.

Here are a few ideas of things you might contribute:

- A letter to the editor about something that concerns you, or that you feel may be of interest to the village.
- An article about something which has happened in the village in which you were involved, or that you attended.
- An article about something outside of the village which you are involved in; maybe a hobby or a sport?
- A little story or anecdote about something amusing that has happened to you or a friend.
- An article about something in the local area, maybe a place you've visited?
- Why not just send in a funny joke you might have heard?
- Have you had an unusual holiday - why not tell us about it?
- How about making up a quiz?

Articles can be from two to 2000 words long. There is no set length. They don't need to be formatted in any special way: they can be handwritten, or they can be e-mailed or submitted on a disc (this is preferable, as it saves us time in typing them up).

So why not give it a go. Our new editor will need your support as he eases himself into the editor's chair. Contact details are on page 2.

~ Phil Spooner

## St James Churchyard

A subject that has cropped up in conversation a few time over the past years is that of St James churchyard, or to be more specific, the 'wild meadow' section behind the church.

This was brought to my attention again recently after a man from AVDC Countryside Service enquired of one of our contributors as to why it appeared to be so poorly kept.

I understand that the idea is to have a 'natural' part of the churchyard with wild meadow flowers growing in it. The idea was also popular with mowers when there was no sit-upon lawn mower available. Unfortunately the original aim of having a pretty, natural section is not being realised. I myself was once tackled about the appearance by a disgruntled elderly grave visitor whilst mowing the grass. If this section is to be retained then it needs volunteers to maintain it properly. If not, it is, in my opinion, a bit of an eyesore and it should be mown like the rest of the churchyard,

What do you think? Write to The Chronicle and let us know.

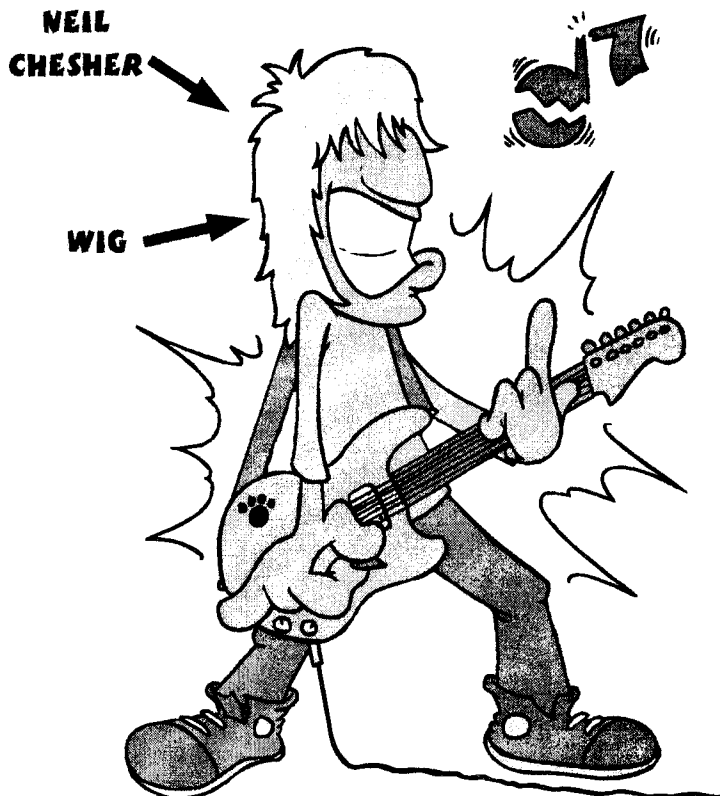
~ Phil Spooner

## Closing Down Sale

Talbot Sheepskin Products are having a closing down sale, so there could be an opportunity to pick up some great Christmas presents at bargain prices. See page 26 for more details.

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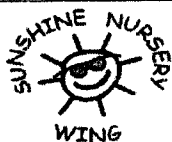
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## Aston Abbotts Parochial Church Council

At the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005, April Curnow and Andy Bystra were welcomed as additional members of the Council. The following matters were discussed: -

- Renovation of the Church path – lowest quote received so far, which included laying a sewerage pipe and electric ducting for the porch light, was £3851. However the “path” fund is currently only £1050.
- Replacement curtains and screen covers for the alter – still to be progressed. Suggested that it would be worth visiting Ivinghoe Church to see what they had done.
- The harvest festival teas and sale event had not been a success with virtually nobody from the village turning up so there would need to be a rethink about what to do next year.
- Discussion of the future of the Church in Aston Abbotts in relation to a reduction in the number of stipendiary Clergy within the deanery. This would involve greater participation by lay people in organising services, weddings etc., more use of non-stipendiary ministers (if available), lay-lead services and/or a reduction in the number of services held each month.
- Opening the Church for villagers and visitors. Difficulty in organising a key holders rota, as people were concerned if the key was not returned and the possibility of damage or theft. There had recently been persons seen loitering around the Church and thefts from other Churches in the area. However agreed that as a start the Church would be open between 9:00 and 13:00 hrs on Sundays.
- A number of requests from organisations for

donations – put on hold because of the current state of the PCC finances.

- 76% of our 2005 diocesan quota of £3778 has now been paid with the hope of being able to pay the full amount this year. Funds had been boosted by the £1448 received from the village fete – a big thank you to the organising committee and to everyone who helped and supported the event.
- Forthcoming events: -
  - Colin Higgs quiz evening - 28<sup>th</sup> October
  - Combined Christingle / Carol Service – 18<sup>th</sup> December

~ Gordon Kemp

### Three Brazillain Soldiers

Donald Rumsfeld is giving the president his daily briefing.

He concludes by saying, “And yesterday, three Brazilian soldiers were killed.”

“OH NO!” Mr. Bush exclaims. “That’s terrible!”

His staff sits stunned at this sudden outward display of emotion, nervously watching as the president sits, head in hands, almost sobbing.

Finally, the president looks up and asks, “Just how many is a brazillion, anyway?”

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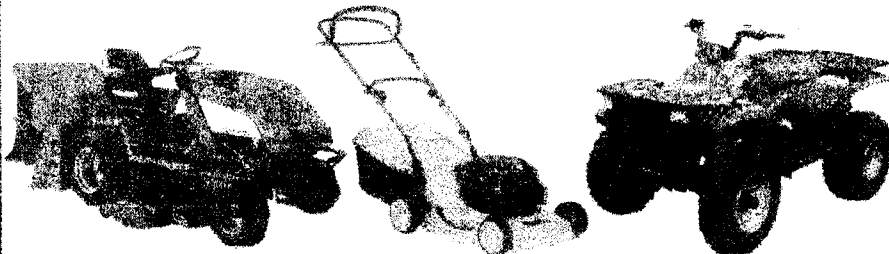
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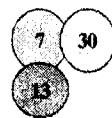
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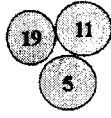
**BINGO**

**SATURDAY**  
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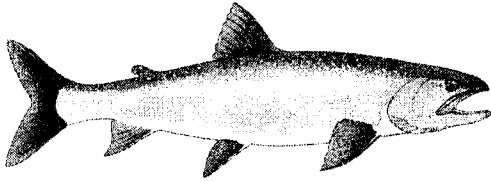


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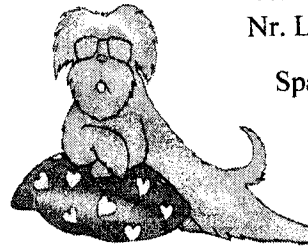
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Please write to your Parish Council NOW, asking them to obtain more information from the airport about how the revised proposals will affect you, and that it is unfair that the Vale is being sacrificed to protect Leighton Buzzard. Plus anything else you feel like saying.

Remember, it's your letters that have kept the flight path at bay for over three years, so don't give up now!

Bucks Association of Local Councils has asked for more information from Luton as they consider the documents lacking. PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) is not a consultee this time, but that hasn't stopped us pointing out flaws, inconsistencies and other inadequacies in the consultation documents and process to the airport and the Civil Aviation Authority.

For more information, please contact PAVAN at [href="mailto:Rachel@PAVAN.org.uk"](mailto:Rachel@PAVAN.org.uk) Rachel@PAVAN.org.uk or phone 01525 240950.

~ Rachel Webb, PAVAN

## Make Christmas Different

This suggestion is for people who will have a spare room in their house at Christmas. It prevents those little squabbles that sometimes occur when families are forced into each others company for too long. This idea is equally suitable for couples who see each other every day of the year already; and for sociable people expecting to spend Christmas alone.

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Sandra Purrett

(Joint Regional Organiser for Beds, Berks. and Bucks.)

## Inner Peace

I'm passing this on to you because it has definitely worked for me.

By following the simple advice I read in an article, I have finally found inner peace.

The article read: "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started."

So I looked around the house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished. And before going out this morning I finished off a bottle of Bacardi, 1/2 a bottle of white wine, half a box of chocolates, 3 shots of tequila, a can of cider and some cheese triangles.

You have no idea how good I feel.....

## Women Over Fifty

As I grow in age, I value women who are over 50 most of all. Here are just a few reasons why:

A woman over 50 will not lay next to you in bed and ask, "What are you thinking?" She doesn't care what you think.

If a woman over 50 doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do. And, it's usually something more interesting.

A woman over 50 knows herself well enough to be assured in who she is, what she is, what she wants and from whom. Few women past the age of 50 give a darn what you might think about her or what she's doing.

Women over 50 are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it.

Older women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

A woman over 50 has the self-assurance to introduce you to her women friends. A younger woman with a man will often ignore even her best friend because she doesn't trust the guy with other women.

Women over 50 couldn't care less if you're attracted to her friends because she knows her friends won't betray her.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 50. They always know.

A woman over 50 looks good wearing bright red lipstick. This is not true of younger women or drag queens.

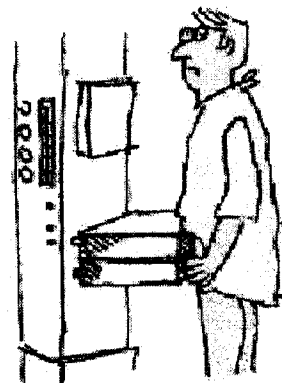
Once you get past a wrinkle or two, a woman over 50 is far sexier than her younger counterpart.

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off if you are a jerk if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder where you stand with her.

Yes, we praise women over 50 for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coifed hot woman of 50+, there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 18-year-old waitress.

For all those men who say, "Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free," here's an update for you: Nowadays 80% of women are against marriage. Why? Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage.

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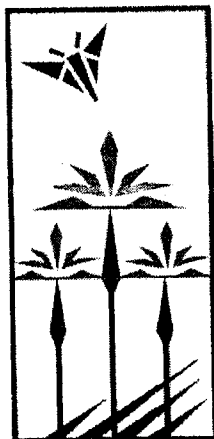
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## Clergy Comment

Over the past few weeks the people at our local churches have been trying to fill in forms. Forms are one way of finding out information. They seek answers to questions. Like me, I suspect that most people are allergic to forms, and therefore may not have been very enthusiastic. Forms ask for our opinions. They help with marketing.

Hang on! Marketing! What on earth has Marketing got to do with the Church?

It is very simple really. It is trying to ensure that the Church is providing the right kind of Services for the people who attend – and is also aware of ideas that might attract more people.

In the past this has been done by the clergy trying to “read” the congregation and community. This has been possible because there were then many more clergy than there are now and more than there will be in a few years time. Henry Ford used to say that you could have a car of any colour – as long as it was black. A generation ago there was very little permitted choice in the way in which the Services in Church took place. It was very much “take it or leave it”.

There have been and are some communities where the clergy have succeeded in their “guesswork” and others where they have never quite managed to gauge the community with any accuracy. There may have been powerful undercurrents of which they were unaware, or factors which they did not

understand. After all, the clergy are only human – we do have our blind spots, and we are not mind-readers!

But, is filling in forms the answer? I am not sure that it is. After all, even the most successful questionnaire will only expect to get about a quarter to a third of the forms returned. There is the risk that the answers will be telling us what we already know, and they may not mention some of the difficult things that seem blindingly obvious. The most important points will probably be on the forms that did not get filled in and returned.

If the response from any community is very small, we can still only guess at what people would really like. And, needless to say, we can get it completely wrong. But if we are not told/ guided by the results of the questions, how on earth can we help the Church to move forward? Even if you cannot tell us what you would like – it would be helpful if you could tell us what you don't like!

If we are doing things that are clearly not working – then we are obviously failing!

We now have available a huge variety of Services that we can tailor to fit the very different groups of people. But we cannot make them fit if we do not know what size, shape and colour they need to be.

~ Bob Willmott

# ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

## PROGRAMME 2005/2006

Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Oxley	Southern U.S.A.
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Norman Brackley	Sweet Peas
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Carol Service, Cublington, Tea at “Treeways”, Cublington
<b>2006</b>		
Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>		Entertain ourselves afternoon
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vic and Christine Scott	
Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julie Margiotta	The work of a Chiropractor
Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	John Cornwall	R.H.S. Wisley
Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Spring Lunch. Church Room, Aston Abbots
Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey Tompkins	Fits of Laughter
Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Grainger	Sayings from Village Life
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Skidmore	Indian Head Massage
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Hall	Scilly and the gardens of Tresco
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Deakin	The Land of the Long White Cloud
May 25 <sup>th</sup>		To be advised
June 8 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to the garden, The Old Stables. Tea at “Treeways”, Cublington
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Competition
July 6 <sup>th</sup>		Outing
July 20 <sup>th</sup>		Garden Party

### 6th Oct

17 members were present at today's meeting in the Church Room. Apologies for absence were received from June Loader and Audrey Stephenson.

Our speaker today was Mr. David Spencer, a member of Winslow and Buckingham R.N.L.I. organization. He gave us a very interesting talk and showed slides on the R.N.L.I. history and work.

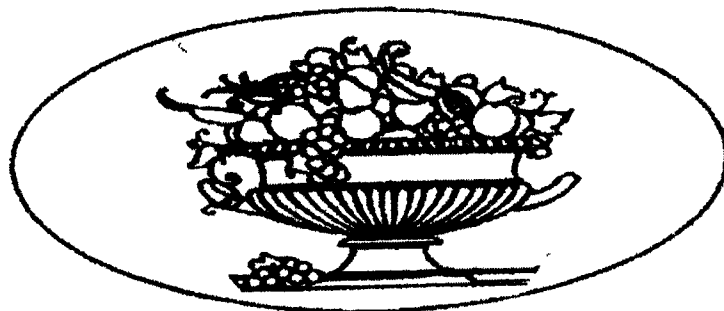
He was thanked by Joan Alexander.

Tea was served by Margaret Hinds. Ivy Brandon and Pat Stephens.. The raffle prize was won by Shirley Ford.

~ Shirley Ford

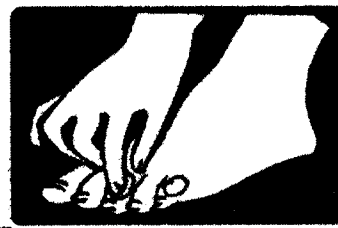
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[Imagine that!]

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[No, really?]

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers  
[Now that's taking things a bit far!]

Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?  
[Not if I wipe thoroughly!]

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over  
[What a guy!]

Miners Refuse to Work after Death  
[No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-sos!]

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant  
[See if that works any better than a fair trial!]

War Dims Hope for Peace  
[I can see where it might have that effect!]

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile  
[You think?]

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures  
[Who would have thought!]

Enfield Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide  
[They may be on to something!]

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges!  
[You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?]

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge  
[he probably IS the battery charge!]

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group  
[Weren't they fat enough?!]

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft  
[That's what he gets for eating those beans!]

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks  
[Taste like chicken?]

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half  
[Chainsaw Massacre all over again!]

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors  
[Boy, are they tall!]

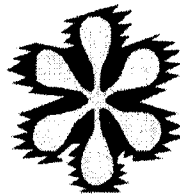
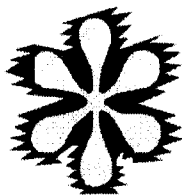
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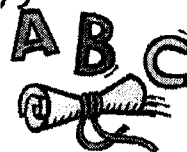
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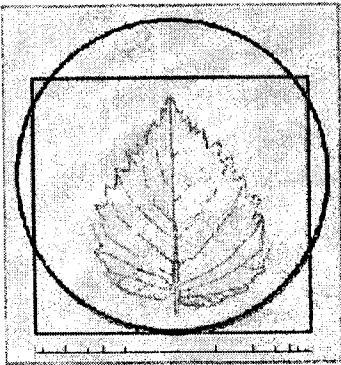


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- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to children under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11 pm.



## AVDC Village Freighter Service 2005

The AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL Village Freighter Service will be visiting your village, at the listed site, on the dates below.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November ASTON ABBOTTS**  
**07:30 to 11:00 The Green**

If, for any unforeseeable reason, we are unable to attend the site the Parish Clerk will be informed as soon as possible.

Please see the list of items we are not able to take away for you, there will be no exceptions and the list may be amended without prior notice.

If you have large bulky items you are unable to take to the freighter that you would like removed, or you cannot wait for the freighter visit, please telephone the Refuse Helpline on 01296 585510 and we will be happy to help you with our Chargeable Bulky Household Waste removal service.

Please DO NOT leave any refuse on the site prior to the Freighter arriving, this will be regarded as fly tipping and offenders may be prosecuted.

The refuse freighter will be provided to villages based on the dates and times previously submitted to Parish Council Clerks or Parish Meetings.

The service is provided for the collection of Household Waste (not including exemptions) but is not provided for the collection of the following:

**Sharps:** Please ensure that any potential dangerous objects such as broken glass, knives or other sharps, are not disposed of in a manner that is dangerous to others. You must securely wrap such items to ensure they will not harm others and label with large letters stating the content.

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**Fridges and freezers:** For the disposal of these items, due to the hazardous linings and CFC's, a special collection must be

arranged. Or they can be delivered to one of the Bucks County Council Household Waste Sites.

**Clinical Waste:** Due to the special requirements for disposal a special collection must be arranged by your District Nurse at your local surgery. Sharp boxes must be used for syringes.

**Tyres, Exhausts, Batteries, Oils etc:**

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**Commercial Waste - Any waste generated as part of a business:** The disposal of such waste must be paid for; therefore special collection arrangements must be arranged.

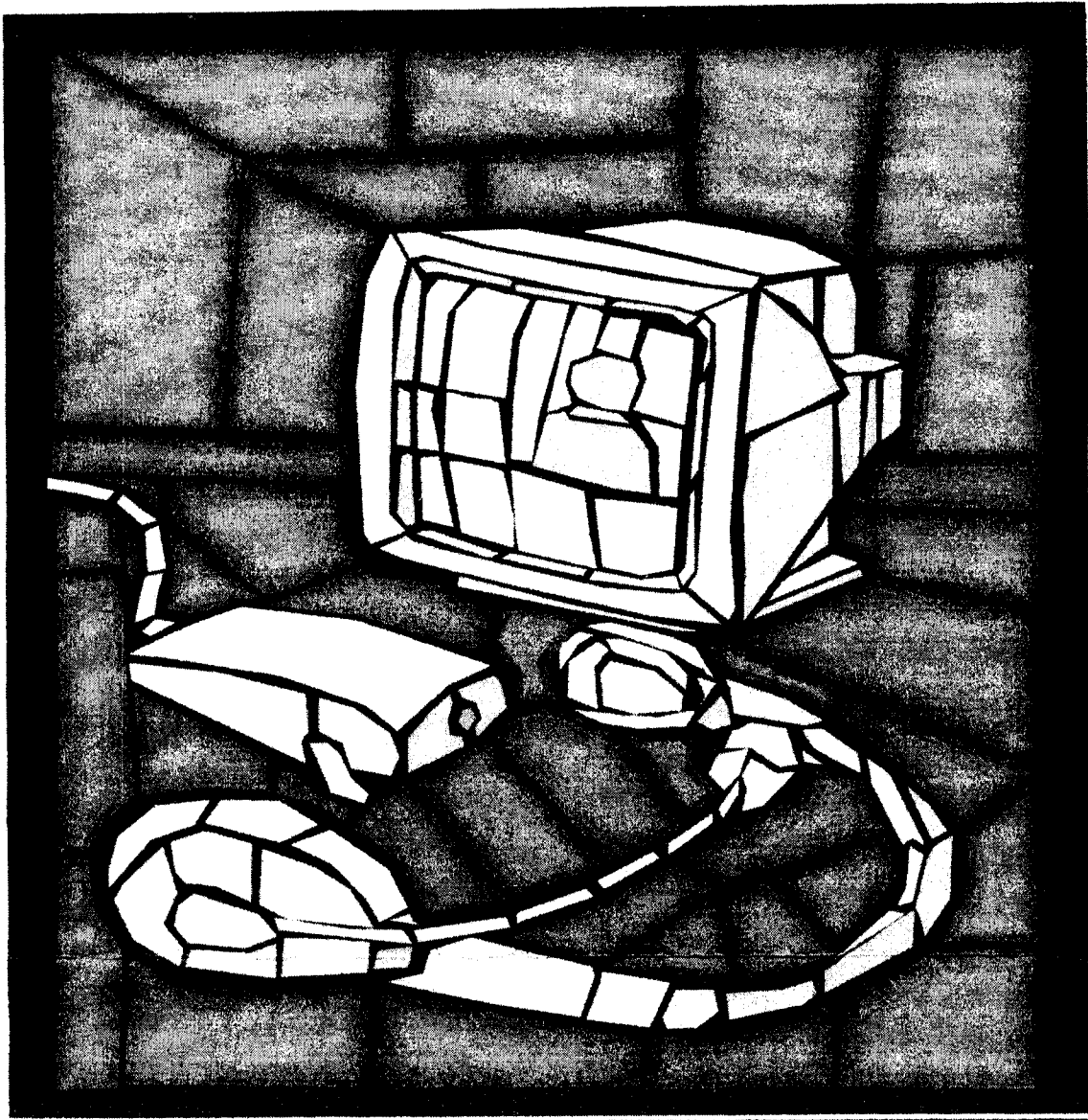
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The author is Neil Rees who is from Bucks. He learnt about the local Czech connection from his grandmother who used to live at Rowsham.

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

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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](mailto:neil.rees@czechsinbucks.org)

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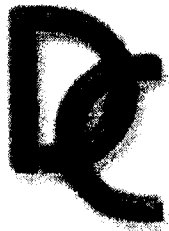
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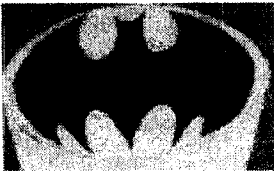
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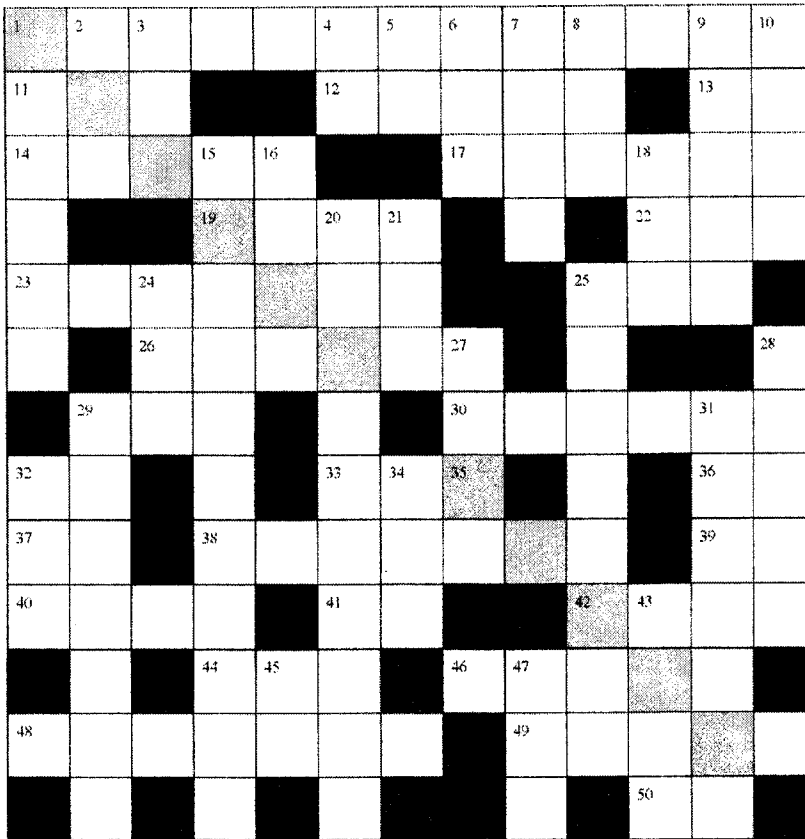
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# The Chronicle Crossword

November 2005



## October Solutions

ACROSS 4 Amazing 10 Rialto  
 13 Room 14 Lisps 16 Robin 17 No  
 18 East 20 Stir 22 Cabbie 25 Fat  
 26 Ma 27 Rear 28 Asp 30 Mini  
 31 GB 32 Lollipop 35 Moor 36 KO  
 37 Lotus 38 Shebean 41 Tuba  
 44 TIR 45 SS 46 Phoned 49 Mourn  
 51 Chrysanthemum  
 DOWN 1 Wrongful 2 Pal 3 YTS  
 5 Mr 6 Aorta 9 Gingerbread 11 Lilt  
 12 Opera 15 SA 19 Script 20 Stalker  
 21 Impi 23 Brimstone 24 Iago  
 29 Slob 30 Moon 33 Plasma 38 St  
 39 High 40 ES 42 UN 43 Beau  
 46 Put 47 HRH 48 My 50 On  
 DIAGONAL -1&34 William Putnam

DIAGONAL - 1&35  
 First lady of the fete (6,5)

## ACROSS

- 1 Rain (13)
- 11 Sea Captain's record (3)
- 12 Senseless (5)
- 13 Day war ended - initials (1,1)
- 14 Regarding - with reference to (5)
- 17 Children's comics (6)
- 19 Undiluted (4)
- 22 Smash into (3)
- 23 Teach (7)
- 25 Hallucinogenic drug (1,1,1)
- 26 Prehistoric stone table (6)
- 29 Misdeed (3)
- 30 Female monster (6)
- 32 Toilet (1,1)
- 33 Droop (3)
- 36 Expressing surprise (2)
- 37 Either (2)
- 38 Plentiful (7)
- 39 Myself (2)
- 40 Cap worn by Foreign Legion (4)
- 41 King or Queen (1,1)
- 42 Spanish speaking American working off debt by bondage - anagram of OPEN (4)
- 44 Be indebted to (3)
- 46 Closes (5)
- 48 Investigation (7)
- 49 Wail, complain (5)
- 50 Compass points (1,1)

## DOWN

- 1 Earth is one (6)
- 2 Steal (3)
- 3 Self-importance (3)
- 4 Ratio of circumference to diameter (2)
- 5 Not out (2)
- 6 A loop for hanging up by (3)
- 7 Afresh, once again (4)
- 8 Afternoon meal (3)
- 9 Egg-shaped (5)
- 10 Makes egg haven out of nets (4)
- 15 Out for the count (11)
- 16 Duck (4)
- 18 Medical Authority (1,1,1)
- 20 Air, aura, ambience (10)
- 21 Golf hole starts here (3)
- 24 Southern Rhodesia declared this (1,1,1)
- 25 Any plant of the genus Delphinium (8)
- 27 Area you can't enter (2,2)
- 28 Pale and shocked face (5)
- 29 Hides, shields (7)
- 31 Indian filled pastries (7)
- 32 Chinese cooking pot (3)
- 34 Ambition (3)
- 43 Public school (4)
- 45 Ladies Group (1,1)
- 47 Lorry - abbr. (1,1,1)

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# St James Church

## Church Services

	WING	WINGRAVE	ASTON ABBOTTS	CUBLINGTON
6 Nov 3 b. Advent	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	at Aston A. 10.00	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service (Lay)
13 2 b. Advent	10.00 Communion & Remembrance	8.00 Communion 10.45 Service of Remembrance (RBL)	10.45 Remembrance Service (Lay)	8.45 Parish Communion
20 Christ the King	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Praise (Lay)	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Communion
27 Advent	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion 18.00 Advent Carols	18.00 Evensong (Lay)	8.45 Parish Communion
4 Dec Advent 2	08.00 Communion 10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Parish Communion	10.00 Family Service (Lay)

## Sunday Readings

6 Nov	3 before Advent	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13
13	2 before Advent	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
20	Christ the King	Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46
27	Advent	1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37
4 Dec	Advent 2	2 Peter 3.8-15; Mark 1.1-8

## From The Registers

### Baptism

25 Sept Kirsty Peacock at Wingrave

9 Oct Jacob Gayler at Wingrave

### Marriage

10 Sep Dominic Bowers & Emily Denton at Wingrave

### Funerals

12 Sept Eric Woodward at Amersham

3 Oct Walter (Buck) Taylor at Wingrave

13 Oct Cephas Liscott at Amersham



## Church Flowers

5/6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S. Ford
12/13 <sup>th</sup>	Poppies
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. J. Johnson
26/27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent no flowers

## Church Sidesmen

6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr.G. Kemp
13 <sup>th</sup>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. S. Ford
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. A. Ford

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April Curnow	681459

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# What's On In November

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.30-12.30  
*also:* Bingo. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Aston Abbots Bonfire, Fireworks, and Hot Food. Bonfire Lit at 6.30 pm with fireworks around 7 (approx). See page 17.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Village Refuse Freighter at The Green. 7.30 to 11 am. See page 31.
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Aylesbury Vale Transport meeting. Civic centre 2 pm.  
Train/bus queries to Colin.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.30-12.30  
*also:* Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** British Legion Coffee morning (bring and buy). Church Room 10 – 12.00  
*also:* Churchyard clean up. 10 am—volunteers will be welcome
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance Day. Short service at war memorial
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** Coffee and shop. 10.30 – 12.30
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** British Legion Bingo. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Village footpath walk. The Green. 2 pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.30-12.30  
*also:* Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Fair. Church Room. 10-4 pm See page 11.  
*also:* Wingrave School PTA Xmas Fair. 11-1 pm in the school hall
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Evensong. St. James Church. 6 pm
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Parish council meeting. Church Room. 8 pm
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.30-12.30

## Book These Dates

**Christmas shopping trip to Banbury, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>.** December. Depart Bull and Butcher 9.15 am. Details from Colin on 681343.

**Combined Christingle/Carol Service - 18th December at St James.** See page 25 for more information.

## Notices

### Remembrance Day

For those who cannot or do not wish to go to Wingrave, a short service will be held at the War Memorial at 10.45 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, finishing in church.

## Chronicle Deadlines

**Dec Issue** Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>—  
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## And Finally

Q. What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?  
A. Phillipe Philoppe

Q. What is the difference between men and women?  
A. A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need. A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

Q. Why did God create man before woman?  
A. He didn't want any advice.

Q. Why did God create man before woman?  
A. Because you're always supposed to have a rough draft before creating your masterpiece.

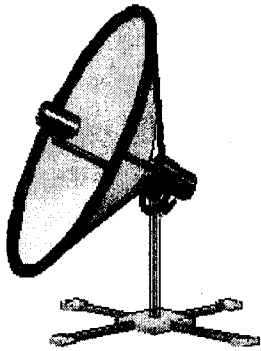
Q. Why do female black widow spiders kill the males after mating?  
A. To stop the snoring before it starts.

Q. Why are husbands like lawn mowers?  
A. They're hard to get started, they emit noxious odours, and half the time they don't work.

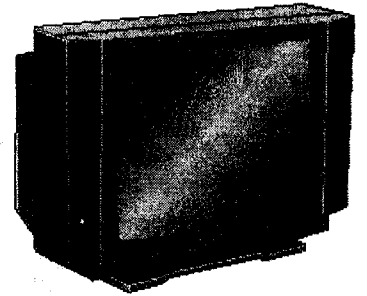
Q. Why do women never fart?  
A. Because they never keep their mouths closed long enough to build up the pressure.

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