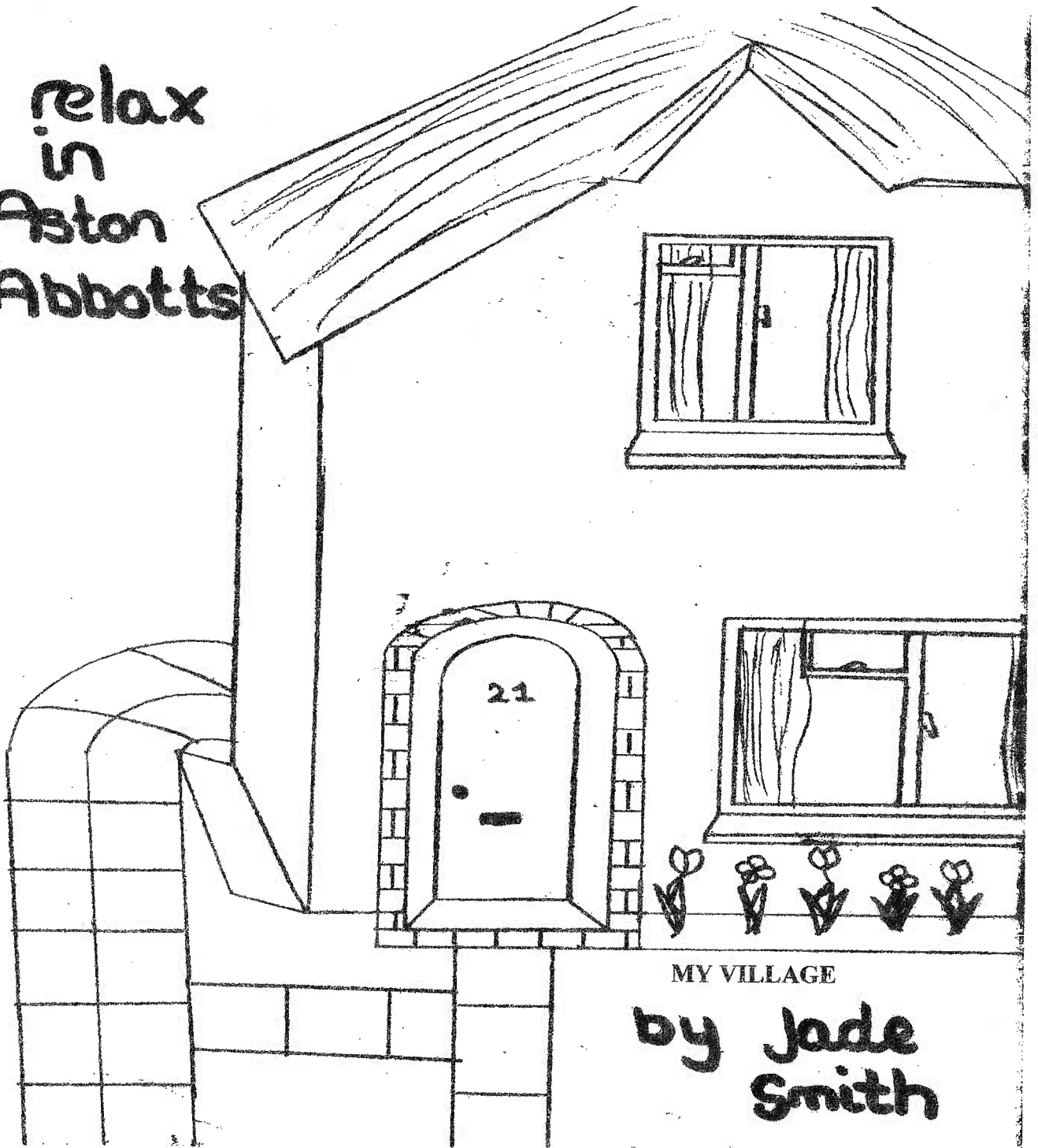


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MY VILLAGE

by Jade
Smith

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Editorial

Judy and I spent New Year in North Norfolk - a favourite part of the world for us and to which Judy has been going since childhood. One of Judy's sisters has a cottage on the coast. They used to burn boats on the quay to mark the New Year but it grew so popular that for 'health and safety' considerations it had to stop. There was snow on the beach the day before we arrived. That, we were told, is quite a rare occurrence. The thaw gave way to quite nice weather and we enjoyed walks out on the salt marshes

The local papers have recently commented on the traffic chaos that the Weedon Hill development will create. The Bucks Herald had the banner headline 'Brace yourself'.

There is little doubt that if the predictions are true then the traffic trying to avoid the queues on the A413 will filter through our village. Bucks County Council offers no advice in an effort to avoid encouraging 'rat runs'.


I also noted in the local press comments regarding the new speed limits that have been set in some parts of the county. Personally I was hoping that speed limits in and around Aston Abbots would have included extending the 30mph limit to Moat Lane and Lines Hill. The speed of some motorists approaching the gate is far too fast and it is a miracle that serious accidents have been avoided.

During the last icy spell Clair Fletcher suffered more damage to her recent building work when a white van struck the brickwork sufficiently hard to bow the wall. You can read on page 15 the efforts the Parish Council are making to get BCC to review their 'gritting policy'.

I've recently planted a new hedge on our 'wild garden' and a hazel copse - and I'm hoping that an owl box will soon be installed. The hedging and the owl box were sourced by Aylesbury Vale District Council who bill me for 50% of their cost. They may also provide black poplars cuttings which, if they take, should thrive in the damp conditions near the ponds. I'm hoping to introduce some frog spawn back. It does concern me that last year there appeared to be no sign of frogs in an area that must suit them admirably. I recall that Peter Knight commented on the disappearance of toads from the Abbey Pond and how abundant they used to be. What's to be made of it?

Poonam Gupta has kindly agreed to again co-ordinate this year's Fete. She has called a first meeting for March 7th (see details on Page 7). Please put the date in your diary and go along and lend your support to one of our major events.

Hopefully I'll get one valentine card. Would be a shock to receive more than one.



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- *Countryside Diary*
- *New Crossword* by Rod Rothero
- *Title Page* is second drawing on the theme of 'My Village' - please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Jade Smith, aged 12. Ed.

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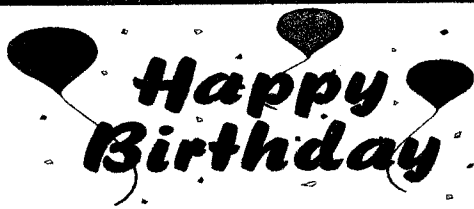
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Alison's Gossip Column



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Linda Wheaton	25 th
Nikita Dowdell	25 th



Get well to Christine Scott who is recovering at home after a stay in Stoke Mandeville hospital having been in Coronary Care.

Tony Rees has also been in CU after a heart attack on Xmas eve and is now recuperating at home.

Whoever heard of a football team called Clyde? Apparently they beat Celtic 2-1 and are to be congratulated! I believe there is 1 supporter in the village!!

Clare Shorrock wishes it to be known that she NO longer makes curtains but she is happy to teach anyone who wants to learn.

You have my sympathies Bob Bean- shopping with Fran is quite an experience! Buy a pair of Armani jeans in Harrods, go to Selfridges buy another pair, then go back to Harrods, return first pair and buy another pair the same as the last pair!!

Commiserations to Simon Roberts whose 4x4 and tools were stolen from outside the premises in Oving.

The **GNOMES** went ten-pin bowling on 24th January and had a thoroughly good time. Their last outing was Go-kart Racing which resulted in some sore back muscles. The ten pin bowling was equally demanding on legs and thumbs. Generally though **GNOMES** are happy to meet each Tuesday at The Royal Oak between the hours of 8pm and 10pm for a natter . If any Aston Abbots ladies would like to join in they would be very welcome - **GNOMES** are all ages and sizes. *GirlsNightOutMenExcludedSorry*

Some of my worst cracker questions

- How did the human cannonball lose his job?*
- What does the word minimum mean?*
- What has a bed but does not sleep, and a mouth but does not speak?*
- Why didn't the skeleton go to the New Year's Eve party?*
- Why does Santa have 3 gardens?*
- Why was Santa's little helper depressed?*

Answers somewhere in the Chronicle

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Last month's cockerel was hiding on page 30 The Village

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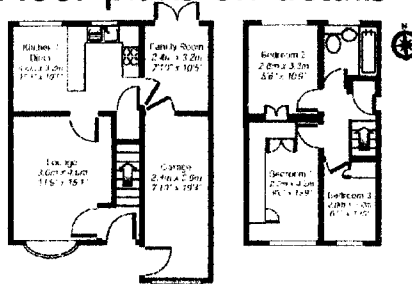
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In The Village

FORGOTTEN SON OF THE VILLAGE - CAPTAIN OF 'THE NEPTUNE'

It is quite remarkable that after the major effort made by the village to celebrate the Czech connection that no one made any effort to celebrate the strong connections the village had with the battle of Trafalgar.

Having said that I had no idea of this connection until made aware by Peter Knight. He had picked up a passing reference on Radio 4. (He does have intellectual pretensions)

There is a small but woolly section in the Village History. However, thanks to Ruth Watts, Google and the Senior Services Librarian at the Navy Central Library we have been able to put some meat on the bone.

It's probably an occasion where Aston Abbots should push out it's chest and take some pride in the historic association to this famous battle.

It is remarkable that we celebrate Ross (with Ross Road) but there is nothing in the village to mark a truly significant figure in British Naval History.

Thomas Freemantle commanded the Neptune, the third ship in the weather column at Trafalgar.

Noted for it's gunnery skills Neptune discharged a port broadside into the flagship of the French Admiral Villeneuve.

Freemantle, after other broadsides, laid Neptune alongside the largest war ship in the world, the Spanish Santissima Trinidad and disabled her.

At the end of the battle and after a severe storm Neptune was called upon to tow a disabled Victory away from the battle into Gibraltar, complete with Nelson's body aboard. A sad and harrowing task for someone who had been so close to Admiral Nelson.

Born at the Abbey in 1765 to John Freemantle was Thomas, later Sir Thomas Freemantle. In 1797 he married Elizabeth Wynne and they had a large family. Their eldest son Thomas Francis Freemantle later became Lord Cottesloe, in recognition of his father's achievements. The second son became Admiral Sir Charles Howe Freemantle and the grandson became Admiral Sir Edmund Robert Freemantle

Thomas Freemantle had left his home in Aston Abbots and entered the Navy at the tender age of 12 on the frigate Hussar. He served on many ships, some of which got wrecked, and spent a long time on the Jamaica station. In 1782 he was promoted Lieutenant and finally became Captain in 1791 aboard the sloop Spitfire.

In 1793 he was further promoted to Captain of Tartar and sailed with Admiral Hood to the Mediterranean. He led the way into Toulon when Hood occupied it in August 1793 and was with Nelson for the capture of Bastia on Corsica.

Moving onto the Inconstant he harried an 80 gun French ship called Ca Ira until she was captured.

He then transferred to SeaHorse and after bombarding Cadiz he was severely wounded in an attack on Santa Cruz in the Canaries. Nelson, also wounded, transferred his flag to the Freemantle's ship SeaHorse.

Mrs Freemantle, who happened to be on board, nursed both Nelson and Freemantle on their voyage back to England.

On his recovery he was appointed to HMS Ganges and was assigned to the Baltic where he took part in the Battle of Copenhagen. Following that he was appointed to Neptune.

He was promoted to Admiral in 1810 and was appointed Commander of Naval Forces in the Mediterranean.

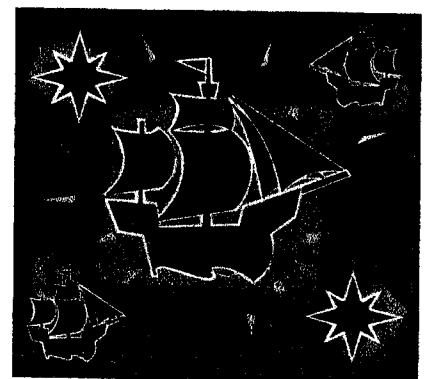
He fought many operations and was able to write in his diary, 'Every place on the coasts of Dalmatia, Croatia, Istria and Friuli had surrendered to some part of the squadron under my orders, the number of guns taken exceeded 1000 and between 7 and 800 vessels taken or destroyed during my command.'

He received many awards for his endeavours, Austria made him a Baron of the Austrian Empire and Knight of Maria Theresa as well as Knight of St Ferdinand and Merit. In England he was made KCB and then GCB.

He died and was buried in Naples in 1819 after a 2 day illness. Many awards for an illustrious career but nothing in his birth place.

A forgotten son of Aston Abbots

Neil Chesher



Neil Chesher suggests that something in the village could be named in honour and memory of Thomas Freemantle. Perhaps you have an idea that could be pursued? Write to the Chronicle with your proposals. Ed



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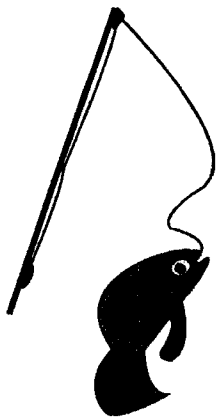
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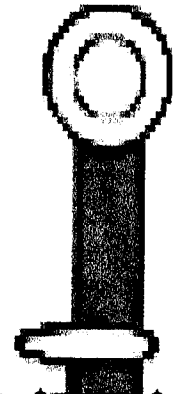
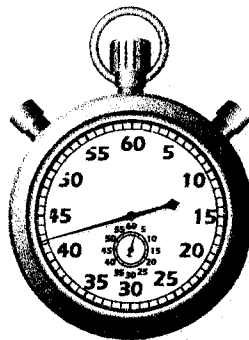
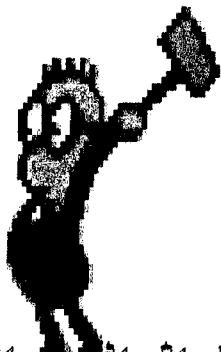
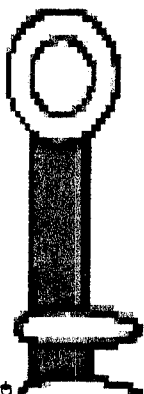
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH - 8.00 PM - CHURCH ROOM

It is once again time to start organising this year's village fete.

The village fete raises funds for various village interests and getting involved in the running of the fete is a good way of becoming involved in the village. We are, as always, very reliant on all of the usual volunteers, but **ANY NEW VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MADE EXTREMELY WELCOME!! YOUR VILLAGE FETE NEEDS YOU!!**

If you are able to help in any way, either on the day of the fete or with the organisation, please either come along to the meeting on 7th March, or phone me on 682204.

POONAM GUPTA



Many thanks to those who have emailed or submitted articles during the past month. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Please keep up the good work. February is usually a slimmer edition but not this time~ Ed.



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*Well something has to fill this
space! Ed*

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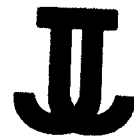
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Our new editor suggested to me that, as the owner of one of the allotments on the edge of the village, I might write a diary for the Chronicle about allotment life. Since I could not think of a good excuse for not doing so quickly enough, I rashly agreed.

One of the problems, which became apparent as soon as I sat in front of my computer, is that there are long periods of time when nothing much happens on an allotment (well, on mine, anyway), and January/February is one of these periods. I could write "dug up some leeks & parsnips" – which is about all I've done in the last few weeks, but I think my position as allotment diarist might be in jeopardy if I left it at this.

I therefore beetled down to the allotments to see what other allottees were doing, and found there were signs of some activity. In particular a number have been spreading muck on their allotments, ready to be dug in when spring comes. This is clearly something I should be doing, and I shall have to negotiate with Richard Clarke (who, when it comes to providing muck for the allotments, is the local Mr. Big), to acquire some from him.

I also hear from Simon Guy (famous among we

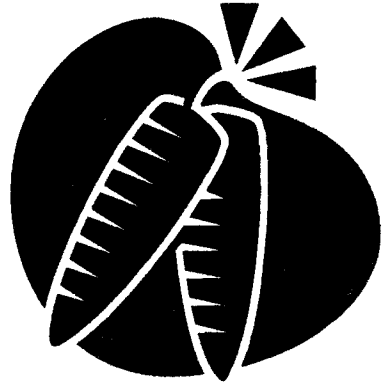
allotment owners for growing black tomatoes) that some avian predator has been noshing away at those brassicas* still left on the allotments. The finger of suspicion is pointing at a plump cock pheasant who has been

seen in the area of the crime. Clearly the bird is confused, and does not realise that his purpose in life is to be eaten, and not to eat our vegetables! Or perhaps he does realise, and is determined to get some pre-emptive strikes in first!

In any event, he is playing with fire. I understand that some years ago, our star player, Vic Scott, got so cross with a predecessor pheasant doing the same thing, that he trapped, killed and ate it, accompanied by what remained of the vegetables on his allotment! So far, this winter's errant pheasant has left Vic's greens alone . . . but, should his transgressions extend to Vic's patch, I think his days may be numbered.

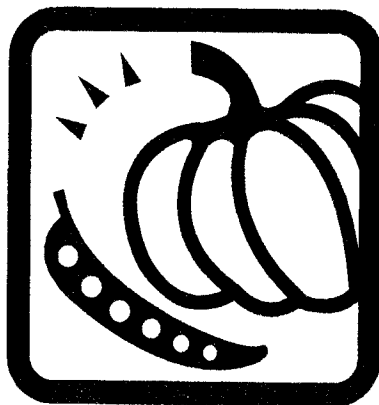
Peter Shorrocks

**This is the name we horny-handed sons of the soil like to use for members of the cabbage family*



ALLOTMENT HISTORY

The allotments or glebe land in Wingrave Road has been in use for many years and at one time had over 60 plots in the days when everyone grew their own vegetables to supply the family for the year round. We now have only 14 plots but all the holders are really keen, and last year (2005) we held an allotment supper, with each plot holder donating something from their plot towards a very enjoyable meal; this, of course, will now become an annual event.



The rents are modest. There is no mains water, but there is a gentlemen's agreement that a nearby resident fills everyone's water butts up, so plants do not dry up in the hot summer sun. Glebe land, as it is sometime known, belongs to the church. The plot holders are therefore tenants of the church. Recently new gates have been fitted, hedges trimmed and fences repaired out of the income.

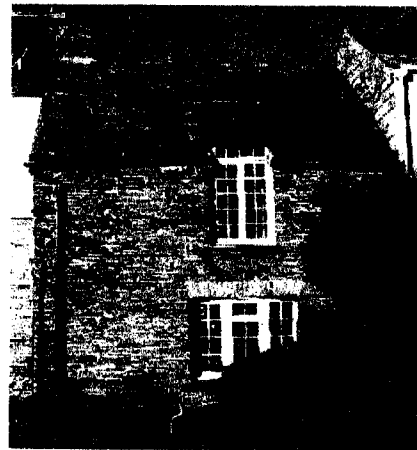
Colin Higgs

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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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary

For once the writing of this Countryside Diary has become difficult - I can think of little to comment on in January that I didn't mention in December. At the present time we are going through a mild spell which has brought on a few sounds of coming spring. The robin has been singing his usual short bursts in the dark of the mornings and the woodpecker has been drumming on his favourite tree at the Abbey.

At this time of year I love a combination of a woodpecker drumming and the wonderful scent of winter box. What an amazing plant is winter box - a small sprig 6 inches long can fill ones house with the most beautiful scent.

Winter aconites should show soon as no doubt will the snowdrops - the year has turned no matter what the weather does to us.

Not so many years ago the winter meant country sports time for farmers and landowners. With Estate farms at Dinton and Thame as well as the Abbey we hosted during the course of a winter:-

The Vale of Aylesbury Hunt

The Whaddon Chase Hunt

The Old Berkley Beagles

The Mink Hounds

Oxford Drag Hunt

As you can guess every week a hunt of one form or another was on Mrs Morton's land. Add to that the fact that we had an organised shoot every Saturday for 10 weeks and you could be forgiven for thinking that the wild life had a torrid time.

All I will say is that I still have the game book and the bag varied little year after year. Foxes thrived and mink - dreaded mink - flourished.

When we first started organising shoots for Mrs Morton's son-in-law, more importantly ourselves, it had to be done properly. At the end of the day I had to take the bag and hang them in the game larder - basically a specially built shed - in the Abbey stable yard. I then had to go and visit Mrs Morton in her sitting room and tell her where we went and what birds came from where. She would then say 'I'm so glad you had a good day. I would like a brace for the Abbey you may distribute the remainder how you think fit'. There was almost veneration for the shot game.

Similarly after a days hunting on Abbey land Mrs Morton would summon me to report on the success or otherwise of hounds. As long as I could report a find and a good hunt across the parish all was well. I never hunted myself but if they had a poor day on our land I always had the feeling it was my fault.

Farming MUST accommodate good fit foxes and a



wealth of game. That's just how it had to be.

It took quite a while for me to feel thoroughly at home in the Buckinghamshire agricultural world. One of the most important things was to gain the acceptance of the old agricultural establishment.

Mr Jack Parrott was head of that splendid family of butchers and farmers at Whitchurch. Jack always bought the best beast in Aylesbury Fat stock Market regardless of cost and liked to buy his lambs off certain farms where he thought the land produced the best meat - local lamb for local people.

One of those farms was Lower Burston and when I first came here I would ring up Mr Parrott and say I thought we had some fat lambs, would he like to come and look? We would get all the sheep in; Mr Parrott would select the lambs he wanted and then collect them the next day. The second year I would again ring Mr Parrott - he would say to get in 20 of the best lambs - 'I need 12 for Tuesday'. This is how it was done for the next two years.

Eventually I rang up - 'We've got some lambs ready Mr Parrott' - 'I need 15 on Tuesday Peter - I'll be along at 7 to pick them up'.

Me? - selecting lambs for Jack Parrott - I had truly 'made it'. It was better than being awarded an OBE!

Peter Knight

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So, 2006 is 'G'.

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Please submit 2 'male' and 2 'female' names in writing by email to liz@livanti-alpacas.com or to Liz at 1 Nash's Farm, Aston Abbots. The entries from adults and children we like the best will win a lovely alpaca scarf and the chance to meet the crias that we name using those entries. We might give out pairs of alpaca socks to 'runners up' if it is a close run contest.

Entries please by end of February. The results will be in the April Chronicle.

Can't wait to see your entries. *Liz Barlow*

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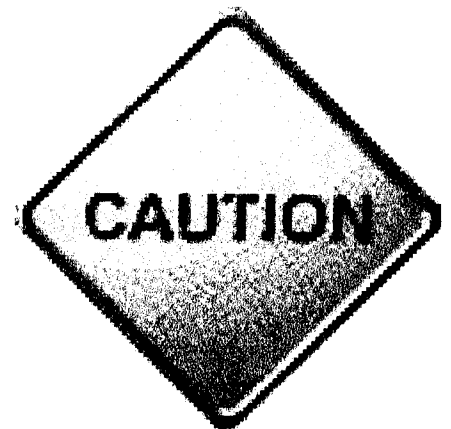
Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K is $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

and K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E is $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But, A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E is $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

And, B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T is $2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$

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Dickie Dicken

LOCAL AUTHORITY'S GRITTING POLICY

Following the recent spate of accidents in Moat Lane/Lines Hill during the icy road conditions, Kate (parish clerk) myself (chairman) and Richard (highways rep) have all had some very lengthy heated arguments with Buck CC and left them in no doubt that the Weedon - Aston Abbots road is a school & public bus route and should be included on the GRITTING list. We also pointed out that it is a Rat Run between the A418/A413 and is also now carrying much more traffic (DIVERTED) due to major road works on the A413 (Buckingham Road) in preparation for the Weedon Hill development.

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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 11th January 2006

PRESENT Cllrs. C.Higgs (Chair), P. Shorrocks, M.Kent, R.Clarke, D.Dicken, J. Farrands and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Tom Manning.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

A letter had been received from John Bercow MP, confirming that he has indeed supported EDM 641, the Sustainable Communities Bill.

CLERK'S REPORT

A revised list of meeting dates for 2006 was distributed.

The Clerk reported that a new contract for maintaining the streetlights has been agreed.

A letter has been received from Highways explaining why Moat Lane is no longer on the Gritting List.

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS - No one was present from any of the above organisations.

CHURCH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion deferred until the next meeting, when we should know whether planning permission has been granted for the disabled toilet.

PRECEPT

Resolved to set a precept for 2006-7 of £8700. This represents an increase of 2.35%

PLANNING

05/03032/APP The Church Room. Demolish existing toilet and replace with toilet for the disabled. Resolved to support this application, as it will upgrade the toilets to comply with legislation.

05/03072/ATC 8, Wingrave Road. Fell one birch. Resolved to make no objection to this application.

05/03201/APP 87, The Green. Single storey rear extension. Resolved to make no objection to this application.

HIGHWAYS

Discuss possible installation of a new streetlight in Moat Lane or elsewhere - agreed to postpone to the next meeting to allow time for public consultation.

Comment on Rights of Way Team's scheme to utilise offenders for works on public rights of way. Resolved to accept the suggestions made.

RECREATION GROUND

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

Report from Recreation Ground Committee - A grant of £5000 has now been awarded from AVDC, and a further £400 from the Playing Fields Association. However, we are still awaiting a response from the Lottery Fund.

Repairs to shed - each time the shed is repaired it is immediately vandalised again. A letter will be put in the Chronicle asking for ideas from the public to solve this expensive problem.

Discuss whether to Land Register the Recreation Ground. Agreed it would be a good idea, and Peter Shorrocks will pursue it.

TWINNING

Resolved that it would be too expensive to attempt to twin with a Czech village, as no financial help seems to be available at present. The project will therefore be dropped for the time being.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd February 2006 at 8pm in the Church Room.

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Last year I was fascinated by the series on the television of 'Who do you think you are?' Each week a different celebrity delved into their background and tried to find out who their ancestors were, where they lived and what they did. Ian Hislop found the experience particularly moving, finding out about the awfulness of his grandfather's life in the First World War and as a result made a spin-off programme about war memorials and unsung heroes. My favourite celebrity in the series was Jeremy Clarkson who discovered that through his mother he was related to the Kilner family. Anyone under the age of sixty will not have a clue of the significance of this. The Kilners made glass and made glass jars for preserving fruit. Everyone bottled fruit before the days of freezing and as a result the family built up a substantial fortune. 'Where's my money?' demanded Clarkson but a late ancestor had spent it!

In October, I went to the quiz in the Church Room and was part of the unsuccessful Bell Ringers Team. I should have known all the answers to Colin's round on Buckinghamshire being Bucks born and bred. Afterwards I got talking to Ruth (nee Watts) about being a 'local' and where my family came from and showed her my 1900 family photograph. She suggested I do my family tree, as a librarian she said there was masses of information. Next day, on the fifth fairway, I mentioned all this to a fellow lady golfer who confessed to being a genealogy addict. There was no way out... no turning back. Since then I have spent hours in the library at Aylesbury, pawing over Parish records, tramping through wet churchyards and cemeteries, chatting to second cousins, giving my poor 83 year old mother the third degree, looking at websites and downloading information from the censuses from 1851 onwards. I have sent for copies of birth and marriage certificates, as these are the only likely proof that the names I have found are actually MY ancestors. I have ancestral proof at the moment to 1801 on my father's side and 1816 on my mother's side. Of course I have found a few skeletons in the cup

board, there is a fair smattering of illegitimate children (who appear on the census with the word bastard beside their name) and there are families of three generations living in the same house. Most of the households have servants. I can claim to have agricultural workers, farmers, lace makers, milliners, bakers, builders and innkeepers in my family but like Jeremy Clarkson I have not found a millionaire or an aristocrat!

I have found out so much in the past couple of months about my family, partly because I am 'local' and records are close at hand but also because I have become a bit of an 'Ancestry Anorak'. If anyone in AA would like to join the AAs let me know!

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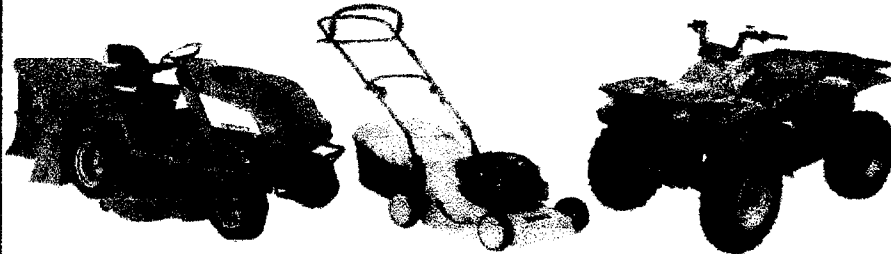
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VALENTINE'S DAY



According to church tradition St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time the Roman Emperor Claudius-II who had issued an edict forbidding marriage.

This was around when the heyday of Roman empire had almost come to an end. Lack of quality administrators led to frequent civil strife. Learning declined, taxation increased, and trade slumped to a low, precarious level. And the Gauls, Slavs, Huns, Turks and Mongolians from Northern Europe and Asian increased their pressure on the empire's boundaries. The empire was grown too large to be shielded from external aggression and internal chaos with existing forces. Thus more capable men were required to be recruited as soldiers and officers. When Claudius became the emperor, he felt that married men were more emotionally attached to their families, and thus, will not make good soldiers. So to assure quality soldiers, he banned marriage.

Valentine, a bishop, seeing the trauma of young lovers, met them in a secret place, and joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," and had him arrested. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's dignity and conviction, attempted to convert him to the roman gods, to save him from certain execution. Valentine refused to recognize Roman Gods and even attempted to convert the emperor, knowing the consequences fully.

On February 24, 270, Valentine was executed.

"From your Valentine"

While Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate, he came in contact with his jailor, Asterius. The jailor had a blind daughter. Asterius requested him to heal his daughter. Through his faith he miraculously restored the sight of Asterius' daughter. Just before his execution, he asked for a pen and paper from his jailor, and signed a farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lived ever after.

Valentine thus become a Patron Saint, and spiritual overseer of an annual festival. The festival involved young Romans offering women they admired, and wished to court, handwritten greetings of affection on February 14. The greeting cards acquired St.Valentine's name.

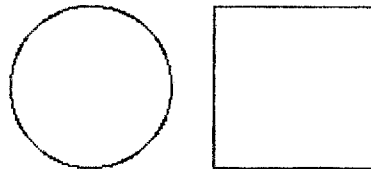
The Valentine's Day card spread with Christianity, and is now celebrated all over the world. One of the earliest card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. The card is now preserved in the British Museum.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

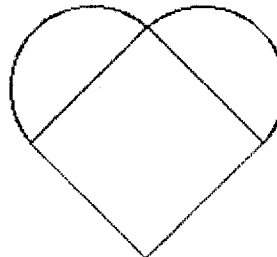
Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home. One verse they sang was:
Good morning to you, valentine;
Curl your locks as I do mine---
Two before and three behind.
Good morning to you, valentine.

Make A Valentine's Day Cake

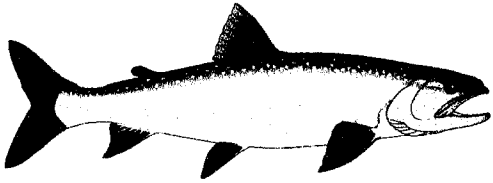
Step One - Bake 2 separate cakes. One square and one round.



Step Two - Assemble the cake as shown.



Step Three - Frost your cake and decorate with candies or cookies or whatever.



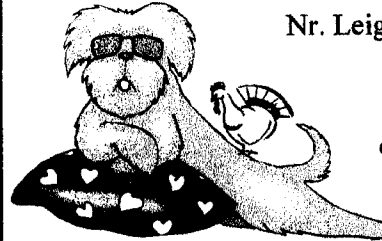
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AN ONGOING PROBLEM

The Parish Council has a problem. This problem affects every adult in the village, because you all pay Council Tax, part of which is made up by the village precept.

The problem is vandalism.

You may think that, in a quiet village such as ours, vandalism would play a very small part in our lives, and in comparison to some parts of the country you are undoubtedly right. But the vandalism we experience in Aston Abbots is, nevertheless, costing each one of us money every year, as the cost of repairs inevitably comes from the money managed by the Parish Council - the village precept.

"You have insurance - claim on that", I hear you say! The Parish Council's annual insurance bill is now approaching £700, and will rise as new, updated play equipment is added to the Rec. We could claim for all the repairs; however, the average repair costs less than £200, and with an excess of £100 coupled with the inevitable rise in premium which follows any claim, it hardly seems financially sensible to do this.

The biggest headache on the vandalism front at the moment is the shed on the Rec, in which the equipment and staging for the cabaret is kept. Last summer part of the roof was ripped off and a large hole made in one of the walls. As soon as repairs had been carried out, the roof was torn off again; consequently much of the equipment became soaked. The roof has been mended again, but who knows how long it will last this time?

What can we do?

Much of the petty vandalism in the village is done by local youths. We know this because they are often silly enough to write their own names in the graffiti! Last year some parents took the initiative and supervised the painting out of much of the graffiti, particularly on the skateboard ramp, resulting in a much nicer environment. The graffiti has not reappeared, so it's good to know the people responsible have taken the hint. There is no way of knowing who is attacking the shed, but the police have been notified and will take action should a culprit be caught.

Back to the problem. What should the Parish Council do? Just continue to pour money into repairing mindless damage? (remember, it is YOUR money). Leave the shed to fall into disrepair and the equipment stored in it to rot? Demolish the shed and replace it with a vandal proof shipping container? (again, this would cost money to implement).

This issue will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, on Wednesday 22nd February. Please let us know your views on how you would like your money to be spent. Please phone, write or e-mail the clerk. Better still, come to the meeting and have YOUR say on how we manage YOUR money.

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Fifteen Go Mad In Devon

With the Church Room pre-booked for New Years Eve since the beginning of the year, Astonians split to the four winds to welcome in 2006. Carol and I were in a group of 15 who travelled down to Devon for a couple of night's quiet and peaceful relaxation. You know the sort of thing: daytimes spent in quiet thoughtful reflection and solitude, followed by evenings filled with murmured erudite conversation over bowls of organic steamed lentil soup and a half-glass of Lambrusco, 2004 vintage.

Nestling in a fold in the hills within the tiny hamlet of Heasley Mill with just eleven houses surrounding it, Heasley House Hotel was built around 1760 as a Dower house. It has since seen service as a mine captain's residence before being converted to a hotel 41 years ago. The current owners Paul and Jan took the hotel over some eighteen months ago, this being their first venture into this field after working in IT for many years. Paul and Jan have refurbished the hotel during their short tenure and, as well as catering for tourists, they have a steady trade of shooting parties who come down to the well-known local shoot.

After a slow drive down from Bucks in torrential rain and then circling the area for ages as water poured off the hills and bubbled down the lanes in small rivulets, we finally found the hotel, located on the far edge of Dartmoor, not far from Barnstaple. A warm informal welcome from Jan, followed by a hot cup of tea and cake soon lifted the dampened spirits as our bedraggled group tuned up in dribs and drabs. Paul told us the rules of the hotel, "There are no rules, treat the place as if it were your own," and we quickly settled in.

Heasley House Hotel has just eight bedrooms, a bar, two lounges and a dining room with, for us, one large table for fifteen people. Our group had taken over the whole hotel

for two nights, the 30th and 31st. Paul was also our chef, and it soon became apparent that he knew his way around the kitchen. The food was excellent, the bar was well-stocked and included a keg of local ale from the Beer Engine (a local micro-brewery), the atmosphere was warm, welcoming and friendly, and Paul and Jan looked after us wonderfully.

On the first evening we had a murder mystery over dinner and Alison Lewis turned out to be a murderer, to little apparent surprise from Dave. Dave was certainly relishing his role in the mystery, sporting bright red fingernails, bright red lipstick, and wearing a frilly nurses outfit. I'll leave you to work out what his role was - we were not too sure. A windy but refreshing group walk on Saunton Sands the following morning tempted the sun out for an hour before a pub lunch, although we never did get to the bottom of Phil Corrigan's disappearance that day, along with the two single ladies in our party! A black tie dinner on New Year's Eve welcomed in 2006 and the following morning saw most of us leave for home. I will not bore you by telling you that we all drank far too much champagne - you didn't really think we shared a glass of Lambrusco, did you?

If you should find yourselves in Devon then we can thoroughly recommend the Heasley House Hotel as a lovely place to stay. Our thanks go to Liz Barlow of Barlow Tours for arranging a perfect weekend.

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Phil Spooner



This Kid will go far...

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DESIRED POSITION: Company's President or Vice President. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying here in the first place.

DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes.

LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility.

SALARY: Less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and 'post-it' notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked.

AVAILABLE FOR WORK: Of course. That's why I'm applying.

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DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION?: I may already be the winner of the Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes.

DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job, no, on my breaks, yes.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy dumb blond supermodel who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

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5th Jan. 2006 Aston Abbotts Ladies Club

Today we held our first meeting of 2006. 19 members attended and our Chairman, Joan Alexander opened proceedings by welcomed members and wishing them all a happy New Year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Apologies were received from Etherly Gutheridge and a thank you card from Jean Bliss. It was noted that Robin Anson Owen is still extremely unwell.

Christmas donations of £25.00 were sent to both the Deep Sea Fishermens charity and the RNLI.

April Curnow will be making the arrangements for our summer outing to Knebworth House. This trip will take place on the 6th of July this year.

Business over we settled down to play Bingo. June Brine acted as caller and it was a fun afternoon.

The raffle prize won by Margaret Hinds had been given by Irene Lowden.

Tea hostesses were June Loader and Irene Lowden.

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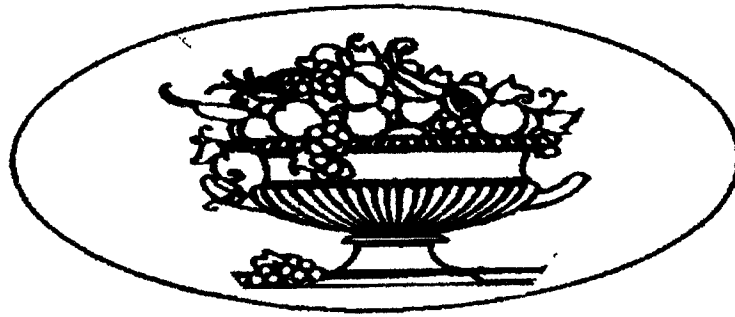
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Mar. 30 th	Hugh Grainger	Sayings from Village Life
April 13 th	Chris Skidmore	Indian Head Massage
April 27 th	Jean Hall	Scilly and the gardens of Tresco
May 11 th	Margaret Deakin	The Land of the Long White Cloud
May 25 th		To be advised
June 8 th		Visit to the garden, The Old Stables. Tea at "Treeways", Cublington
June 22 nd		Competition
July 6 th		Outing



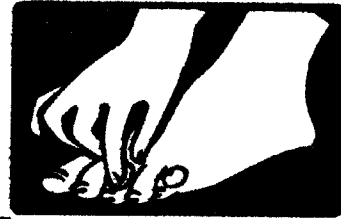
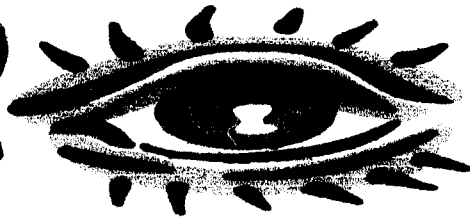
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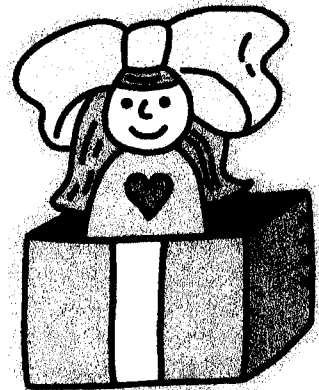
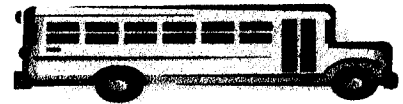
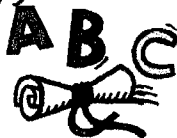
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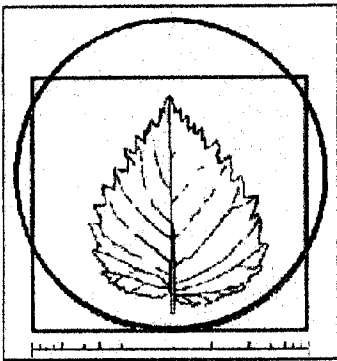


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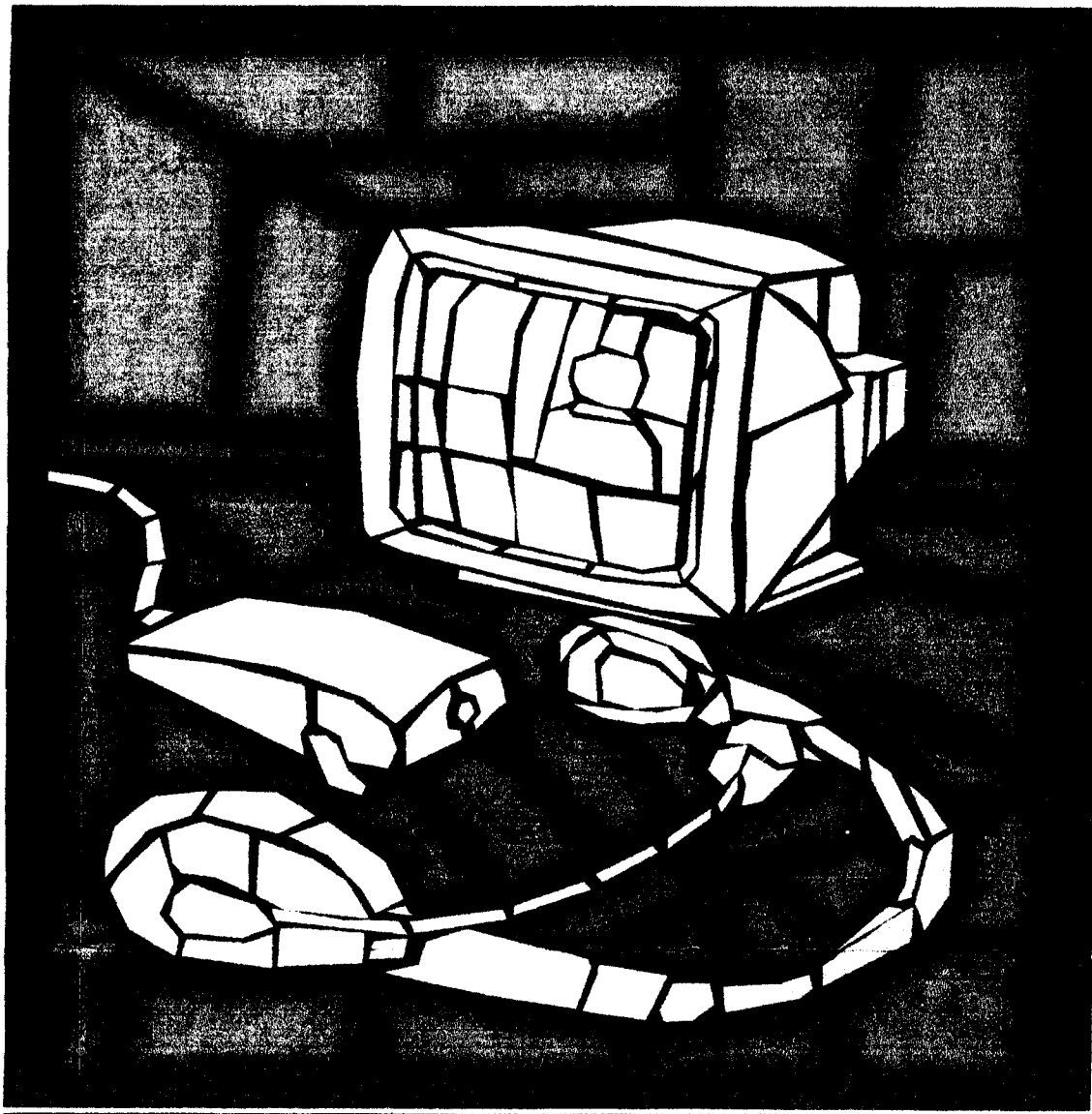
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On **Sunday 5th February**, we are holding a short introductory presentation about Activenture commencing at 3pm. There will be free refreshments available, with opportunity to meet our staff and have a short tour of the house itself. We would like to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in supporting Activenture to come along and meet us. We are particularly looking for: Voluntary Residential Helpers

(Age 14+, no upper age limit provided volunteers are able to actively participate!)

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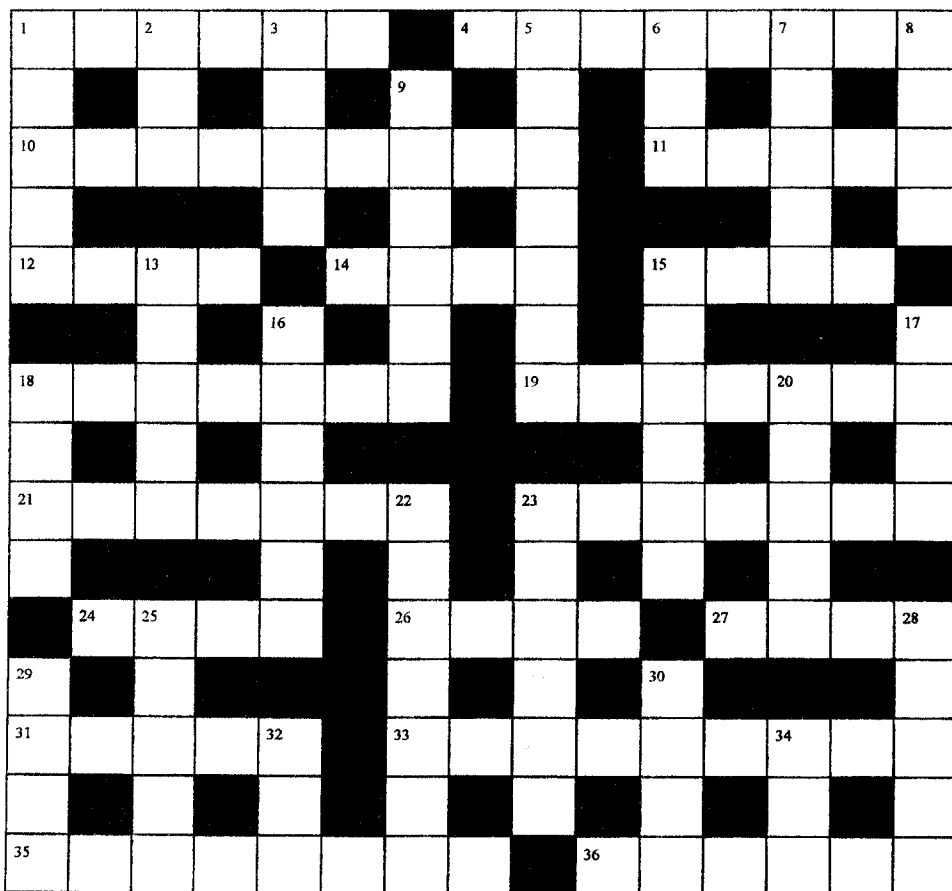
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January Solutions

ACROSS

- 1 Spring 4 magazine
- 10 recalling 11 sacks
- 12 yard 14 Skol 15 days
- 18 January 19 rarebit
- 21 cahoots 23 handles
- 24 scar 26 word 27 a-sub
- 31 gloom 33 uplifting
- 35 pass on to 36 lotion

DOWN

- 1 stray 2 R A C 3 null
- 5 angular 6 ass 7 itchy
- 8 East 9 dickey 13 ranch
- 15 daring 16 labour
- 17 S T Y S 18 Jack
- 20 bulbs 22 sawdust
- 23 hardly 25 cross
- 28 begin 29 a-gap
- 30 afro 32 moo 34 Idi

ACROSS

- 1 Slice of bacon (6)
- 4 Remedy for treating disease (8)
- 10 What men hate to do (7-2)
- 11 Give way (5)
- 12 You give this to your children (5)
- 14 On top of (4)
- 15 American for Autumn (4)
- 18 Owner of a famous box (7)
- 19 Found on the beach (7)
- 21 What cows do before it rains (3-4)
- 23 Answer (7)
- 24 What a batsman needs (4)
- 26 Main part of a church (4)
- 27 Form a curve (4)
- 31 Temper (5)
- 33 We all need it sometime (9)
- 35 Tells a story (8)
- 36 Joins metals (6)

DOWN

- 1 British tree (5)
- 2 Initials of the Special Forces (1-1-1)
- 3 John does it for the Chronicle (4)
- 5 Providing work for (7)
- 6 Slippery (3)
- 7 Something that is perfect (5)
- 8 Finish (4)
- 9 Things to be done (6)
- 13 Scruffy (5)
- 15 Frail weak or thin (6)
- 16 People that give blood (6)
- 17 Repair (4)
- 18 Middle of your hand (4)
- 20 Web footed large bird (5)
- 22 Girls name (7)
- 23 Make known (6)
- 25 Not over (5)
- 28 Discourage(5)
- 29 Not closed (4)
- 30 Supplier of petrol (4)
- 32 Slang for yes (3)
- 34 Not young (3)

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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

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CLERGY COMMENT

I cannot now remember whether the houses in Lutwyche Road were in blocks of four, six or eight. But it doesn't really matter. They were not very grand – just ordinary Victorian Houses, two up, two down with a kitchen out the back.

When I arrived as the new curate in SE23, they were still occupied by people who had lived there for thirty, forty or probably more years. The houses had begun to start looking shabby, and it was not very long before I started to visit them to arrange funerals. As a young clergyman, I wondered whether this was to be my role in life – heavily involved with bereaved families. After all, I think that I was probably involved in a funeral from nearly all of the sixty or so houses in the road during that first year. I wondered what on earth I had let myself in for.

I soon learnt that to accept a 'polite' glass of sherry in any house in Lutwyche Road was not a good idea. It was a safe bet that it had been kept rather a long time and was way past its best. I also discovered that it was likely to be served in a glass that had accumulated a rather thick layer of grime from lack of use. It became one of those roads that I began to avoid. It seemed such a sad road, because as the occupants became older and less able to cope, so their houses began to look sadder. The once proudly polished brass letter boxes became tarnished and the net curtains grubbier.

Then the skips started to arrive. Out went all the old furniture and the carefully hoarded treasures. Out went some of the period features. In their place there were new young couples determined to bring these old properties back to life. The time hadn't quite come when they would automatically think of fitting central heating or double glazing. But gas fires replaced paraffin stoves, and storage heaters made every room pretty cosy. The days of cheap emulsion paint, hardboard and DIY had come to Lutwyche Road.

It was getting on for three years after I arrived that the Baptisms started to come in from Lutwyche Road. What had been a road that made me feel sad as I helped families through their bereavement became a street full of "bumps", prams and Baptisms.

At a rough guess, those new young couples will probably now be grandparents. I do not suppose that many of them will still be living in Lutwyche Road. After all, the houses were good homes to start out in, but as families grew, they needed more space. The chances are that many of those houses are once again filled with other young couples with babies. People who are wanting to improve and update the properties that they have bought. More new Kitchens, more new Bathrooms, more builders and plumbers and electricians. Some people come, some people go, but life just goes on much the same!

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February the 26th

March the 26th (Mothering Sunday)

April the 23rd

May the 28th

June the 25th

Everybody welcome

HELP NEEDED

To spruce up the church, four sets of alter curtains (one for each season) are required.

The PCC wondered if there are any ladies or group of ladies in Aston Abbotts who would be prepared to make them.

You can be involved in choosing the materials all of which will be paid for by the PCC.

If you are interested, please contact

Anne Goodman on 681763

Shirley Ford on 681865

or Andy Bystra on 681690

Aston Abbotts Parochial Church Council.

At the meeting held on the 9th January 2006 the following matters were discussed: -

Refurbishment of the pathway. Currently the fund for this work is well short of the quotations received so far, a cheaper solution could be to fit edging boards and then cover existing path with stone chippings. This had been done very effectively at Weston Turville Church. Agreed that PCC members would visit Weston Turville to assess this possible solution.

Samples and quotes for replacement alter curtains and screen covers had still to be obtained. An article would be put in the AA Chronicle in the hope of finding volunteer/s to make the curtains.

Future direction of the Church – A plan for the development of mission and ministry in the Mursley Deanery was discussed. The PCC concluded that it was most important to maintain personal contact between the stipendiary clergy and the parishioners and therefore the PCC decided that their preferred option was a reduced number of benefices rather than a “team” or group structure.

A ‘first-cut’ of the 2005 balance sheet was distributed. Our Diocesan Quota had been paid in full and a separate deposit account has been set up for the Pathway Fund. Income for the year had exceeded outgoings by £339.

AOB.

New electoral roll has to be completed early this year. Currently 11 people on the list and a number of possible additional members identified.

PCC formally acknowledged the work of Colin Smart, Shirley Ford and Colin Higgs in leading lay worship in the Parish.

Due to holiday commitments, Annual General Meeting re-scheduled to 21st March 2006 in the Churchroom at 7:30PM.

There was a need for more promotion via the AA Chronicle for the evensong services and other special worship days such as mothering Sunday and any special Easter celebrations.

Proposed to restart the 100 Club in April with an article and application form in this month’s Chronicle.

SHROVE TUESDAY 28th February Pancake/Coffee Morning
Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon

Cracking Answers

He got fired

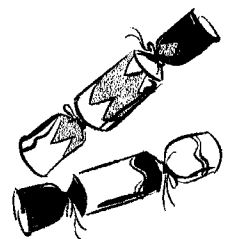
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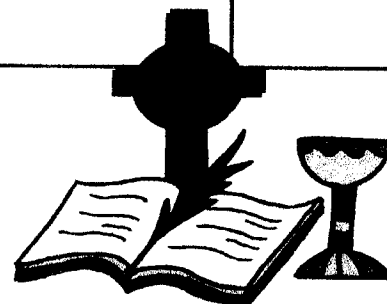
St James Church

CHURCH SERVICES

	WING	WINGRAVE	ASTON ABBOTTS	CUBLINGTON
5 Feb 4 before Lent	8.0 Communion 10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Family Service (Lay)
12 3 before Lent	10.0 Family Service Communion 18.0 Evensong	8.0 Communion 10.0 People's Praise (Lay)	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion
19 2 before Lent	8.0 Communion (extension)	10.0 Parish Communion	At Cubl 10.0	10.0 Family Communion
26	10.0 Parish Communion	At Wing 10.0	18.0 Evensong (Lay)	At Wing 10.0
1 Mar Ash Wed		20.0 Communion		
5 Mar Lent 1	8.0 Communion (extension) 10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 (Methodist)	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Family Service (Lay)

SUNDAY READINGS

5 Feb	4 before Lent	1 Corinthians 9.16-23;	Mark 1.29-39
12	3 before Lent	1 Corinthians 9.24-27;	Mark 1.40-45
19	2 before Lent	Colossians 1.15-20;	John 1.1-14
26	1 before Lent	2 Corinthians 4.3-6;	Mark 9.2-9
5 Mar	Lent 1	1 Peter 3.18-22;	Mark 1.9-15



SAURDAY 25th MARCH - QUIZ NIGHT

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PCC - AGM

Tues, 28th March 2006

Commencing at

7.30 pm.

in

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Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon
Sunday 5th	Rambling Club	Meet at Culverton 2pm
Thursday 9th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30 -12 noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
Thursday 16th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 19th	Village Footpath Walk	Meet at The Green 2pm
Tuesday 21st	Rambling Club AGM	11 Lomond Drive Linslade 8pm
Wednesday 22nd	Parish Council	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon
Friday 24th	Slide Show & Quiz	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 26th	Rambling Club	Meet at Rowsham 2pm
Tuesday 28th	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes/Coffee	Church Room 10.30 -12
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Thursday 2nd March	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon
Tuesday 7th March	Fete Meeting	Church Room 8pm

New Address

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630 Club

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The detective asks, "Sir, is that your wife?"

"Yes."

"Did you hit her with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did."

The man stifles a sob, drops the club, and puts his hands on his head.

"How many times did you hit her?" the detective asked.

"I don't know. Five, six, seven.....Put me down for a five."

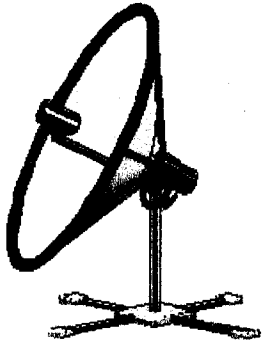
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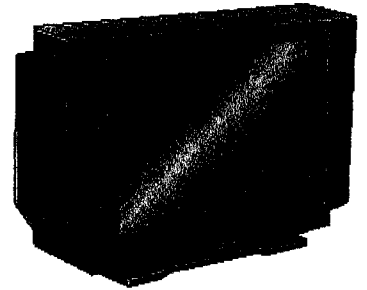


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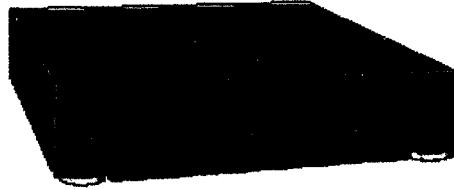


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