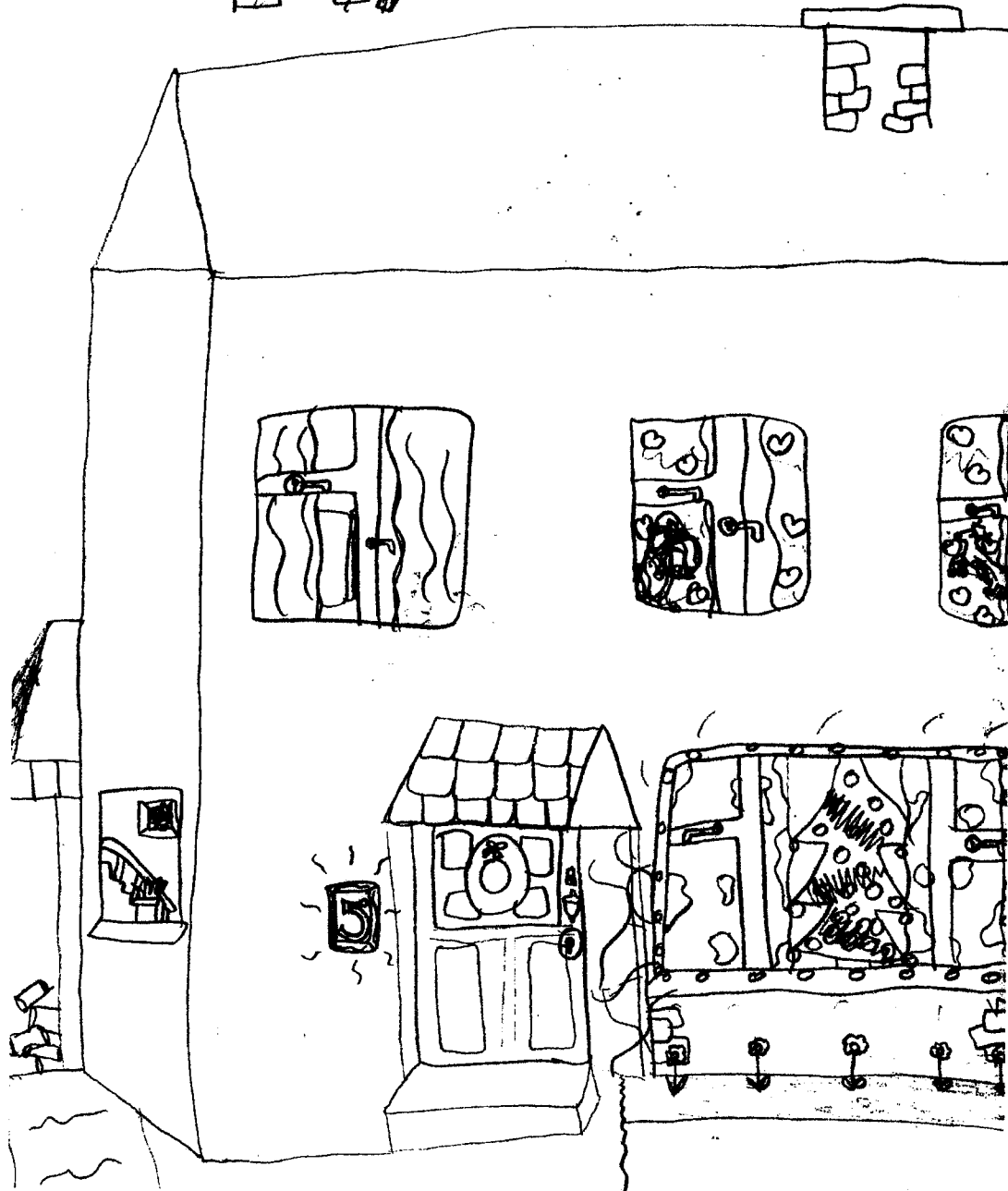


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My HOUSE



My Village - Nikita Dowdell

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Editorial

Home life is very difficult at the moment. I'm walking on eggshells. Having said I hoped to get a valentine card it was a shock to receive 7! I smell a rat. The most touching message ran - 'Your Chronicle plea - has got to me - I'm one of your ardent fans - So seek to find - This love so blind - I'm just putty in your hands'. The most prophetic said - 'Roses are red - Wheat turns to stubble - This Valentine Day - Is going to be trouble!!'

Trust you got your suggestions to Liz Barlow helping her name this year's young alpacas (crias). I'm very hopeful that the scarf is heading my way - Liz has told me I have no chance as this would be interpreted as a 'fix' - so I've had to be cunning and submit mine under a 'nomme de plume'. The result will be advised in April's Chronicle.

Don't forget to go along to the Fete Meeting on 7th March in the Church Room. Poonam is counting on your support.

The Chronicle website has been updated by Phil Spooner. If there is someone in the village who would like to take on the role of 'webmaster' please get in touch.

I've really enjoyed the series of talks given by Vic Scott. The series I attended dealt with plant classification and in particular wild flowers. Vic also did a series of lectures on birds.

With regard the planning application for the Egg Production Units at Norduck Farm AVDC Planning Committee is reconsidering on March 8th at 10.30am at the Civic Centre the advice given earlier by officers that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Jim Cannell *Development Control Manager* advises that officers will be recommending that the decision of 15th September be re-affirmed. If the Committee are content with the officers' recommendations then the only recourse is to seek a Judicial Review.

You can read on page 33 my letter of 22nd January sent to every member of the Planning Committee and the reply of 7th February initiated by Councillor Isham who is Chairman of the Planning Committee.

John Hardcastle

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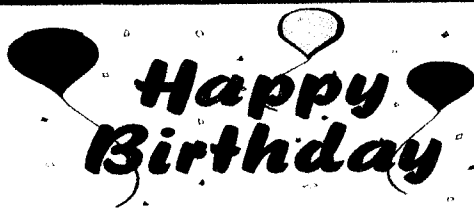
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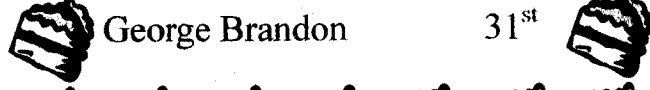
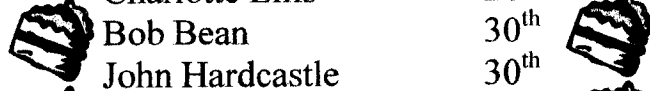
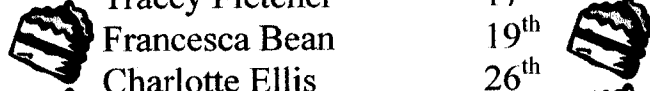
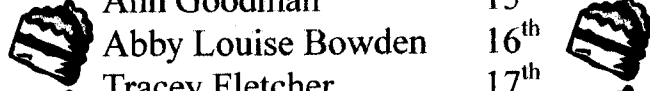
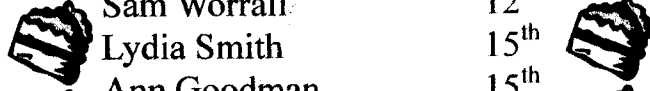
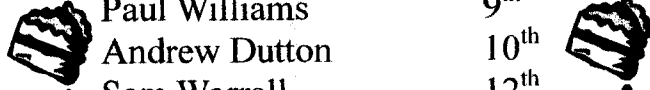
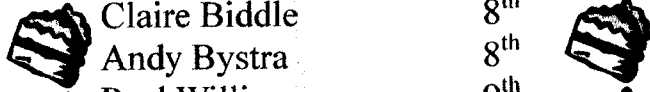
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- *Allotment Diary by Peter Shorrocks*
- *Freemantle - Lost son of Aston Abbotts*
- *Countryside Diary by Peter Knight*
- *New Crossword by Rod Rothero*
- *Title Page* is third drawing on the theme of 'My Village' - please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Nikita Dowdell, aged 10. Ed. - for April a lovely drawing of the bus shelter by Dana King.

Alison's Gossip Column



March




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| Isobel Hall | 3 rd |
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| Andy Bystra | 8 th |
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Recently, many village households have received advertising material from a solar heating firm. It happens to be the same company who installed a solar water heating system at considerable cost for an elderly lady who lives in the village. Unfortunately, the engineers left a valve closed when they finished work which left her with almost cold water for nearly a year. The company did not respond to her requests for help and she spent uncomfortable and dangerous months making her bathwater hotter with boiling water from an electric kettle. Her problem was eventually solved by her neighbour, (a well known local plumber!) but the company has still to reply to her last letter of complaint.

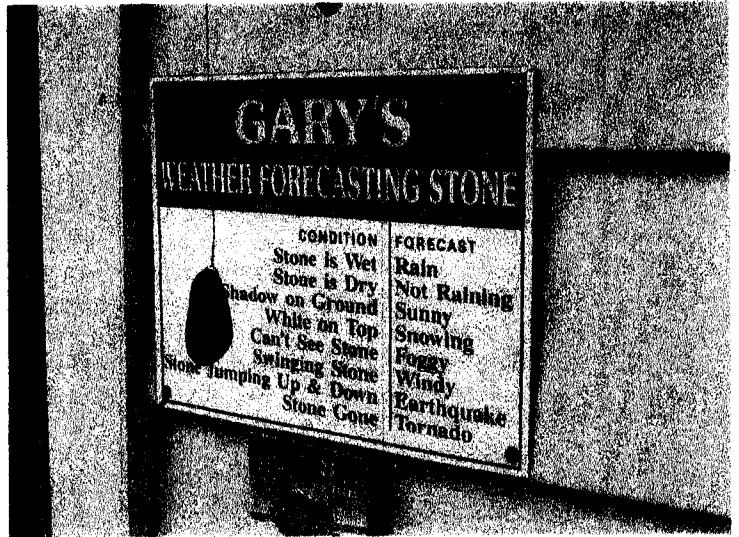
So if you are tempted to install solar heating and you hope to live long enough to recoup your investment, do shop around.

Clare Shorrocks

On an advert is added a cockerel -  can you spot him?

Last month's cockerel was hiding on page 23 Steart Farm Boarding Kennels - and yes I know it's a turkey

Not much gossip to report - keeping the ears close to the ground.



COULD YOU PLAY A TUNE ON THESE PIPES?



Vic Scott recounted a salutary tale. Christine accused Vic of leaving the fridge door open. Vic was not certain of his guilt and was vindicated when further watery traces were discovered the next morning. A pipe in the first floor was slowly weeping and had probably been leaking for some time. Our local plumber was able to make a good repair but he was surprised to be recalled the same day after Vic had managed to drive nails through the new pipe and two nearby pipes when he was refixing the floor boards. Happily this domestic crisis was overcome only for the water pump to start issuing signs of age. The plumber is now considering moving into the spare room.

Ed.

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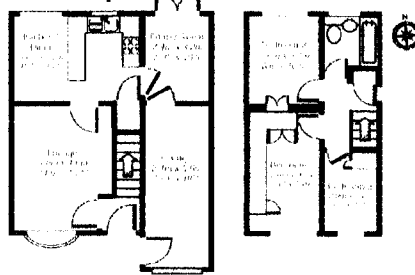
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In The Village

CHICKEN UPDATE

Progress on the application for a poultry unit at Nor-duck continues to rumble on. Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has at last replied to the letter that was sent to them on 17 November by the Residents' solicitor. Not surprisingly, AVDC, with some fast and nimble footwork, have omitted to address the main issue for the need for an environmental impact assessment and has placed its faith in the Operational Management Plan which they hope will submerge all our objections in a morass of planning gobblede-gook, platitudes and conditions that will not, or cannot, be enforced. The applicant will submit this plan for approval by the planning officer. We all know the planning officer's bias and his interpretation of his obligation to work in the best interests of the community so don't hold your breath.

In addition, the applicant is to submit a Landscape

Management Scheme for approval by the Council. The Council's Head of Design Services will advise on the landscaping issues arising from the scheme. At first glance it appears that neither the Operational Management Plan nor the Landscape Management Plan will be in the public domain, however, we consider that these issues should be part of planning procedure and not left to the approval of one man. We have so notified the Council.

On the question of Avian flu, AVDC does not appear to have kept up-to-date on this issue and believe that nothing has changed since September last year. Oh really? Perhaps AVDC is unaware that DEFRA has stated recently that the risk to the UK is increased and, therefore, we maintain that this is a serious planning issue and should be considered as such.

Dickie Dicken

see also Editorial and page 33



FETE MEETING 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



The Bucks Herald reported on February 8th the following:-

05/03032/APP ASTON ABBOTTS

Erection of disabled toilet Aston Abbotts Church Hall, Aston Abbotts Parish Council.

Decision: Approved.

LITTERBLITZ

Please come along and help with Village Litterblitz. Meet outside Church Room

10.30pm Saturday 25th

PLANTS PLANTS PLANTS PLANTS PLANTS

With the arrival of spring, many of you will be giving the garden a once over and sewing seeds. Please remember the plant stall at the fete and as you come across unwanted seedlings, trailing bits of shrubs that have rooted themselves and herbaceous plants that have spread too far –

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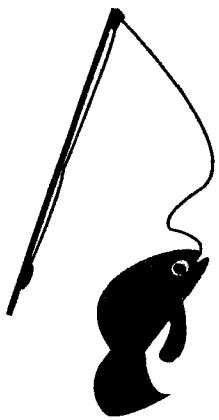
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Letters To The Editor

From Sally Spooner

I would like to say thank you for the lovely gifts, flowers and champagne that I received for my birthday. To all those who contributed towards the very generous John Lewis vouchers, my sincere thanks, I know I will spend many happy hours deciding what to buy. Many thanks to Sally P. for the organisation they required. To Francesca, April and Clare an enormous thank you for all that you did regarding food preparation and slaving in the kitchen all evening. Special thanks to Francesca for organising the whole thing, and to April for my fabulous "Gnome" cake. To Margaret, Rita, Judy, Alison, and Deirdre who provided puds and suchlike, thank you all very much. Last but not least, thank you to Phil, for putting up with my moments of panics, and working so hard to make my day special. I had a wonderful birthday party, made even more memorable by the kindness and generosity of so many good friends.

I recently had a very nice telephone conversation with Gwen Kempster who, with husband Paul, lives in Pembrokeshire. She reminisced about the times when she and Paul grew vegetables on the patch of ground I now call 'my secret garden'. Paul helped construct the ponds. I have sent Gwen some photos to show how it is now. Four of her dogs are buried here. Ed



Mrs Joan Tiller

From Ivy Brandon

Ivy Brandon would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, presents and good wishes for her recent 90th birthday - they were very much appreciated. Grateful thanks also to my family for arranging a lovely party.

Ivy and husband George are celebrating their 71st Wedding Anniversary on 30th March and George celebrates his 95th birthday the following day. Many congratulations Ed

From Janet Turnham, Tring

My sister is Sheila Read (which will tell you I am another *nee* Brandon). I have recently been on holiday to Tasmania, staying with Sue Tiller, who's family emigrated from Aston Abbots in the 1950's. They lived in 'the Cloisters', opposite the church; there was Mr, Mrs, Susan and Mary-Anne. After moving to Tasmania Prue got added to the list.

Mr Tiller died several years ago but Mrs Tiller, Joan, is still going strong; now in her 80's. She has very happy memories of her years in Aston Abbots and would very much like to be remembered to anyone who remembers her.

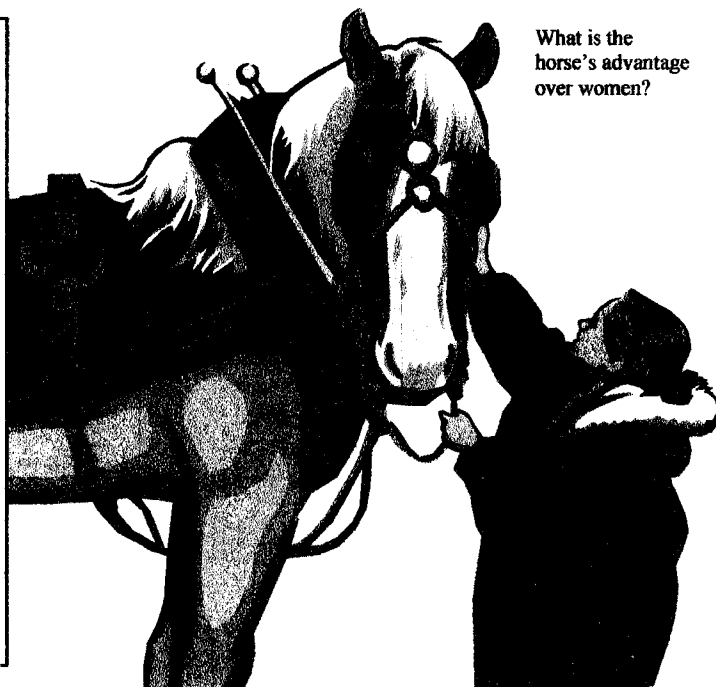
Ed - If anyone would like to get in touch with Joan I will be pleased to pass on letters to Janet Turnham

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. ~ Ed.

The Horse's Advantage Over Men

- 1 If they don't work out you can sell them
- 2 They don't come with in-laws
- 3 You don't have to worry about your children looking like them.
- 4 If you get too fat for one you can shop for a bigger one.
- 5 They smell good when they sweat.
- 6 You can force them to stay in good physical condition.....with a whip if necessary.
- 7 They turn white with age, but not bald.
- 8 They don't care what you look like, as long as you have a carrot.

Adapted from an article in Chiltern Distance Riders



What is the horse's advantage over women?

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Yet another period when gardening has been an indoor sport. February is the time when one wastes . . . sorry, spends . . . inordinate amounts of time browsing through seed catalogues, and looking at the websites of seedsmen on the internet; planning what one is going to grow during the coming year. Looking for exotic varieties (purple & yellow carrots, blue potatoes, cauliflowers with orange & purple heads, yellow & black tomatoes, round yellow courgettes; they are all out there waiting to be grown. There is even a potato which has a big white smile on its pink skin!); vegetables that will grow bigger and better than the ones you have grown before, or will resist the various bugs and diseases that spoiled last year's crop; or will have that extra bit of flavour and *je ne sais quoi* that will make them even better than the ones you have grown before.

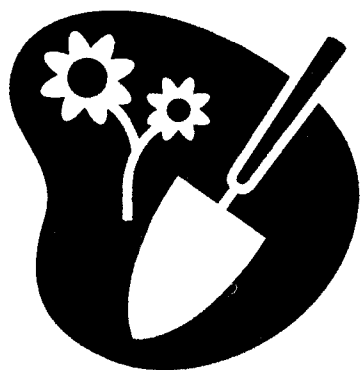
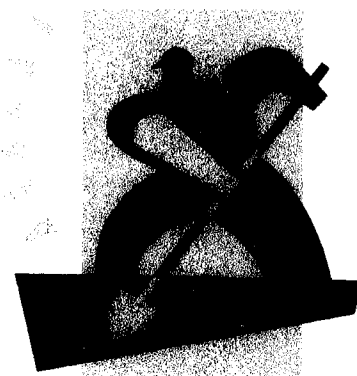
(While your wife is saying "I don't know why you want to grow all these funny vegetables. Why can't you stick to the ones we have always had. King Edward, for example. Now that's a good potato. You can do anything with a King Edward. . . .")

The pheasant I wrote about last month did not get its come-uppance at Vic's hands, as I thought might be the case. After my article appeared, it restricted its activities to the Winslow end of the allotments – as far from Vic's patch as it could get. Perhaps it was a Chronicle reader?

So far as I can see from my occasional visits to my allotment during the last few weeks, most of my fellow allottees have, like me, also been playing their gardening indoors. I have seen Vic Scott and Alan Jones putting in some spade-work, but the two conspicuous exceptions to this generalisation have been Simon Guy and Brian from Leighton Buzzard (sorry, Brian, can't remember your surname), who have been working hard on their patches – in the case of Brian quite sickeningly so! I'm glad his allotment is not near mine, showing it up!

In the case of Simon, however, I can reveal that one reason why he has been so industrious, is that he has been playing with an additional man in his team. Some of you may remember Mike Bush, who used to live in Cublington, before moving away for business reasons. Well, he has now returned to Cublington, and, having returned, was keen to take one of the Aston Abbots allotments. When he discovered that there were none available – indeed, there is a waiting list for them – he was so frustrated at not being able to get his hands (or boots?) on an allotment, that he offered to help Simon with his patch!

Peter Shorrocks



WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Talk on Allotment Gardening by John Branham

Friday 24th March 8pm (bar opens 7.30pm)

CUBLINGTON ALLOTMENTS

In February's 'Cublington Crier' it is reported that progress is being made towards the establishment of new allotments on Orchard Ground.

Cublington Parish Council has agreed that it is a good idea having viewed a site plan and draft Rules & Constitution.



Holiday Cottages to let in North Cornwall

Our work at the pub in Cornwall is done and we've sold it to someone who will continue to build on the hard work that we have put in over the past 14 months. We love the area too much to part with our cottages, which are still available for self-catering holidays, weekend breaks and so on. With Newquay airport just 15 minutes away (fly from Stansted with Ryanair), Padstow is easily accessible for a long weekend. It is a lovely part of the world and there's something for everyone, from arguably the best beaches in the country to breathtaking coastal walking; there are fabulous gardens to visit and many other tourist attractions to keep any child or adult occupied!

Rick Stein, the famous TV chef/personality is one of the main reasons people head to Padstow, but don't worry, there are a range of eating places to suit *all* budgets. The other main attraction for visitors is the unique Eden Project - in short, it's an indoor rain-forest - truly fascinating and well worth a visit.

The most exciting news for the area this year is that Jamie Oliver is opening a restaurant overlooking Watergate Bay. It's an absolutely stunning location and just 15 minutes from Padstow, so make sure it's on your itinerary!

The cottages: Tregerrick, a two bedroom fisherman's cottage in the historic fishing village of Padstow, just 100m up the road from Rick Stein's restaurant and 400m from the harbour. It is fully furnished and fully equipped for self-catering with all the usual mod cons, including TV/DVD, CD player/radio, dishwasher, telephone, washer/drier, microwave, gas central heating, open fireplace, shower and bath. And Annet, a two bedroom character cottage with garden, three miles from Padstow, opposite the church in St. Issey, near the village pub and backing onto fields with a footpath leading to the Camel estuary and the famous 27 mile Camel Trail for walkers & cyclists. Recently refurbished, with original slate floors, old pine floors, exposed stone walls, ledge & brace doors and a brand new modern kitchen. All mod cons - TV/DVD, CD/radio, dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, gas central heating, shower and bath.

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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - 9th February

Some sun at last this week and what a cheery prospect after days of cloud cover.

Looking at my five year diary I see that we are in fact having a later spring than the last two. My records show that the yellow crocus on The Green has been showing colour as early as 2nd February and usually by 13th - no sign of it yet.

Last year I recorded violets, crocus, primrose and celandine all flowering in the 2nd week of February. I did see a primrose this week but no sign of anything else.

Alex and I put 180 ewes into the lambing shed this week - we expect the first official lambs on 14th February. I still feel we are bound to have a wet March - just when we don't want it on the baby lambs but, and it's a big but, we won't have much grass in May unless we get plenty of rain in the mean time.

This time of year can be a bit depressing for farmers - it's not unusual for accounts to be produced in January and nowadays accounts can make you feel a bit gloomy.

I still maintain that grass fields and, in particular, permanent pasture encourage wild life and support far more species than arable fields.

To have grass fields one needs livestock - livestock that used to be the very basis of British Agriculture.

Now Aston Abbots is rather unusual in that the Parish still holds a dairy farmer, a beef farmer and a sheep farmer - very rare, believe me.

So how are we doing?

Well our great and knowledgeable Minister for Rural Affairs, Margaret Becket, recently wrote a report on the success of her department - I quote '60% of milk production in this country is now profitable'.

May I suggest that this means that nearly half our dairy farmers are making a loss. I also suggest that the profitable 60% does not count the farmers labour and is probably produced by owner occupiers paying no rent. Our Aston Abbott dairy farmer has rent to pay as do the beef and sheep farmers.

I will guarantee that our dairy farmer is just managing to hang on to his way of life.

Our beef farmer - he must be doing well, beef is so expensive in the shop. Wrong! He is actually

losing £70 on every fat animal he sells, despite all their food being grown on his farm. He is seriously considering going out of beef production.

Then there are our sheep farmers. Alex and me. The accountant tells us that last year we made a loss without counting in the cost of our labour - we would be financially better off sitting at home in leisure.

The question is - are 'livestock farmers' crazy? - and the answer is probably - yes.

Are we doing anything worthwhile - only you can answer that.

Why do we farm at all? - well I suggest we would all mutter words like - it's all I've ever wanted to do, independence, satisfaction, stubbornness, - I'll pack up when I want to, not when the politicians think I should.

To put a certain romance on it - we share the same Anglo-Saxon stubbornness and have our feet firmly rooted in the soil of our native land just as dirt farmers have had for centuries.

Next month I'll write about wildlife - I promise.



'Dirt' is a common expression for small farmers who grub about on a few acres with a few animals - used to be referred to as 'muck and bullet' farming. PK

Peter Knight

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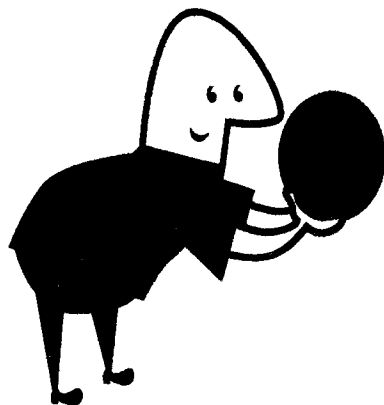
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GNOMES INVENT NEW WORD

At one of the Gnome meetings (in December) it was decided that we needed a little activity and thought bowling was a good idea. The bowling was preceded by some excellent food at the Noodle Bar. No one ate to excess as we all wanted to stay in shape for the competition ahead. On arrival at the Bowl we changed our shoes and were organised into four teams.

It proved to be very interesting. Everyone helped everyone else. Two new members proved how well they could play and team 4 did very well - Val getting the highest score with 124. Team 2 (Judy and others) were given coaching by a member of staff!!! A young man was seen doing something to the skittles - not quite sure what he was up to.

During the first few games the gullies on either



side seemed to be the favourite route for balls. But as the evening progressed so did the scores. Some gnomes were pleasantly surprised how well they did - there were loud cheers every time there was a 'strike'. Team 1 invented a new word for a 'spare' as it is shown as a '/'. It was called a 'slash' - not to be confused with the different meaning in men's speak. Team 3 came out on top getting the highest score over the two games. Jackie was the most consistent player getting over 100 in both games.

We had a great night with not too many aches and pains and we are looking forward to having another bowling evening in the not too distant future.

Bridget Guanterez

If you would like to be a

GirlsNightOutMenExcludedSorry come to the Royal Oak every Tuesday 8pm onwards for a friendly chat over a drink.

The Sweet Smell of Revenge....

She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

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When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimp shells, dipped in caviar, into the hollow of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days. Then slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything; cleaning and mopping and airing the place out. Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were steam cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days, and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked. People stopped coming over to visit... Repairmen refused to work in the house... The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house. Word got out, and eventually, even the local estate agents refused to return their calls. Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man, and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely, and said that she missed her old home terribly, and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back... Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth... But only if she were to sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within the hour, his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

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The elderly gentleman admitted he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The Canadian said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible, Canadians always have to show your passports on arrival in France!"

The Canadian senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look, then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Juno Beach on D Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any Frenchmen to show it to."

These are verbatim transcripts taken down in American Courts and published by court reporters:

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?:

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS No.

ATTORNEY Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS No

ATTORNEY Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS No.

ATTORNEY So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS No.

ATTORNEY How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar

ATTORNEY But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS Well yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practising law!



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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 22nd February 2006

PRESENT Cllrs. C.Higgs (Chair), M.Kent, D.Dicken, T.Manning and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Jackie Farrands, Richard Clarke and Peter Shorrocks. One member of the public attended.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and there were no matters arising.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A request has been made to place a memorial seat somewhere in the village.
- A nomination form had been received for the Royal Garden Party next July.

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

District Councillor Peter Cooper reported on the recent Highways meeting held at the Winslow Centre. He had a flow chart to be used for assessing criteria if we wish to have a flashing speed sign erected at the 30mph limit. The A418 improvements will be going to public consultation in a few months; information will be available in each village affected by the proposals.

CHURCH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

- Planning permission for the improvements has now been granted. Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting pending more quotations being received for the work.

PLANNING

- 06/00173/AGN Abbey Trees. Erection of agricultural building. Resolved to make no comment on this application.
- Stables block at Longmoor Farm Cottage. No comments made.

HIGHWAYS

- Proposed streetlight in Moat Lane - the Clerk had received six negative comments about this proposal. It was decided that the introduction of a new light at this point might encourage drivers to speed, especially when the development behind The Old

House has been built and the bank lowered. It was felt there was no need for a light at this point. Resolved to put the grant we have already received into a fund until enough money has been raised to put a new light on Wingrave Road, between the Royal Oak and the allotments.

- Litterblitz - the date set for the village litterblitz is 25th March.
- Request to have kerbstones laid around the remainder of The Green - agreed to ask for a grant from Highways, but also to investigate putting rocks around the edge of the grass in the meantime, to prevent cars from parking on it and damaging the grass further.

RECREATION GROUND

- Safety check – children's play area - up to date.
- Report from Recreation Ground Committee - no more news at present
- Agreed to continue to affiliate to the AV Sports Council.
- Storage shed on the Rec - the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for demolishing the shed, as the constant cost of repairs has become so high.
- Bonfire on the Rec. The bonfire has become increasingly out of control in recent years. There is no way of monitoring what is put on it. Last year's fire contained batteries and old tins of paint as well as mattresses and other metal objects which constituted a health hazard. It was therefore resolved not to allow the public to bring rubbish to the fire in future. Quotes will be obtained to restore the grass and notices placed to prevent any further rubbish being dumped.
- Mowing quotations for 2006 season. Resolved to accept the quote from Buckland Landscapes to mow the Rec this year.
- Ownership of the Recreation Ground (section 106 agreement). Cllr. Cooper is pursuing this matter with AVDC on our behalf.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- To confirm that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th March 2006 at 8pm in the Church Room.

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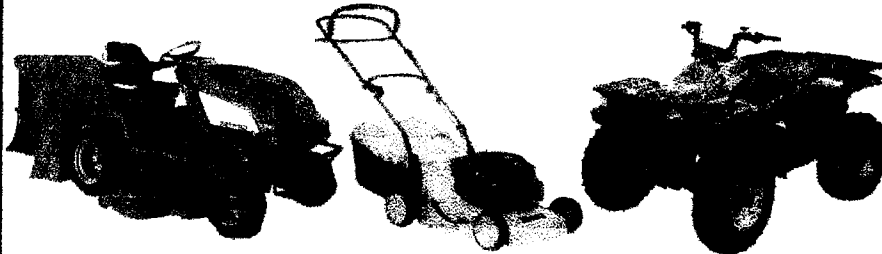
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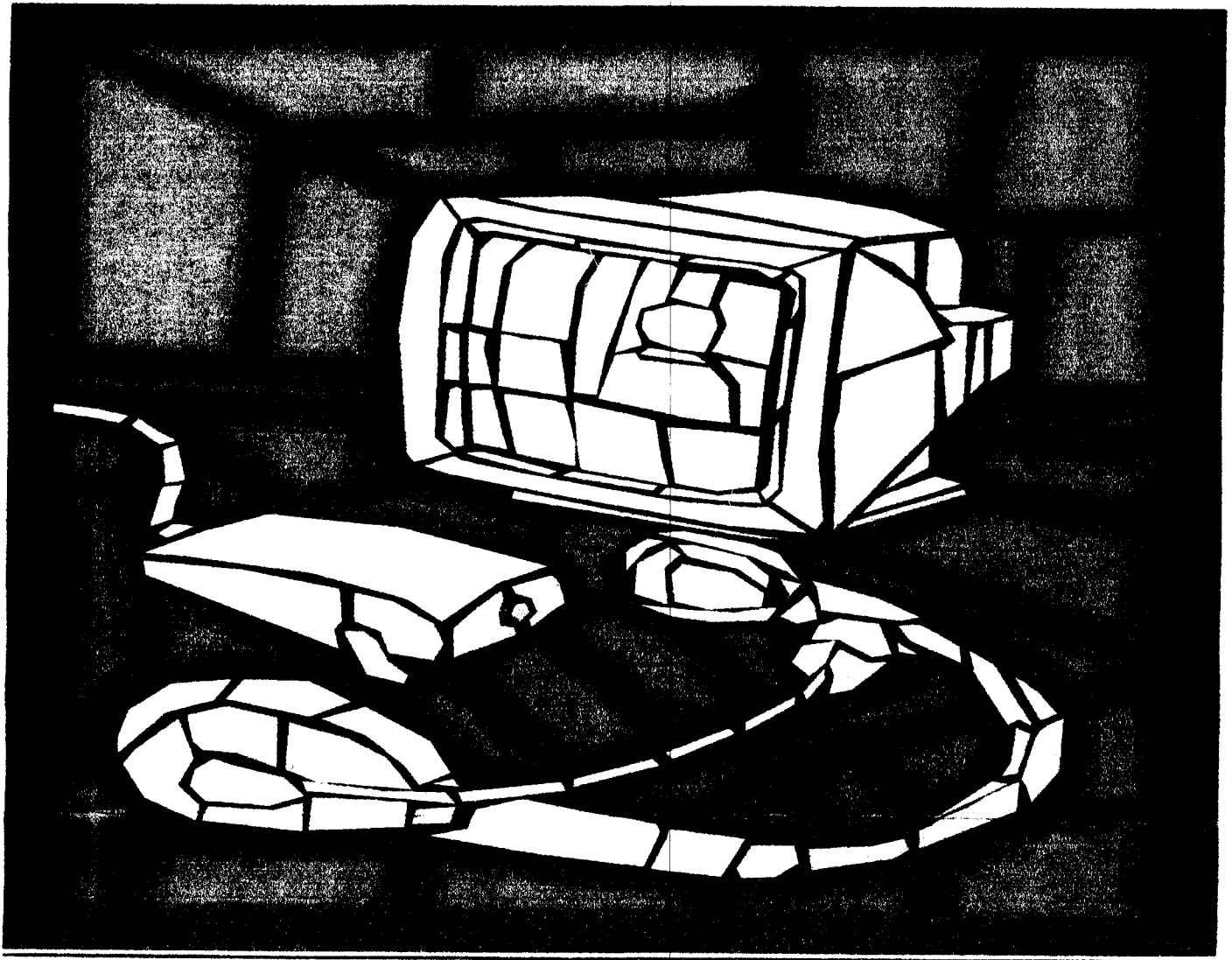
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Freemantle: The lost son of Aston Abbotts

It was good to get interested reaction from people in response to the Lost Son of Aston Abbotts article on Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Freemantle GCB.

Luckily Tim Peacocke has contacts with the Navy Central Library and has been able to get the library to find more details on our hero.

The following details are taken from a book called 'Nelson's Trafalgar Captains and their battles' by T.A. Heathcote. This further article is more about the man than the battles



His father John Freemantle was referred to as a country gentleman, living in the Abbey at Aston Abbotts.

Thomas entered the Navy at the age of 12 at the time of the American War of Independence, and served off the coast of Portugal

He was Midshipman of the frigate **Phoenix** which sank off Cuba in a hurricane (They didn't name them in those days !)

During all this time he was promoted and eventually met Nelson. His ship formed part of a squadron lead by Nelson in an attack on Corsica. He was invited to dine ashore in Nelson's tent and to inspect the new shore battery. A shot from the defenders landed near enough to knock Nelson over and to cover Freemantle with earth. He noted in his journal that 'He vowed never to take a short cut again !'

It was 2 days later that flying debris hit Nelson when he was serving in the batteries, which subsequently led to the loss of his eye.

In June 1796 Napoleon sent Murat into Tuscany to take Livorno (Leghorn). Freemantle was ordered to evacuate the British residents and anything of value. He eventually got 37 cargo vessels to sea and amongst the refugees was a well connected Englishman called Robert Wynne with his 2 daughters , the eldest being the 17 year old Elizabeth or Betsey.

Apparently being on board a British warship was a sure way to lose one's heart and so it happened to Betsey. Her diary reporting that it only took 2 days!

However Betsey Wynne was carried off by her family to join the main fleet lying in Fiorenzo Bay. Eventually her affection for Freemantle became known and she was allowed to accept a

ring as a keepsake in spite of her father objecting to Freemantle's lack of a fortune.

Freemantle was indecisive about getting married, in spite of Betsey's mother making it known that Betsey would get £5000 on getting married and would inherit £10,000.

They were married on 12 January in 1797 in Naples in the house of Sir William Hamilton, with Lady Hamilton making all the arrangements. The bride was given away by George III's son Prince Augustus.

The married home was the Captains Frigate, **Inconstant** (An ideal name for a newly married man). They later moved onto the **Seahorse**. Nelson and Freemantle both took part in the raid on Santa Cruz , Tenerife 24-25 July 1797.

This was one of Nelson's few defeats and as a result Nelson was rowed back to nearest ship to the fighting , the **Seahorse**, with blood pouring from a shattered elbow but would not board for ' fear of alarming Mrs. Freemantle., and not having any news of her husband'

Taken to **Theseus** he had his arm amputated. Freemantle was badly wounded in the arm by 2 musket balls. He was treated on board by a very clumsy surgeon called Fleming which caused his slow recovery

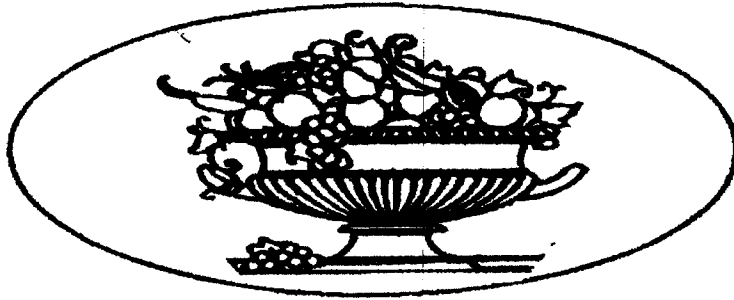
Betsey Freemantle, now 19 and suffering from morning sickness with her first pregnancy found herself nursing her wounded husband and his boss, the maimed Nelson. Nelson had been transferred to the **Seahorse** for the journey back to Britain.

The ship with many other wounded sailors arrived off Spithead on 1st September 1797 and Betsey arrived in England for the first time in her life.

Freemantle's wounds healed but he had severe pains in the hand, later diagnosed as Gout! He was awarded a wound pension of £200 and bought a house in Swanbourne. He lived here for the next few years playing the role of country gentleman and raising a family with his wife Betsey. In August 1800, much to Betsey's distress he was ordered back to sea.

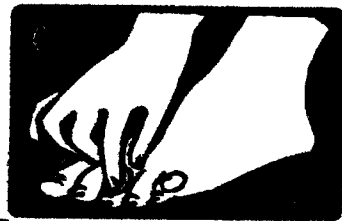
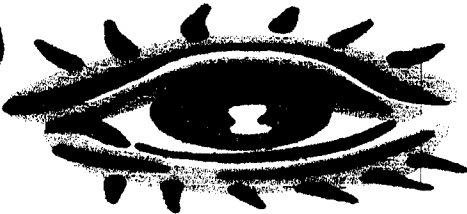
The Freemantles continue to live in Swanborne to this day and the names have passed down the years. So there is currently both a Thomas Freemantle and a Betsey Freemantle.... she being the wife of Ian Duncan Smith. *Neil Chesher*

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The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was heard. He did all his tricks over again, but still not a word.

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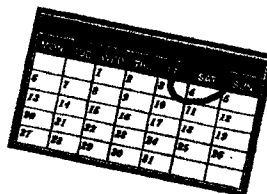
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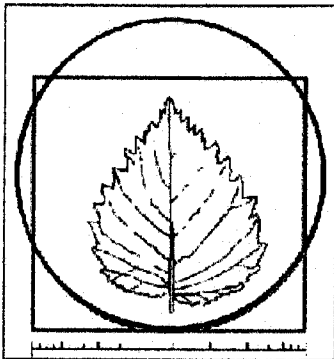
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Our speaker today was Victor Scott who gave a very interesting talk illustrated by beautiful slides of flowers and scenery in Eire. He was thanked on behalf of the members by April Curnow.

Tea hostesses were Daphne Rogers and Beryl Shires who had provided tea, cakes and biscuits.

The raffle prize won by Avril Bradley Davis.

16th Feb. 2006

We met in the Church room Aston Abbots where our Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed the 19 members present.

Our speaker today was Mr John Cornwall who showed us a series of beautiful slides taken at the RHS gardens, Wisley. These illustrated some of the best Roses, Cacti and Orchids on display. He was thanked on behalf of the members by Joan Alexander.

Tea hostesses were Sheila Read and Doreen Powis and helped by Daphne Bissell.

Shirley Ford



ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

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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
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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.

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

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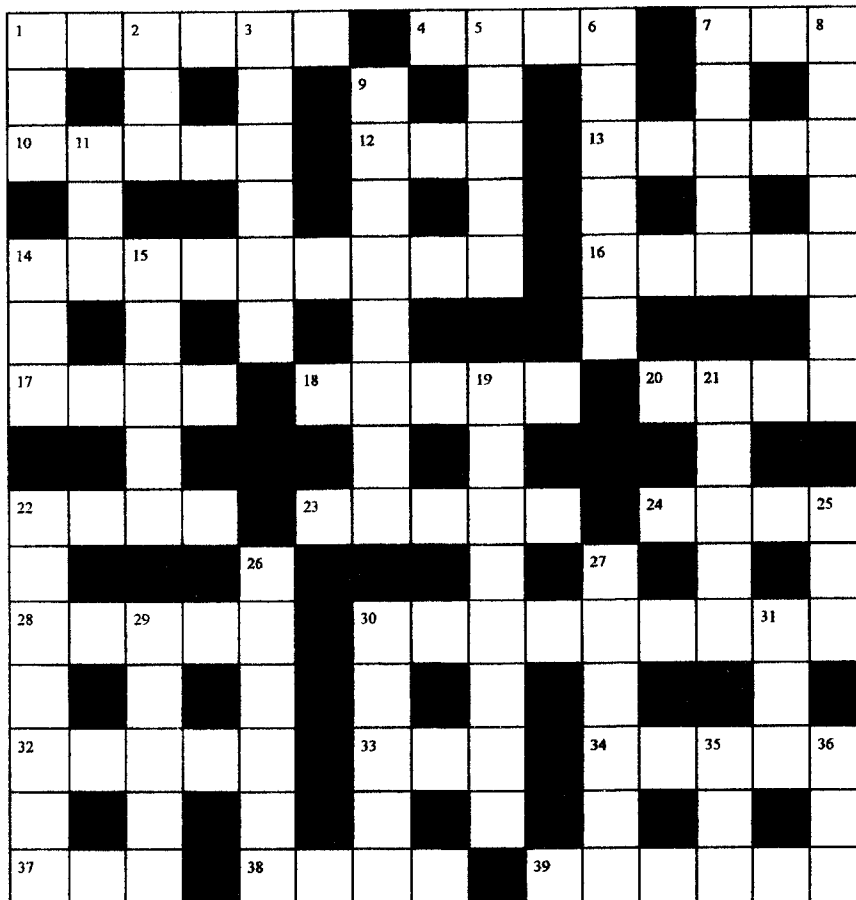
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If you have any information or memories about the Czechs in Bucks during the Second World War contact the author Neil Rees, 1 Eskdale Avenue, Chesham, Bucks HP5 3AX tel: 01494 776457/ 793921 or e-mail neil.rees@czechsinbucks.org

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

The Chronicle Crossword

MARCH 2006



February Solutions

ACROSS 1 Rasher 4 Medicine 10 Washing up 11 Yield 12 Name 14 Onto 15 Fall 18 Pandora 19 Shingle 21 Lay down 23 Respond 24 Runs 26 Nave 27 Bend 31 Paddy 33 Transport 35 Narrates 36 Solder

DOWN

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ACROSS

- 1 Open top carriage (6)
- 4 Fault (4)
- 7 Temporary fashion (3)
- 10 Wall at end of house (5)
- 12 Have as a possession (3)
- 13 Hollow in wall for vase etc (5)
- 14 What happens when your team scores (4-5)
- 16 It happens when left in rain (5)
- 17 Walk through deep water (4)
- 18 Look away (5)
- 20 Someone who operates something (4)
- 22 Haven for ships (4)
- 23 Boasts (5)
- 24 Sly look (4)
- 28 Small V-shaped cut (5)
- 30 Hung on walls (9)
- 32 Have with jam and scones (5)
- 33 Small insect (3)
- 34 Narrow passage (5)
- 37 Not the beginning (3)
- 38 Found in gardens (4)
- 39 Blots on the landscape (6)

DOWN

- 1 Rough piece of wood (3)
- 2 Snatch (3)
- 3 Estate - - - - - (6)
- 5 Used for a cruise (5)
- 6 Showers with snow (6)
- 7 A good one is needed for photos (5)
- 8 A Welsh one in the kitchen (7)
- 9 Besides (8)
- 11 Much - - - about nothing (3)
- 14 Dismissal in cricket (1 1 1)
- 15 Not over (5)
- 19 Control by rules (8)
- 21 Not level (5)
- 22 Sense of style (7)
- 25 Good score at golf (3)
- 26 You normally have two of these (6)
- 27 Place where bees are kept (6)
- 29 General direction (5)
- 30 Once seen in the Thames (5)
- 31 Adams wife (3)
- 35 Slang for toilet (3)
- 36 Not no (3)

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22nd January 2006

Mr Derrick Isham
Aylesbury Vale District Council

Dear Mr Isham

I originally wrote to you on 22nd February and 29th July 2005 to invite you onto my land so that you could appreciate the impact of placing 18,000 chickens on Norduck Farm. You did not take that opportunity.

It was disappointing that you raised no questions of substance at the planning committee meeting. The Committee gave the impression that this was a 'done' deal and merely went through the motions. Perhaps the Committee had been wrongly directed by the planning officers and by the 'loud voices' on Committee into thinking that the option of a permanent development over temporary 'mobile sheds' was the better of two evils. Both options require planning consent. If planning officers advised different then they were wrong.

You overlooked a number of planning policies that this development clearly goes against. You raised no questions in defence of these policies. You made no enquiries as to why an Environmental Impact Assessment had not been asked for. If planning officers advised you that one was not required then I urge to make wider enquiries to judge whether their advice is to be relied on. This matter is currently being reviewed as the residents of Aston Abbots have issued, through solicitors, a protocol letter advising, that in the absence of an EIA, your conduct and decision making will be brought before a Judicial Review.

The impact this development will have on immediate residential occupiers and the village of Aston Abbots, with or without the implications that the threat of Avian Flu brings, is of importance. I fail to understand why the commercial interests of one man should be of such importance to your Committee over the environmental impact it will have on the neighbourhood. Why a Committee Member walked across the chamber to personally congratulate the applicant on the outcome of the vote is not appreciated.

Assuming that an EIA is required I urge you reconsider all aspects of this proposal; to give it your critical judgement, and not bow to the 'loud voices' on Committee. The applicant owns enough land that it must be possible to site these buildings further from residential buildings, bridleways and footpaths and to minimise the impact on this Area of Attractive Landscape and Aston Abbots.

This letter has been sent to each member of the Planning Committee, the Chief Executive and Councillor Peter Cooper. A copy has also been sent to Mr Nicholson for his information.

Yours faithfully

John Hardcastle



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Department of Environment & Planning

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Our Ref: 05/00258/APP
Your Ref:

7th February 2006

Mr J Hardcastle
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HP22 4NG

Dear Mr Hardcastle,

**Norduck Farm Moot Lane Aston Abbots Buckinghamshire HP22 4NF
Erection of three buildings for egg production and temporary siting of mobile home**

I have been asked by Councillor Isham to reply to the letter you wrote to him on 22nd January 2005.

I am sorry that you feel that the Development Control Committee did not give the objectors to the scheme a fair hearing as that was not my impression. I don't accept that the Committee was misadvised regarding the issue of mobile units not requiring planning permission neither do I consider that this was an issue which turned Members in favour of the scheme. The officers' report to the Committee was a very full one which I consider carefully assessed the material planning issues involved. Whilst I recognise that you and others in the village do not accept either the recommendation of officers or the decision of the Committee, I believe that the conclusion reached that the proposal could be supported subject to the imposition of appropriate controls through a planning agreement and conditions was correct and in line with development plan policy.

You refer in your letter to a possible Judicial Review of any decision to grant planning permission and in particular to the issue of Environmental Impact Assessment. The Council has taken legal advice on this matter and a further report will be considered at an extra meeting of the Development Control Committee to be held in the Civic Centre on Wednesday 8th March at 10.30am. I understand that the officers will be recommending that the decision of 15th September 2005 be re-affirmed.

Yours sincerely

Jim Cannell
Development Control Manager



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On AVDC's web site you can view the 'Screening Opinion' that officers have carried out and which concludes that they are correct in their original advice to the Committee that an EIA is not required. The planning reference is 05/00258/APP.

The Conclusion and Recommendation reads as follows:-

The site is not an environmentally sensitive location as defined by the regulations, nor is the location environmentally sensitive within the ordinary meaning of those words; the proposal includes full details of an operating system to control and manage pollution nuisance from smell and ground water contamination. Traffic levels resulting from the proposal are very low and the visual impacts of the buildings would be limited and would be mitigated against. The relevant issues have been addressed in the submitted application.

It is considered that no Environmental Impact Assessment should be sought.

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CLERGY COMMENT

A failure of the power supply prompted me to turn out some old papers. It proved to be a very profitable afternoon with three black sacks being filled.

Among the treasures that I discovered were copies of a Jubilee Brochure dating from 1958, and other related material from 1961. I felt that instead of simply binning these, it might be worth sending them to the vicar of the Church where the events took place. I doubt if there is now anyone at that Church who will remember me – but the Vicar was delighted and said that they (and their story) would feature in his next Parish Magazine.

I didn't think that I really needed to keep the Orders of Service for the Carol Services in 1973,4 and 5. In fact they were not very different from those for 1983,4 and 5 or 1993,4 and 5. We still sing much the same selection of carols and have the same readings from the Bible.

A few of the Funeral Service sheets triggered some memories – but they have only really become a popular thing since the coming of computers and photocopiers. The old ones took days to produce using "hot-lead".

I threw out rather more Orders of Service from Weddings. These again have taken on

a new lease of life – although I have been caught out by those that only included the first line of the hymns – especially hymns that were not in the hymnbook that was normally available. But you can never be really sure what to expect at weddings. There was one that I remember back in the early 1970s that had about £5000 worth of flowers in the Church – way over the top even in those days! I think that was the same one that had the path from the church gate to the porch as a covered and carpeted walkway. I do not think that it was the one where the family had arranged a top-notch recital organist to play for their Service. His organ voluntaries were superb, but he had great difficulty in accompanying the congregation for the hymns.

Speaking of hymns reminds me of one particular hymn that I remember in a Sunday School hymnbook. It had a verse that read:
"Once in a while we obey with a smile
And are ever so modest and prudent,
But it's not very long before something is wrong
And somebody's done what he shouldn't .
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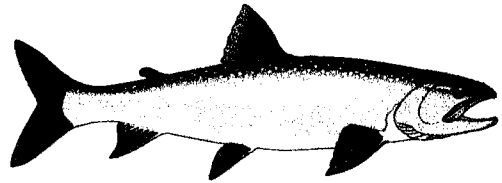


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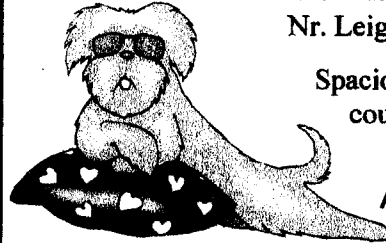
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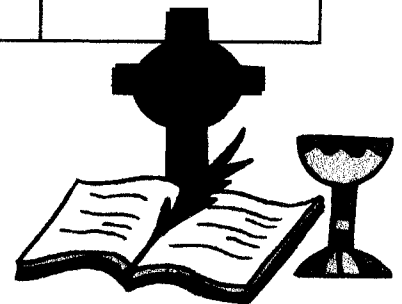
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5 Lent 1	8.0 Communion (extension) 10 am Parish Communion	10 am Service at Methodist Church	10am Parish Communion	10 am Family Service (Lay)
12 Lent 2	At Aston A 10.0 6 pm Evensong	8.0 Communion 10 am People's Praise (Lay)	10 am Parish Communion	10 am Parish Communion
19 Lent 3	10 am Parish Communion	10 am Service at Methodist Church	At Cubl 10.0	10 am Family Communion
26 Mothering	8.0 Communion 10 am Parish Praise (Lay)	10 am Parish Communion	6 pm Evensong (Lay)	10.0am or 3pm Family Service
2 Apr Lent 5	8.0 Communion 10.0 Parish Communion	10 am Service at Methodist Church	10 am Parish Communion	10 am Family Service (Lay)
9 Palm	10 am Palm & Family Service	8.0 Communion 10am Palm Procession	At Wingrave 10.0	10am Parish Communion

SUNDAY READINGS

5 Mar	Lent 1	1 Peter 3.18-22;	Mark 1.9-15
12	Lent 2	Romans 4.13-25;	Mark 8.31-38
19	Lent 3	1 Corinthians 1.18-25;	John 2.13-22
26	Mothering	Colossians 3.12-17;	John 19.25-27
2 Apr	Lent 5	Hebrews 5.5-10;	John 12.20-33



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	20	Diane Eadie at Cublington

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*Don't forget to tell
us about your
birthdays,
anniversaries, etc, so
that we can send you
a greeting in Alison's
Gossip Column*

What's On In March

Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday 1st Day of Lent		
Thursday 2nd	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Tuesday 7th	Fete/Festival Meeting	Church Room	8pm
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
Thursday 23rd	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Saturday 25th	British Summer Time Begins	Clocks go on 1 Hour	
	Litterblitz	Church Room	10.30am
Sunday 26th	Village Footpath Walk (the Green)		2pm
	Mothering Sunday Evensong	Church	6pm bring Mum along
Tuesday 28th	Parochial Church Council AGM	Church Room	7.30pm
Wednesday 29th	Parish Council	Church Room	8pm
Thursday 30th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm

Address

Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to John Hardcastle, Marloes, Lines Hill, Aston Abbotts, Bucks. HP22 4NG

Email submissions to:

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Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list

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An off the cuff remark by a Gnome who shall not be named (but her first name rhymes with sweeter and begins with R) went along the lines of - 'what fun we ladies had making the Valentine calendar picture for the front page of The Chronicle - and why don't the 630 Club have a go at it?'. It should not be difficult for those well known business men, accountants and butchers who starred in the 'Bull Monty' many moons ago.

So come on the 630 Club, can you rise to the occasion?

Anonognome Name and address supplied

Classified

DOG LOVER WANTED - To look after my slightly mad, but highly intelligent 10 year old Collie Cross for a period of 2-3 months from April 2006. If you are interested please call Sally on 0775 2726229



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



IRONING - Never enough time? Do you hate it? I can help! Phone Denise on 077 9939 4752

REMINDER - 2006 VILLAGE FETE - Meeting in Church Room on March 7th at 8pm

A man walked into the Oak and says 'Can I have a Sol Campbell please?' The barman replies 'a Sol Campbell?' The man says 'Yeah! A quick half then I'm off'.

630 Club

JOKE BY PROMINENT MEMBER - address supplied

A High Street Bank is pleased to announce the installation of 'Drive-thru' cash-point machines at key retail outlets where their customers will be able to withdraw cash without having to leave their vehicle.

To enable their customers to make full use of these new facilities, they have conducted intensive studies to come up with the appropriate procedure for their use.

Please read the procedures that apply to you, and remember them for when you use our new machines for the first time.

PROCEDURES FOR FEMALE CUSTOMERS:

1. Drive up to the cash machine.
2. Reverse back the required distance to align car window with the cash machine.
3. Restart the stalled engine.
4. Wind down the window.
5. Find handbag, remove all contents onto passenger seat and locate card.
6. Turn the radio down.
7. Attempt to insert card.
8. Open car door to allow easier access to cash machine due to it's excessive distance from the car.

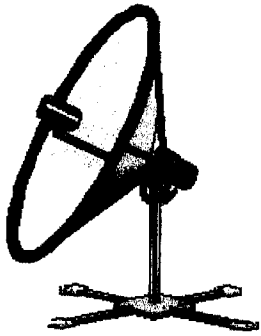
9. Insert card.
10. Re-insert card the right way up.
11. Re-enter handbag to find diary with your PIN written on the inside back page.
12. Enter PIN.
13. Press "Cancel" and re-enter correct PIN.
14. Enter amount of cash required.
15. Check make-up in rear view mirror.
16. Retrieve cash and receipt.
17. Empty handbag again to locate purse and place cash inside.
18. Place receipt in back of cheque book.
19. Re-check make-up.
20. Drive forward 2 metres.
21. Reverse back to cash machine.
22. Retrieve card.
23. Re-empty handbag, locate card holder and place card into the slot provided.
24. Restart stalled engine and pull away.
25. Drive for 2 or 3 miles.
26. Release hand-brake

PROCEDURES FOR MALE CUSTOMERS:

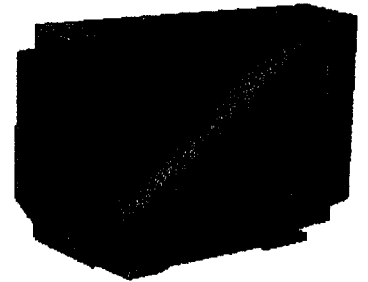
1. Drive up to cash machine.

FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

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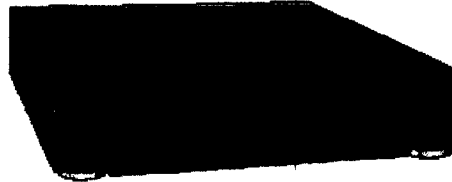


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