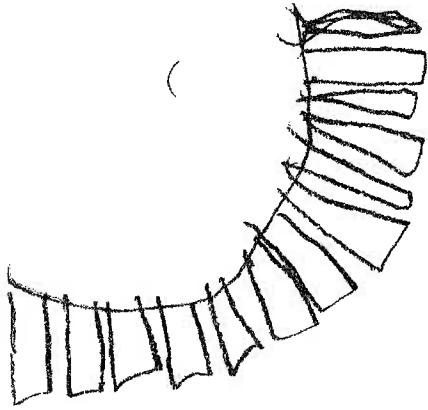


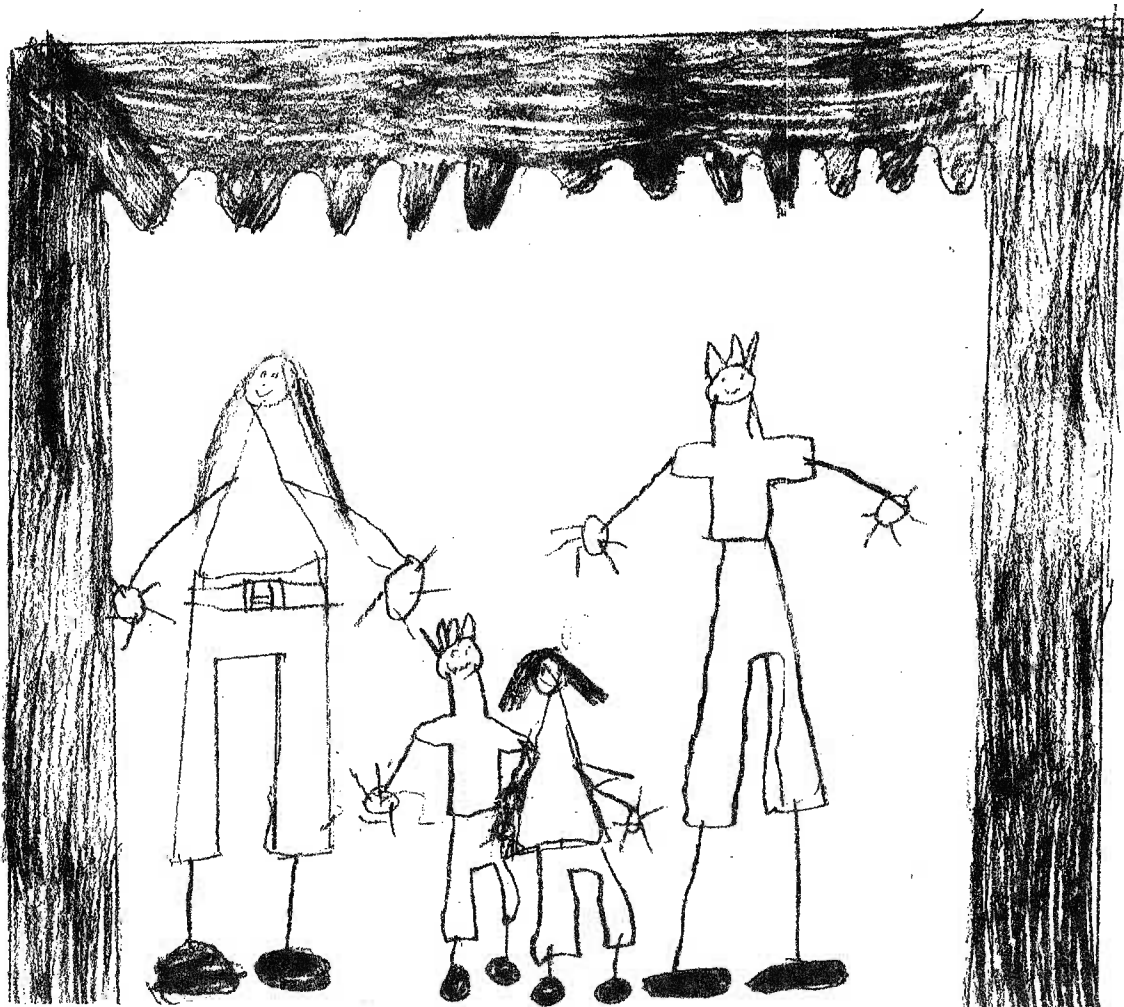
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MY VILLAGE

The Bus Shelter  
by Dana King 2008



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# Editorial

My entries for the Alpaca Names were not good enough - I was awarded a 'highly commended' but no one remembers the runner-up. Congratulations to the Dickason family who scooped the prizes (see letters page). My best name, I thought, was GASTON (G+Aston) - well some Alpacas could be French. My other suggestion of Gronicle was, on reflection, rightly rejected.

The first 2006 Fete Meeting had to be reconvened for the following Tuesday as Poonam was not well on the day. Don't forget to get your contributions to the plant and cake stalls on their way. This year the cake stand will also be wanting jams, marmalade and pickles. Next Fete Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th May. Poonam needs us all and everyone who can to help with setting-up, carrying and fetching, even if its only for an hour. The Fete takes a lot of organising. Please contact Poonam on 682204 if you can give her some help.

You might have seen some of the villagers on TV protesting against the proposed chicken farm at Norduck. I briefly appeared on ITV's Central News but most of my words were left on the cutting room floor. Following the recent decision by AVDC to approve this chicken farm the only recourse for objectors is to challenge the decision in the High Court.

Aside from low flying chickens it now seems that we will have aircraft from Luton overhead. The Civil Aviation Authority has decided a new flight path would have to avoid Leighton Buzzard which means more aircraft flying over villages west of Luton. May 11th is the date this new flight path will take effect.

Continuing on my avian theme I was told that approximately 20 years ago Fox Covert was a roosting site for a huge flock of starlings and attracted a BBC Nature team to record their fantastic display. The RSPB say that the starling population has halved in the last 25 years and that they are mostly found in urban areas. Aylesbury, it seems, is currently a favourite spot.

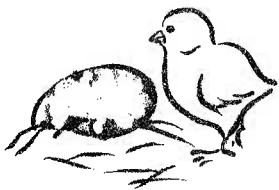
When I walked past the workmen rebuilding Clair Fletcher's wall, which was damaged by vehicles sliding on black ice, I commented 'second time lucky' which the builder corrected to 'third time lucky'. Hopefully he is right.

Wingrave with Rowsham Youth Centre has its grand opening on 20th April. I trust it is a great success. See page 25 for details.

Many thanks to those who supported the Special Bingo Event that raised £70 towards the Chronicle's expenses. Special thanks to Pam Dixon for organising the evening.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 19th April - read all about it on page 17.

I need more drawings for the Front Cover - please encourage your children to do a picture on the theme of 'My Village'. I suppose it won't be long before we have a hose-pipe ban.



*John Hardcastle*

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- Countryside Diary by Peter Knight
- New Crossword by Rod Rothero
- Loads of Chickens
- 7 Go Skiing
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Title Page is fourth drawing on the theme of 'My Village' - please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Diana King, aged 8. Ed

# Alison's Gossip Column



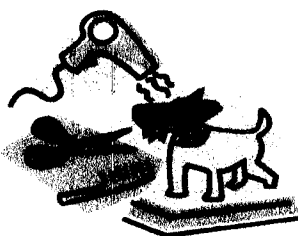
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Kate Curry	27 <sup>th</sup>
Diana Picking	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kirsty Peacock	28 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Espley	30 <sup>th</sup>

**Simon and Karen** from Ross Road will be getting married on Saturday 8th April at St James Church at 1pm. They are looking forward to it immensely and would like to apologies to residents if parking seems a little congested in the vil-  
lage between midday and 2pm that day.



Congratulations to Phil White & Lynne Manning, 23 The Green, on the birth of their daughter **Sophie Ella**, 6lbs 13oz, on 13th March, sister for Rosie.



Congratulations to **Tiffany Clarke** who won 'Best Post Graduate' Bitch at Crufts and to **Milly Clarke** who was 4th in 'Open' Bitch.


Congratulations to **Deirdre Whyte** on her new ap-  
pointment at the MacIntyre School - well done.

Baby Alpacas have started to appear at Church Farm. If anyone wants to visit them, let me know.

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

Sincere apologies to all those people whose names I have mis-spelt - I do try and get it write. My worst to date is Sally/Carole/Carol and I made a complete hash of Brigitte Gutierrez and I've discovered I'm prone to award people 's's. I hope to improve. *Ed*

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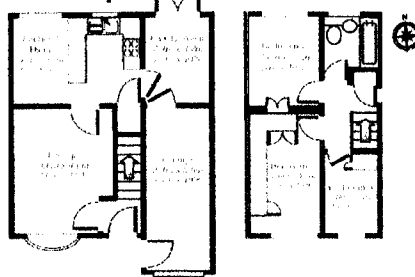
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# In The Village

## CHICKEN UPDATE



**A Half Hour with Aylesbury Vale District Council**  
On 8<sup>th</sup> March, AVDC devoted half an hour to the interests of your village, and you might wish to know how they viewed your opinion on the future of the proposed chicken farm at Norduck. In a nutshell, your opinion was ignored.

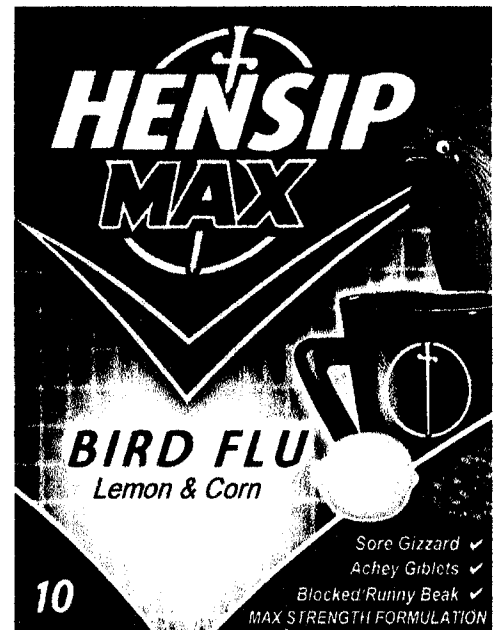
The Aylesbury Vale planning officer, Mr Nicholson, briefed the members on the plan - including a few errors and omissions - and recommended that he should be authorised to proceed with the application without any further involvement of the development Control Committee. Councillor Griffin from Rowsham immediately proposed that the committee accept the planning officer's recommendation. This might have been the end of the meeting; however, other members asked one or two incisive and searching questions that reflected their complete lack of understanding of the situation: Are there any properties nearby? Is the bridleway in use? Is the application for the buildings or for the principle of keeping chickens on site? One member made the profound statement that if one elects to live in the country, then one must expect to endure country smells. It was noteworthy that despite the applicant's assurance that chicken manure does not smell, the Environmental Health Officer contradicted this, but was ignored. AVDC has no contingency plans for the possibility of avian flu as the Government has not issued any guidelines. No Boy Scouts in AVDC then! The outrageous response to the suggestion that the manure should not be spread on the farm land was that other manure could be imported from elsewhere. The vote to approve the plan-

ning officer's recommendation was swiftly taken and with that the bouncers, employed by AVDC, moved in, presumably to prevent the audience from assaulting the members. Their only success was assaulting a female member of the audience.

The present state of play is that AVDC will continue to draft the Planning Obligation Agreement, the draft conditions, the Operational Management Scheme and the Landscape Management Scheme in conjunction with the applicant who will write most of these for approval by AVDC.

We have now taken legal advice and have employed a barrister to give his opinion on the probability of success if AVDC are challenged with a Judicial Review of their procedures, in particular their omission to perform an environmental impact assessment when the application was first received in February 2005. This legal procedure will demand a considerable amount of money, albeit, if we won 70% - 80% would be refunded. However, bearing in mind that house prices are likely to be affected by a chicken farm adjacent to the village, with the potential to expand into a much larger operation, the legal costs would be considerably less than the property devaluation. When we have an indication of how the case might proceed, we shall call a further village meeting. In the meantime, should you wish to contribute or pledge to a fighting fund, please contact Peter Curry, the Residents Association Treasurer, on 01296 681137 or e-mail [norduck@hotmail.com](mailto:norduck@hotmail.com). It's your village and it's worth fighting for.

*Dickie Dicken*



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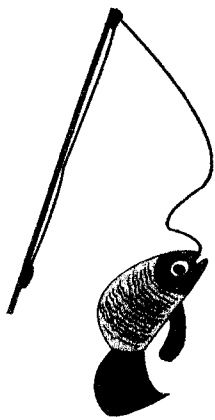
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## Letters To The Editor

*From Liz and Ivan Barlow*

### ALPACA NAME COMPETITION

Thank you very much to the many people who entered the Alpaca name competition. As I write this we are waiting for our first birth of the season, now over due by 5 days.

We had lots of great entries and so we have an adult and junior winner and a runner up prize. All other entries have received a small token as a thank you for their entry.

A few names were mentioned by more than one entrant and so the two winners were selected as they gave 2 names that we will use. I'm sure we'll use some of the other names as well!

#### Winning Names:

Child: Guinness and Gemini from Corbyn Dickason

Adult: Galileo and Genesis from Sondra Dickason

#### Runner-up:

Garnet from Phil White

Watch out for pictures of the winners with "their" cria during the year.

Thanks again for all your entries

Livanti Alpacas



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.

*From Clare Shorrocks*

*Originally sent to Bucks Herald 8th March*

Today (Wednesday) Aylesbury Vale District Council's development control committee will meet to agree conditions to be imposed upon the proposed 18,000 bird, free range, organic chicken farm at Aston Abbots.

It approved the application last September, subject to certain conditions, in spite of an exceptionally high level of objections from parish councils and individual members of the public.

As so often happens, the fact that there were good planning reasons against the application held little sway.

However, while it is doubtless not a valid planning objection, establishing a new poultry enterprise at this time must surely count, at best, as totally lacking in common sense. At worst, it could be seen as an act of appalling negligence.

Avian flu is a wing beat away - it may already be in this country's wild bird population. It will certainly be here before long. Those who have connections with agriculture or live in rural areas will not be reassured by the way government, MAFF or DEFRA have handled previous epidemics such as BSE and Foot and Mouth. Certainly the British government seems to be taking the threat far less seriously than other countries such as France and the Netherlands.

Unlike Foot and Mouth, avian flu will be with us for years rather than a few months. Unlike Foot and Mouth, which has infected virtually no human beings over the course of years, there is strong likelihood that the virus will mutate to a form which will spread among human beings.

Surely, if planning regulations cannot stop, or at least delay new poultry businesses, there must be some corner of a forgotten Health and Safety regulation that can be called upon to protect us.

*From Tony & Dawn James, Chapmans Lea*

February 2006 marked a year since we moved into Aston Abbots. We just wanted to say thanks to all of our neighbours who have made us feel very welcome and special thanks to all those involved in raising funds to improve the children's play area. With two small children who will grow up in the village it is very much appreciated.

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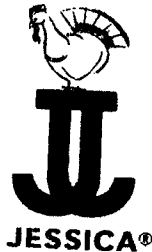
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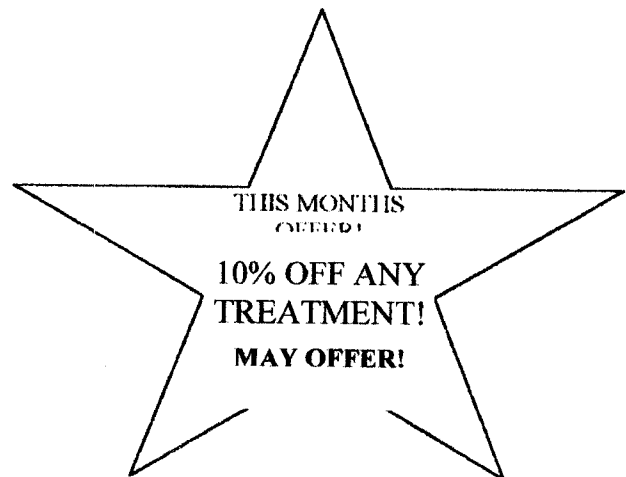
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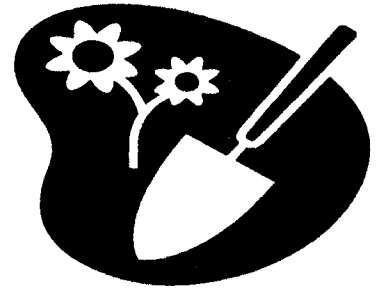
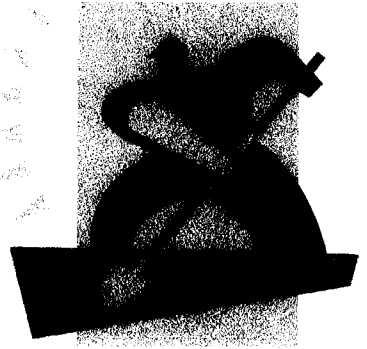
## ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, as I write this diary in the middle of March, it is still bl\*\*dy cold, and being on the allotment is no fun at all. (A view clearly shared by most of my fellow allotment holders, judging by how few of them I have seen on my rare forays to the allotment). The ground has frequently been rock-hard on the surface, and our star player, Vic, has told me that there is not much point in planting anything yet, because it won't start growing until the ground warms up.

However, I have a cunning plan. I have read that if you want to keep foxes and badgers away from your garden (and, I presume, allotment), the thing to do is spread lion manure around it! I am therefore going off to Africa to get some! (We haven't been too troubled by foxes or badgers, it is true, but you never know . . . And if I've got to make this sacrifice for the good of the allotments as a whole, so be it!)

See you all next month!

*Peter Shorrock*



**Know your onions** - To know your onions is to be an expert on a particular subject. Someone who has an encyclopaedic understanding of the biology of the onion and its place in social and natural history could be said to know his onions, but so too could an esteemed authority on nautical knots. The phrase can refer to any type of specialist, and it came about as the result of a particular specialist, one CT Onions, a venerated twentieth-century lexicographer and general word buff. His work on the Oxford English Dictionary led him to be so highly thought of that his name became a byword for his subject. A phrase was born and it caught on. *Extract from March Hares and Monkeys' Uncles by Harry Oliver (Ed)*

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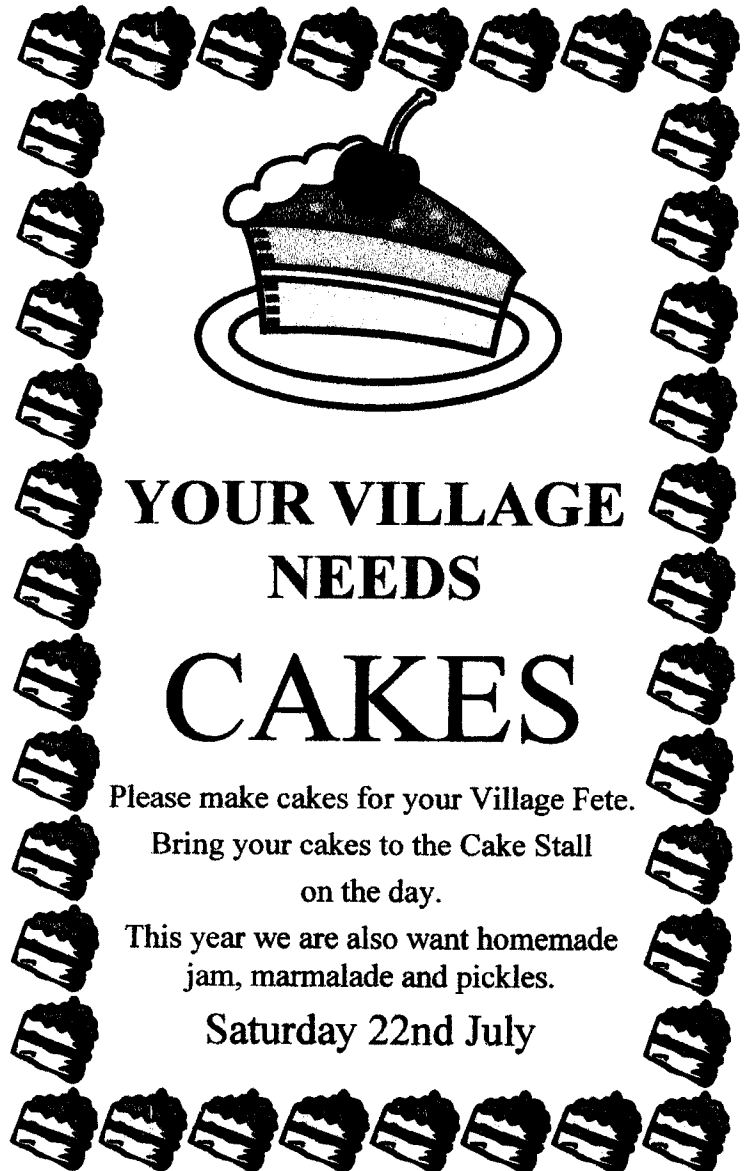
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Rick Stein, the famous TV chef/personality is one of the main reasons people head to Padstow, but don't worry, there are a range of eating places to suit *all* budgets. The other main attraction for visitors is the unique Eden Project - in short, it's 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 Waterngate Bay. It's an absolutely stunning location and just 15 minutes from Padstow, so make sure it's on your itinerary!



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## Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - 8th March

Early March and we have just gone through that cold dry spell with mixed feelings. We are very busy lambing and dry weather is ideal for lambs; it's the cold and wet they don't like.

I'm sorry to harp on about it but one of the problems the cold spell brought was a lack of water for sheep in the fields. Usually in the winter there is plenty of water running in the ditches and from land drains so that should the water troughs freeze there is some moving water where animals can drink – not this year.

Every lambing season is different and so far this year has been a fox year. Last year we lambed about 100 ewes outside and I felt we lost very few lambs to foxes. This year we have just 60 ewes outside and we have a real fox problem. Two out of three ewes outside has only one lamb when we find them in the morning. In the shed at least 8 out of 10 ewes have twins. What happens is the fox takes the first born lamb while the ewe lies down to give birth to the second. Its bad enough knowing its happening – thank goodness we don't see it – it would be heartbreaking.

Last year I was fairly confident about lambing outside – this year I'm saying never again. Why don't we call the hunt in to get rid of the offending fox? Well unfortunately we don't own the fields and the owner is against any control of wildlife in the countryside.

Despite the cold the signs of spring are, as always, there to be seen. As soon as the sun shines birds are vibrant and busy – blue tits inspecting nest boxes, rooks repairing their nests and cock pheasants are fighting to get as large a harem of hens as possible. The pair of buzzards that nest in the Parish have also been a little more obvious lately, wheeling and turning high over Lines Hill.

Lately too there have been great flocks of fieldfares – all apparently moving north and presumably preparing to cross the North sea back to Scandinavia where they breed. What they are feeding on now I don't know – all the hedgerow berries went weeks ago and the ground has been frozen solid but there has been hundreds of them in the pasture fields.

I've noticed skylarks recently. They are not singing yet but no doubt will be when the weather turns for the better.

Last week I saw young rabbits about under a hedgerow and by the side of the frighteningly busy A418. Years ago we thought young rabbits a sign of Spring – now I'm not so sure – true to their

reputation rabbits seem to breed all the year round.

What is difficult to believe at the moment with everything looking so wintery is that by the end of the month plum and hawthorn blossom could be well out and the

hedges could be turning green. What we want, of course, is the grass to grow for the sheep.

This year we will have to do without that great vegetable of early spring – purple sprouting – usually the simplest of vegetables to grow as long as it is protected from pigeons. This year all our purple sprouting behaved strangely.

When the rain came in late Autumn after prolonged drought the sprouting obviously thought it had gone through winter and did what it should do in Spring – it sprouted – poorly, but it sprouted, then, over the winter it died. The first Spring I can remember without home grown purple sprouting.

Spring cabbage seems to have over wintered well, although about 10% rotted off at the stalks and died.

Broad beans, sown to stand the winter, they too have done what they usually do (except last year a memorable exception) most of them rotting off at ground level.

I can't imagine that this year I shall be planting potatoes on March 14<sup>th</sup> as I did last year – more likely to be the end of the month or early April, but come round 'planting time' surely will.

My five year diary tells me that Smith's Blackthorn on Lines Hill was breaking into flower during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February last year – will it be blooming when this is in print?

Lastly I was going to write something about our 5 remaining chickens – the fox has had 8 since last May – but Alex said 'No – the villagers might get us shut down!'



*Pete Knight*

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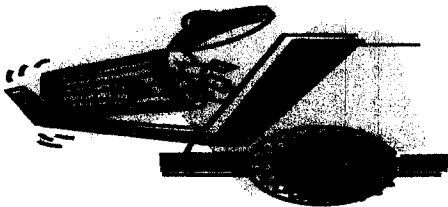
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# 'We will take chicken farm fight to the High Court'

*This article by Tim Green, appeared in the Bucks Herald 8th March*

Opponents of controversial plans for an egg production unit with 18,000 chickens in Aston Abbots say they will take their fight to the High Court if Aylesbury Vale District Council gives the go-ahead to the scheme.

Last year, members of AVDC's development control committee resolved to grant planning permission to the scheme subsequent to several conditions.

However Aston Abbots Residents' Association (AARA) which demonstrated against the scheme in Aylesbury town centre on Saturday, says if planning permission is granted, it will seek a judicial review to overturn the decision. A report to AVDC's committee members says AARA believes any permission would be unlawful because members were wrongly advised as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) needed to be carried out or not.

AARA contends regulations and guidance have been misinterpreted and that an EIA is necessary so villagers will know the effects of the development and mitigation measures proposed.

AARA says it is also concerned about traffic issues, the storage and disposal of manure, the effect on other wildlife of poison used to regulate rats on

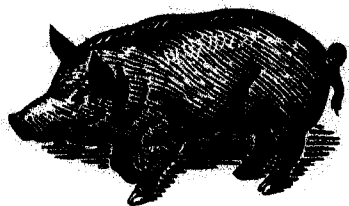
chicken farms and a possible outbreak of bird flu. Dickie Dicken, AARA chairman, said there are also concerns over a disease called campylobacter, the most common reported bacterial cause of infectious intestinal disease, because of footpaths which cross the site.

He said 'We are fighting for the health and the future of Aston Abbots. Aylesbury Vale District Council has no interest in people at all or democracy. This farm is already 270 acres, the applicant is planning to develop a further 20 acres of it and may develop the rest of it in future years so we could see even more birds. A meeting about the subject packed out the village hall last week'.

Roy Buttery, who is acting on behalf of the applicant Nigel Williams, stressed he did not wish to drawn into the threatened judicial review and added that there is no risk to human health from the proposed egg production unit.

In an earlier letter he said Mr Williams would be happy to allow officers to assess if an EIA was necessary.

AVDC officers told members they believed the site was not in an environmentally sensitive location and said the scheme includes full details of an operational system to manage the smell from manure and ground water pollution.



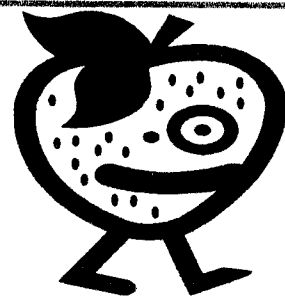
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## ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on  
29th March 2006 will be in next month's Chronicle

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please put Wednesday 19th April in your diary. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Church Room at 8.00pm and we hope to see as many residents there as possible. It is an opportunity to meet your District and County Councillors, hear news from local groups and to put your own views forward. It is the time to decide how money raised at the Fete will be spent, and even to offer your help if you are inclined to!

**Do join us!**

If you have any issues you would like to see discussed at this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kate Curry.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2006

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 20th April 2005
3. Matters arising
4. Police matters / Neighbourhood Watch
5. County Council and District Council Reports
6. Recreation Ground
7. Church Room
8. New Village Centre
9. The Chronicle
10. Fete 2005
11. Fete 2006
12. A.O.B.



### MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2005

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Church Room at 8pm.

PRESENT Colin Higgs (Chairman of the Parish Council), Kate Curry (Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting), Peter Cooper (District Councillor), P.C. Mick Buckle (Police) and 22 parishioners.

MINUTE 1 **Apologies** - none

MINUTE 2 **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved by the Meeting as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

MINUTE 3 **Matters arising** - none.

MINUTE 4 **Police**. P.C. Buckle told the meeting that the crime and vandalism issues in Wingrave are being tackled successfully, and links with the community as a whole are being strengthened. He gave the new phone number for contacting the police in non-emergency situations (08458 505505), and answered questions from the floor. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

MINUTE 5 **County Council and District Council**

No one was present from the County Council.

District Councillor Peter Cooper talked to the meeting about the following issues:

- He reminded everyone that the forthcoming election is not only a national one, but also to elect a new County Council. He urged parishioners to use their vote.
- Planning - members of the District Council have been campaigning to improve the effectiveness of enforcement action taken when developers do not stick to the plans.
- The Licensing procedure has changed: anyone wishing to apply for a license to sell alcohol should now approach the District Council.
- Council Tax - there is to be an increase of 9.2% in the District Council's element of the Council Tax. This has led to the Council being capped by the Government.
- Growth Agenda - the target is still to build 59,000 new houses in Aylesbury Vale. The District Council plans to introduce new businesses to the Vale before new residential areas are built.
- Transfer of Council Houses - Aylesbury Vale currently has to pay the Government ten million pounds per year towards the upkeep of Council Houses. One option for avoiding this payment is to set up a 'housing association', which would enable the District Council to keep this money. Council house tenants are to be consulted, and asked what they

would prefer to happen.

Cllr. Cooper then answered questions from the floor, after which the Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

MINUTE 6 **Recreation Ground**

Jackie Farrands reported that progress towards obtaining the new playground equipment has been good. A loan and grant are being sought to finance the project, though some fund raising will also need to take place. A meeting has been held, at which children who live in the village were able to express their preferences. Various people offered to undertake fundraising events over the year.

MINUTE 7 **Church Room**

Peter Shorrocks told the meeting that the plan to completely refurbish the Church Room was finally abandoned. The committee is now seeking to ensure the Church Room complies with legislation regarding access for the disabled. Plans have been drawn up, but are still under discussion.

MINUTE 8 **The New Village Centre**

Neil Cheshier said a public meeting which took place in January had been successful, establishing that there is indeed a 'village will' to undertake the project. Little progress has been made since then, and it is intended to restart in May.

MINUTE 9 **The Chronicle**

Phil Spooner thanked members of the public who regularly contribute good articles to the Chronicle, thus making it such a successful magazine. It is currently financially secure, with money coming from advertising, the Fete and the Parish Council. He thanked those who help with delivery / distribution every month.

MINUTE 10 **Fete 2004**

Dickie Dicken reported that the Fete made a profit of about £2500 last year.

MINUTE 11 **Fete 2005**

- After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:
  - a) Church 40%
  - b) Church Room 10%
  - c) Chronicle 15%
  - d) Recreation Ground 35%

MINUTE 12 **A.O.B.**

- Speeding in the village - a suggestion was made that a 'road narrows' traffic-calming device be placed by the shop.
- The poor state of the kerbstones on The Green was commented on.
- A comment was made about the untidy cemetery. Apparently the area referred to is actually a conservation area.



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## Seven go skiing in France

You may remember the recent report on how a group of local novices, encouraged by Alison Lewis, went on a skiing trip to the Milton Keynes Snow Dome back in October. This was so successful that a number of participants decided that a visit to the real slopes was in order. So it came to pass that yet another Barlow tour was organised for early March to Meribel in the French Alps.



Seven of us fifty somethings, the Greenaway's, Palmer's, Lewis's and Liz's sister Anne, jetted away from Birmingham to Chambéry and a cosy little Chalet, Le Chardon Bleu, that Alison (or was it Liz?) had found on the internet. Unusually, there was more than a little concern the day before departure as heavy snow was forecast for the Birmingham area and we could see ourselves missing the plane stuck in a snowdrift on the M40. Fortunately the snow held off and we all made it. Barlow tours ensured that a mini-coach was available to transport us to the resort and we arrived in brilliant sunshine to be greeted by two more AA exiles, Juan and Brigitte who had booked the same resort with their family in the previous week and decided to stay a little longer. Juan was sporting a hand the size of a balloon having had an argument with a chair lift, but it didn't stop him from taking advantage of the slopes.

Now Meribel is a first class resort that hosted the Winter Olympics back in 1992. There are miles of runs of varying standards – enough to keep any level of skier happy – and we had arrived the week after heavy snow fall and in brilliant sunshine. Having deposited our bags, first stop was lunch in downtown Mottaret, however despite the sunshine, we quickly retired inside as we really hadn't dressed up for the snow. Sally and I each invested in a new pair of goggles, having been assured by Juan that these were essential items of equipment, and of course we never used them the entire week as sunglasses were sufficient. At least we avoided returning from the hols looking like pandas. Then it was back to the Chalet to get acquainted with Leah, an Aussie exile, who was our cook for the week. Our pre-ordered boots and orange skis had already arrived so we tried these for size when our instructor, Cyril arrived to meet us and discuss plans for the week. After drinks and canapés, a delicious 4 course dinner followed.

Monday morning soon arrived and at 9am took a short walk down the hill and a quick ride in a cable car took us to the piste. Skis were donned and we took our first tentative slide across the snow. The run we had reached took us down the valley all the way to the main lift centre in Meribel. However there seemed to be a number of crashes on the way as we all took it in turns to end up in a heap. Alison seemed to have difficulty in turning left and so ended up in a pile of snow or did she really want to go off-piste? At one point Dave came over to rescue her from yet another fall and landed on top of her. I gather that Juan popped up and took the photo. Having

invested in "three valleys" lift passes for the week we took a cable car up the mountain and slowly skied down an "easy" green run to the local airport. Yes, Dave was amazed to discover that you could have flown all the way to the piste.

But now we had to face the perils of an eight person chairlift. I managed to get on between two seats and so the bar came down between my legs rather than to one side. Getting on is one thing but then you have to ski away when you reach the top. Theory and practice are always somewhat different and it was no surprise that most of us seemed to end up on our bottoms, struggling to keep upright. We even took out our instructor. But we did improve even if the unexpected was never far away. Sally got entangled with some orange netting when standing next to a bubble lift waiting for some of the party to take the easy way down. Slippery stuff snow. But it was amazing how quickly you can progress and soon we were trying to discard the snow plough turn in favour of "ski parallel". On day four we went over the mountain top to another resort Courcheval located in the next valley. The return journey involved various lifts back to the pass and then skiing down the entire mountain to Meribel. This was fine until close to the bottom of a particularly steep slope my left ski decided that it didn't want to stay parallel and, in falling, I tore my calf muscle. I bravely skied down the rest of the mountain but knew that my skiing was over for the day and made for the local free bus service.

That evening we were due to go out for dinner to a restaurant we had booked in Meribel, a few miles down the valley, but I was incapable of moving more than a couple of yards and so Sally and I had to make do with a takeaway Pizza whilst the others went out. Next morning, I admitted defeat and paid a visit to the local walk-in medical centre. I was quickly seen by a French doctor who shook his head, assessed my calf, x-rayed and plastered my broken thumb (another injury sustained on day three) and sent me around to the local pharmacy for a massive supply of medication including "Une pair of Cannes Anglais", which translates literally as English canes otherwise known as crutches. So my skiing was over and I spent the next two days touring the extensive lift system taking photos.

Meanwhile Ivan and Sally had progressed to red runs as the whole experience began to click. Prize for the most spectacular fall of the week went to Anne who turned two somersaults but still ended upright on her skis. Well that's experience for you. By Saturday, there seemed to be very few of us doing much more than "light" skiing although Ann and Sally ventured over the mountain tops into yet another valley.

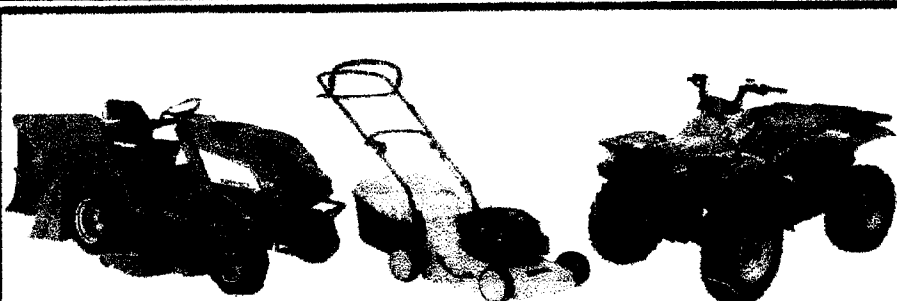
So what of this skiing lark? Is it all it is cracked up to be? Well we couldn't have had a better location or better conditions. Good snow and wall to wall sunshine. No lift queues to speak of and generally plenty of room on the piste. Even my little accident didn't depress me. Juan now also has his hand in plaster having driven all the way to Spain to find a doctor. Thanks for the enthusiasm of Alison and Liz which got the tour off the ground. It all clicked for Sally and she wants to go back again next year. Not sure what my boss will think, but then he loves skiing as well. Who said it was dangerous? Well that's as maybe but it was fun.

*Nigel Palmer*

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Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.

Q: In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A: Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

**Biology**

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow. [He got an A]

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorised? (e.g. abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax, the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, The borax contains the heart and lungs. The abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O and U.

Q: What is the Fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What is the most common form of birth control?

A: Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"?

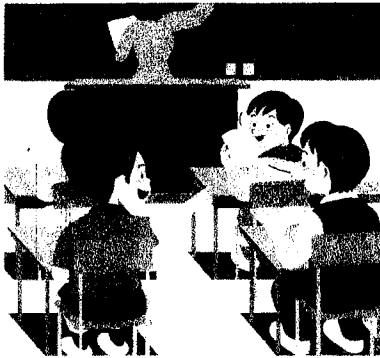
A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport



**CLASS HUMOUR**

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it s wrong, but you asked me how I spell it

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Goss, why do you always get so dirty?

GOSS: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, "I am."

MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

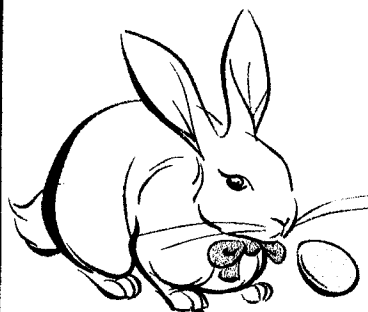
LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.



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WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DO RABITS LIKE/

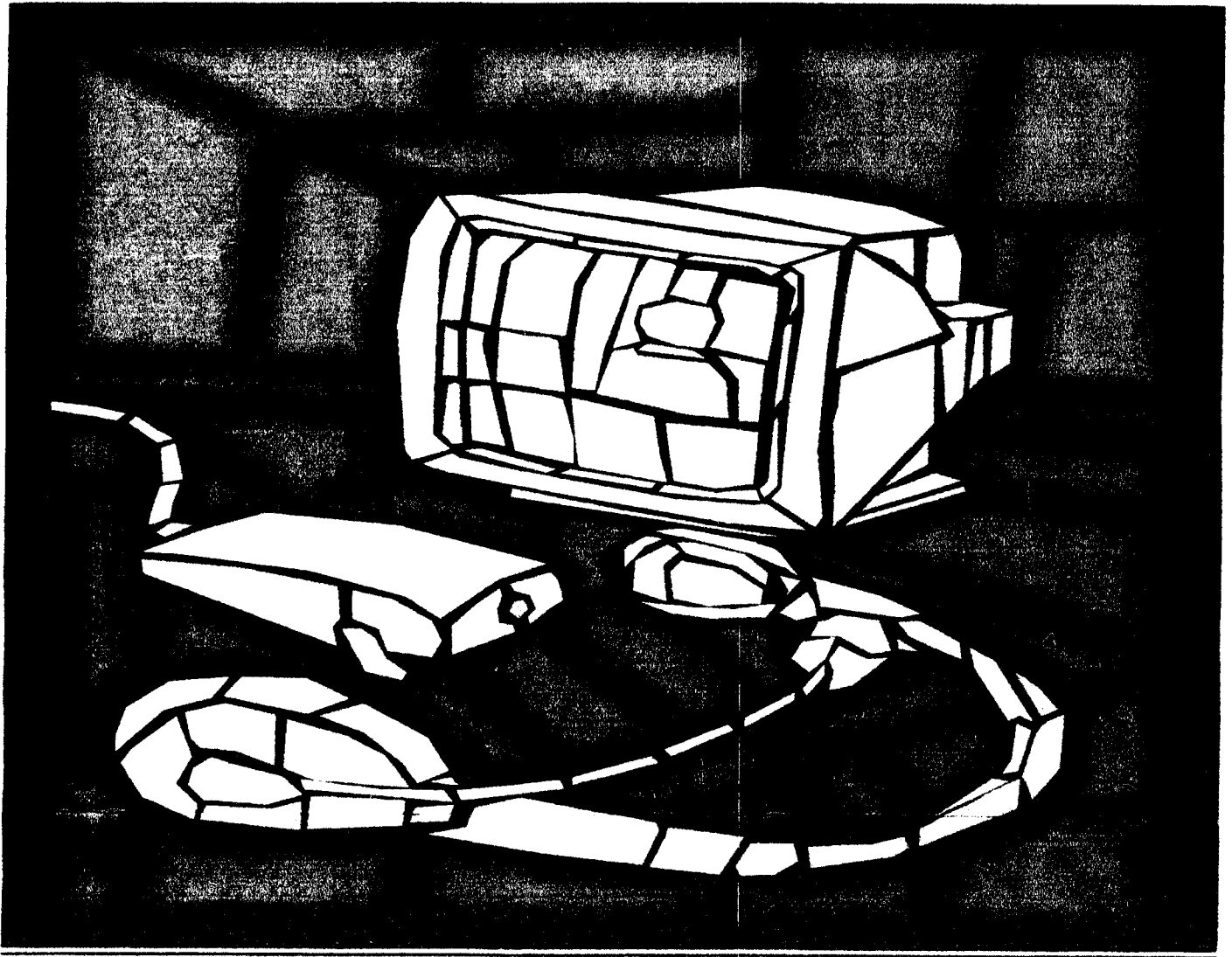
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WHAT DO YOU CALL A DUMB BUNNY/

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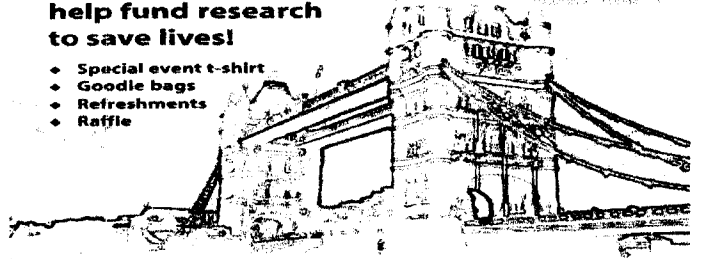
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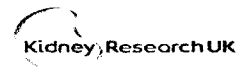
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## Wingrave-with-Rowsham Youth Centre

At last, there will be a Youth Club in Wingrave! Our 'Grand Opening' is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30-9.30pm at the Wingrave Community Centre.

You have no idea how hard it has been to get a Youth Club up and running! Finding volunteers, a venue. Seeking money here, there and everywhere. The amount of paperwork, legalities, health and safety regulations, risk assessments, policies for this and policies for that.....! I'll stop there as I could take up the entire Chronicle!

OK, back to basics. The Youth Centre is for young people aged between 11 and 14 (on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006) and living in either Wingrave, Rowsham, Aston Abbots or Cublington. Priority for places will go to residents of Wingrave and Rowsham.

The Youth Centre will be open to members every Thursday, 7.30pm till 9.30pm. To become a member, an enrolment form has to be completed by the young person and their parent/guardian. Spare enrolment forms are available through Wingrave village shop. There is a £5 enrolment fee, weekly subs are £1.

The Youth Centre will provide a place to 'hang out', a tuck shop and a variety of fun activities. The WCA have very kindly agreed to pay for the pool tables for which we are very grateful.

The Youth Centre is managed by a Steering Committee (set up last year) which will eventually become the Management Committee. Alison Marchant and Ilona Harding are the centre's joint leaders, assisted by 10 helpers (only one man so far! And he was coerced- being that he's my husband!). Everyone involved with the Youth Centre has been police checked and the majority of helpers have undergone first aid training so that there will always be a first aider on hand. We have all the appropriate insurances in place. We are affiliated to Action4Youth (formerly Bucks Association of Youth Clubs) and have received tremendous support and guidance from them.

If you're aged between 11 and 14 come and check out your local Youth Centre.

Parents you're welcome to drop-in between 7.30 - 8pm on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Please note we are still looking for more volunteer helpers, especially men.

If you have any enquiries phone me, Sue Pitman on: 681416 or Ilona Harding on: 681571

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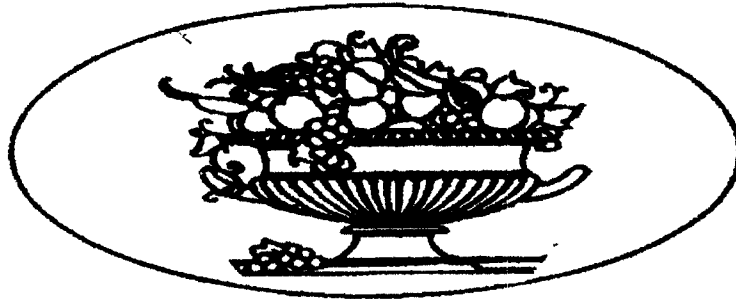
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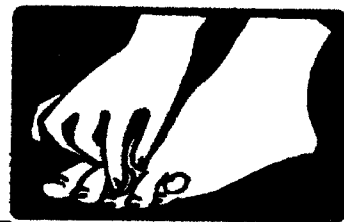


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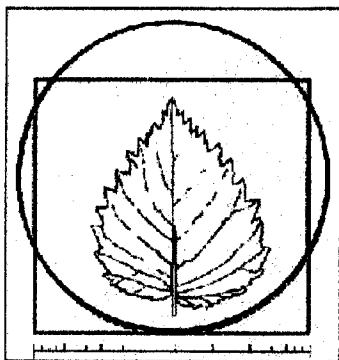
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*I tried to make one for THE CHRONICLE but failed - Ed.*

**Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 2006**

The Annual spring lunch was very well supported. Members provided delicious food and large raffle raising £176.00 for club funds.

**16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2006**

We met in the Church room Aston Abbots where our Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed the 20 members on such a bitterly cold afternoon. The minutes were read and signed and our speaker for today introduced. She was Mrs Audrey Tompkins who spoke about her life with Epilepsy. She was diagnosed at the age of twelve and explained the many changes in her life through childhood, adulthood, marriage and having children. She also gave us an insight into her work with the National Epilepsy Centre in Bucks. She was thanked on behalf of the members by Doreen Powis .

Tea hostesses were April Curnow and Margaret Hinds.

The raffle prize won by Beryl Shone.

*Shirley Ford*

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May 25 <sup>th</sup>		To be advised
June 8 <sup>th</sup>		Visit to the garden, The Old Stables. Tea at "Treeways", Cublington
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Competition
July 6 <sup>th</sup>		Outing

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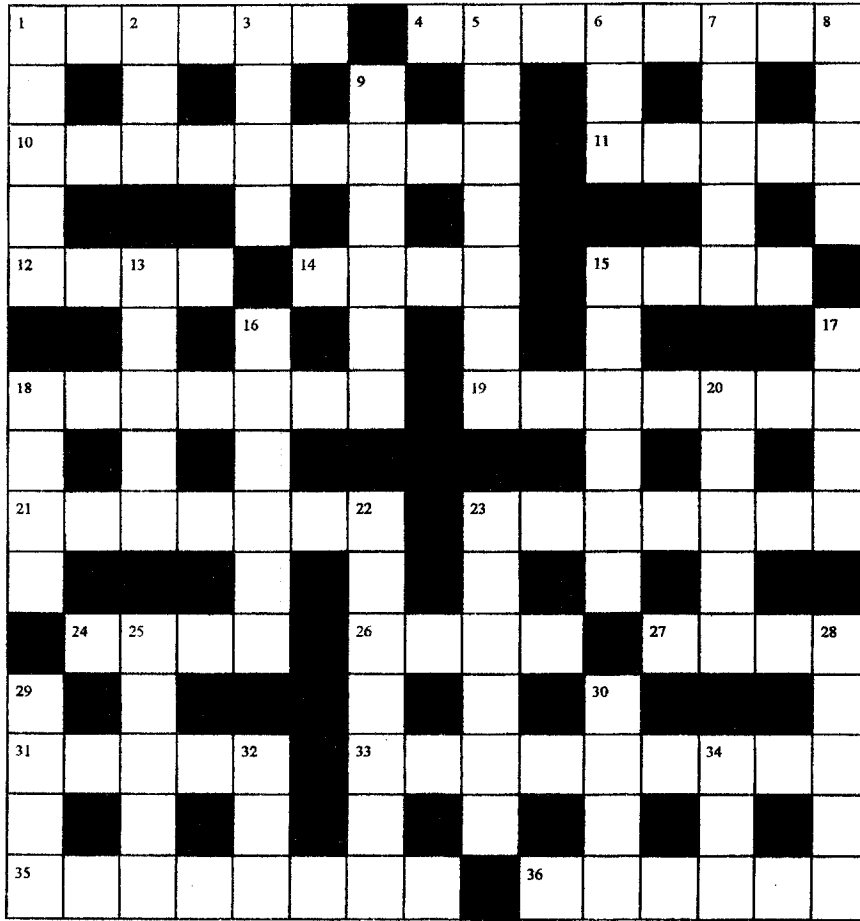
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## MARCH SOLUTIONS

**ACROSS** 1 Landau  
4 Flaw 7 Fad 10 Gable  
12 Own 13 Niche  
14 Loud-cheer 16 Rusts  
17 Wade 18 Avert 20 User  
22 Port 23 Brags 24 Peep  
28 Notch 30 Wallpaper  
32 Cream 33 Ant  
34 Alley 37 End 38 Shed  
39 Pylons

**DOWN** 1 Log 2 Nab  
3 Agency 5 Liner  
6 Wintry 7 Focus  
8 Dresser 9 Moreover  
11 Ado 14 LBW  
15 Under 19 Regulate  
21 Steep 22 Panache  
25 Par 26 Thumbs  
27 Apiary 29 Trend  
30 Whale 31 Eve  
35 Loo 36 Yes

## ACROSS

- 1 Rents a room (6)
- 4 Exciting, thrilling (8)
- 10 Followers (9)
- 11 Shady place in garden (5)
- 12 Angels play these (4)
- 14 Short for statistics (4)
- 15 Large seaweed (4)
- 18 Purified (7)
- 19 Veil for lower half of face (7)
- 21 Frenzy (7)
- 23 Cowboys hat (7)
- 24 Look steadily (4)
- 26 Surface for vehicles (4)
- 27 Seen the last of this we hope (4)
- 31 Woven material (5)
- 33 More people on their side than ours (9)
- 35 Plays in back four (8)
- 36 Steps in development (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Blood sucker (5)
- 2 Small round mark (3)
- 3 Flightless Aussie birds (4)
- 5 Returned to earth (2-5)
- 6 Noisy crowd (3)
- 7 Gets wet when drying (5)
- 8 Freshwater fish (4)
- 9 Talked angrily for a long time (6)
- 13 Mention (5)
- 15 Destiny (6)
- 16 Added building (6)
- 17 Similar (4)
- 18 Long loose garment (4)
- 20 Works with stone (5)
- 22 Pub sing-along (7)
- 23 Scatter brained (6)
- 25 Shows no interest in others (5)
- 28 Tells someone of possible danger (5)
- 29 Sharp taste (4)
- 30 Chase animals (4)
- 32 Not wanted at Aston Abbots (3)
- 34 Marsh (3)

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-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.-- Kristen, age 10

### WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.-- Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.-- Freddie, age 6 (very wise for his age)

### HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.-- Derrick, age 8

### WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.-- Lori, age 8

*Submitted by Dawn James*

*and finally*

### HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. -- Ricky, age 10

*More from last year's O-level exams, and are some of the answers given in exams last year. These are genuine responses!! (16 year olds)!*

#### Geography

Q: Name the four seasons?

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink?

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q: What is a planet?

A: A body of earth surrounded by sky.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.



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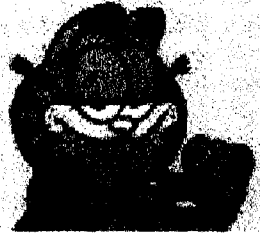


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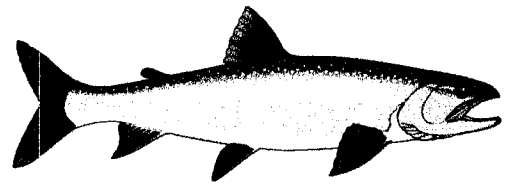


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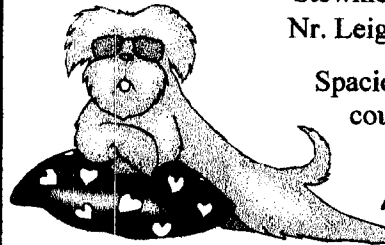
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## CLERGY COMMENT

Our thoughts in April are drawn to Spring (even though I am writing this on a bitterly cold day at the end of February). As we watch the new growth in the world about us, we may perhaps reflect on our own growth and vitality.

In Church we shall be thinking about life and death issues as we remember again the death of Jesus on the Cross and his Rising from death on the first Easter morning. There are many thoughts that can spring from the contemplation of a Spring or Easter Garden.

Some of those thoughts may lead to remembering those who have gone before us. It is good to tend the graves of those whom we love. Yet, the new Churchyard Regulations (don't you just love rules & regulations!) remind us that our rights are limited to the burial of our bodies in the earth of the Churchyard. Everything else – like a memorial or even flowers on the grave - is a privilege that can be granted or withdrawn.

We now need to have formal written agreements between the family and the Church relating to new memorials. These agreements are made by the incumbent using limited powers delegated by the Diocesan Chancellor. The regulations specify that :

*“Graves may not be fenced or otherwise delineated; and fencing or shrubs are not permitted,*

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These rules are designed to encourage good housekeeping, and although we sometimes find people trying to flout the rules, problems can often be resolved with sensitivity and sympathy. As the Church has a responsibility to care for the Churchyard, the simpler things are the better. For example, mowing around gravestones is much more costly and time consuming than being able to mow straight over graves, and stone chippings can do an enormous amount of damage if they are thrown up by a motor mower.

The message of Easter is that we must not allow ourselves to be pre-occupied with the past. The disciples discovered that Easter brought them a new understanding of Life. We may die (indeed we know for certain that we will die), yet Life goes on – and, rather than clinging to that which has gone before we must reach out to that new dimension of life and growth that lies ahead of us.

Enjoy Life - Happy Easter. *Bob Willmott*

### Church Sidesman

2nd April Mrs Curnow

9th April service at Wingrave

16th April Churchwardens 15/6 Easter Decoration

23rd April Mr G Kemp

30th April no service

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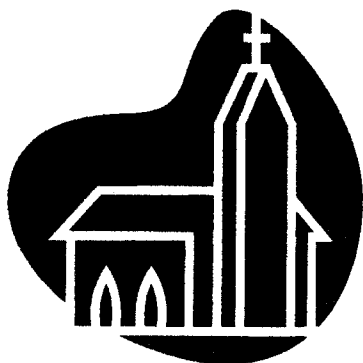
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15/6 Easter Decoration

22/3 Easter Decoration

29/30 no service



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Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838			
Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229			

*Please let us know of any errors or omissions*

### **EYES DOWN RAISED £70 FOR CHRONICLE**

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the special Bingo evening on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, we are pleased to report that the Aston Abbots Chronicle will benefit by £70. A very creditable sum considering the attendance. After a quiet start it proved to be a lively evening, with everyone aged from 7 to 77 joining in the friendly fun. Caller Percy Pollard kept up the gentle pace, and some players were fortunate enough to win more than once from line, house or raffle prizes. Jean Peters from Wingrave was the lucky winner of the 'one-off' Full House prize of £15, donated by our Good Samaritan's Bingo. Special thanks to those who donated a prize to the raffle and helped on the evening.. *Pam Dixon*

*Increased numbers attending the monthly Bingo sessions will result in us being able to increase amounts won on house prizes, and also arranging another fundraiser later in the year. For more information about the Bingo sessions contact Pam on ( 681626 or Sheila on ( 681649. The next Aston Abbots Good Samaritans Bingo session in Aston Abbots Village Hall is on –*

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 7.30 pm start – to approx 9pm** SNOWBALL stands at \*£24 in 64 numbers (\*Previous attendance at a session this year required to qualify)

## **Rocking on the Rec**

Back by popular demand is **Astonbury**.

This will number 5 in this series of open air concerts. Previous ones have always been sensational ,thanks to the great location we had at Norduck.

The current plan is to hold this on the 15th July , this time on the Rec

So if you want to show your talent as a singer, musician or a dancer then get in touch with either John Whyte, Nigel Palmer, Neil Chesher , Phil Corrigan, Dave Lewis or Bob Bean.

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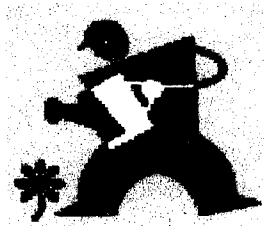
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# St James Church

## CHURCH SERVICES

	WING	WINGRAVE	ASTON A.	CUBLINGTON
2 Apr L 5	8.0 Communion 10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 (at Methodist Church)	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Family Service (Lay)
9 Palm	10.0 Palm Procession	8.0 Communion 10.0 Palm Procession	At Wingrave 10.0	10.0 Parish Communion
13 (Maundy)	7.30 Last Supper	20.00 Eucharist		
14 (Good Friday)	14.00 Hour at Cross	18.00 WCT Service	14.00 Story of Cross	
16 Easter	10.0 Easter Communion	10.0 Easter Communion	18.0 Evensong + Communion	10.0 Easter Family Communion
23 Easter 2	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion	18.0 Evensong (Lay)	At Wing 10.0
30 Easter 3	At Wingrave 10.0	10.0 Parish Communion	At Wingrave 10.0	At Wingrave 10.0
7 May Easter 4	8.0 Communion 10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Parish Communion	10.0 Family Service (Lay)



**WING  
CHURCH  
FLOWER  
FESTIVAL**  
29th & 30th  
April and  
1st May

*Teas  
&  
Snacks*



### SUNDAY READINGS

2 Apr	Lent 5	Hebrews 5.5-10;	John 12.20-33
9	Palm	Philippians 2.5-11;	Mark 11.1-11
16	Easter	1 Corinthians 15.1-11;	Mark 16.1-8
23	Easter 2	1 John 1.1-2.2;	John 20.19-31
30	Easter 3	1 John 3.1-7;	Luke 24.36-48
7 May	Easter 4	1 John 3.16-24;	John 10.11-18

### Parochial Church Council

Rev Bob Willmott 681623  
Gordon Kemp 681763  
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Ann Goodman 681763  
Andrew Ford 681865  
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Andy Bystra 681690  
April Curnow 681459

### FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM	18 Feb	Hollie McCormick at Wingrave
	25	Archie Fitzgerald at Wingrave
	4 Mar	Lucy Anker at Wingrave
MARRIAGE	18 Feb	David McCormick & Joanne Kapui at Wingrave



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# The Czech Connection

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

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

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

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

Tel: (01296) 681260 e-mail: [petershorrock@hemscott.net](mailto:petershorrock@hemscott.net)

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

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



## PLACES TO VISIT IN THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

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FRANK: Because of the sign.

TEACHER: What sign?

FRANK: The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables

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# What's On In April

Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Aylesbury Local Committee Meeting	Winslow	6pm
	Bingo	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 9th	Rambling Club Members Meet at Dunsmere Car Park 7.30pm		
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop	Church room	10.30 - 12 noon
(Maundy Thursday)	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
Thursday 16th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Friday 14th	Hot Cross Buns		
(Good Friday)	Story of the Cross Service St James Church 2pm		
Sunday 16th	Easter Day Evensong & Communion St James Church 6pm		
Monday 17th	Bank Holiday Village Footpath Walk The Green 2pm		
Tuesday 18th	PCC AGM	Church Room	7.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Parish Meeting (AGM)	Church Room	8pm
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
Thursday 27th	Coffee Shop	Church room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 30th	Rambling Club Members meet Ashridge Monument 2pm		
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday		

## Address

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

Email submissions to:

[editor@aachronicle.co.uk](mailto:editor@aachronicle.co.uk)

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

**CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE** in The Chronicle. Phone us on 01296 682949 or email [editor@aachronicle.co.uk](mailto:editor@aachronicle.co.uk)




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Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint.

He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a

pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is ok.

She replies yes. He asks what she is doing.

She replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a ski jacket over her fur coat.

She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and they said....

**FOR BEST**

**RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS**

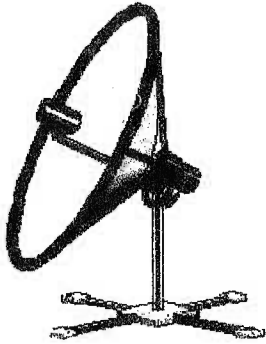
**\*\*Buncefield Breaking news\*\***  
Rescue workers found a girl in the rubble smothered in raspberry alcho-pop 'Where are you bleeding from?' they asked, "St Albans" said the girl, "woss that gotta do wiv you?"

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS

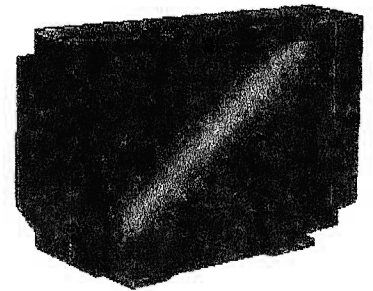
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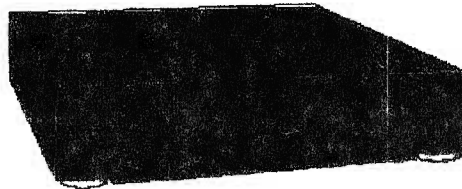


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# AN APOLOGY

*I the undersigned wish to apologise for my behaviour on the night of Saturday 4th March. Those who know me will understand that what happened was completely out of character and so I humbly offer this heartfelt apology.*

*David Octopus Lewis*

#### Legal Disclaimer

The above apology is intended for, but not limited to, Mr T Reese, Mrs S Reese, the village of Stewkley, Mr J Whyte, Mrs D Whyte, the regulars at The Carpenters Arms, the writers and fans and previous performers of the songs "Unchained Melody" and "Is This The Way To Amarillo", the lady in the red jacket standing by the bar who left suddenly (I hope the dog is better now), Mrs D Whyte, ABC Taxis Limited, and the lady who lives on the corner of The Green who is wondering what has suddenly killed off the miniature conifer in the planter by her front door.

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