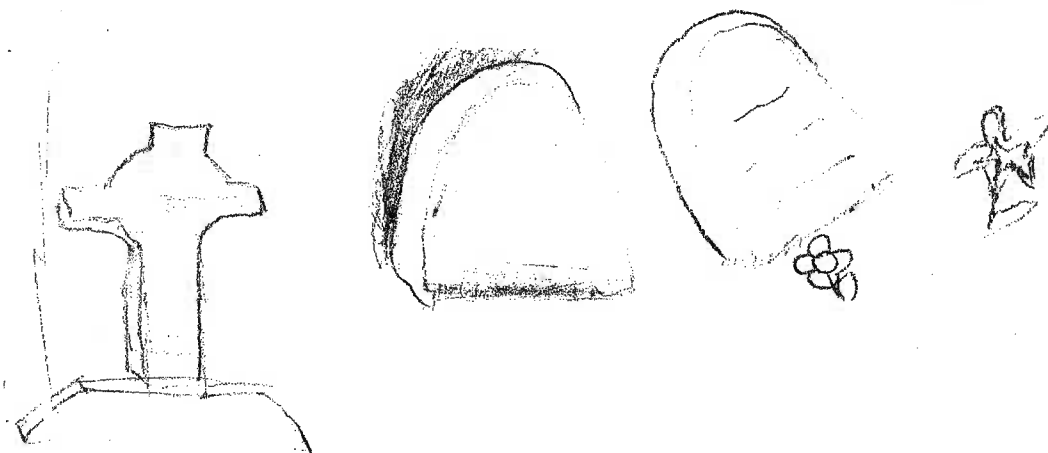
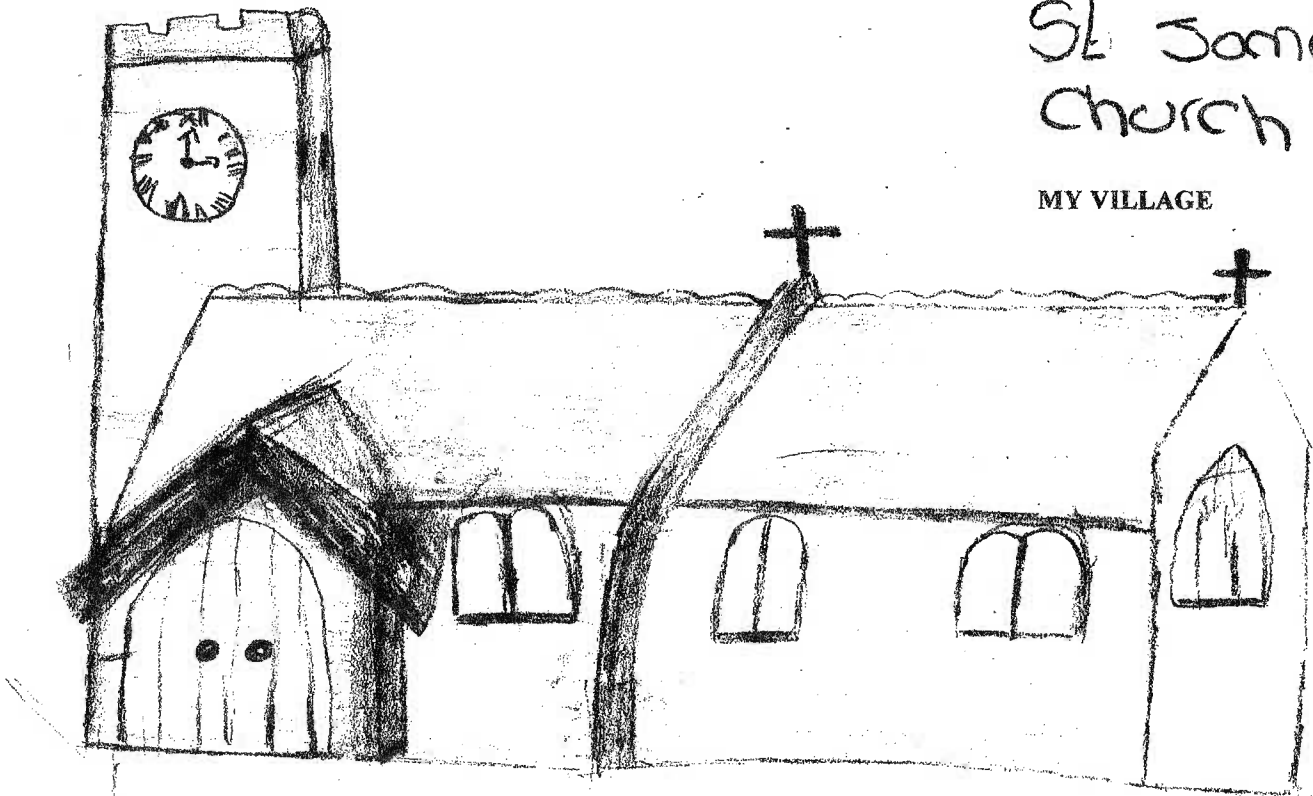


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MY VILLAGE



by Amber
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Editorial



Like all daughters she was very grateful in later life for the social skills she'd learned from watching her Dad.

I celebrated my birthday at the end of March when I was whisked away for a surprise lunch just inland from Calais. During the drive to Dover I was informed that I was going to Blue Water and then Lakeside - gladly these were only threats. The most appropriate card was sent to me by one of my daughters. She teaches reception class in a school in Worthing. (card opposite). I got lots of new clothes including a Tiger Wood's shirt - the magic dust I was assured had been sprinkled on it had no effect on my game - it was as poor as ever. I must try harder.

Vic Scott very kindly delivered a piece of Greater Spearwort (the largest aquatic buttercup known) and later , after a tip from Peter Knight, I took delivery of some frog spawn for the ponds. Despite the cold some of the spawn had already hatched.

I took my family on an outing to see The Blue Man Group. We all thoroughly enjoyed the show. I'd not heard of them before but I'm told they've been on TV and have performed round the world including Las Vegas.

Claire Gresswell, has decided to step down from her role as Advertising Manager for the Chronicle. Phil Corrigan has kindly agreed to take on the post. Thank you Claire for all your efforts.

The next meeting to arrange the Village Fete is on Tuesday May 9th at 8pm in the Church Room. Poonam has recently moved home. Her new number is 01296 640507.

Colin Higgs orchestrated the Litter Blitz last month. My allotted section was the verges down to the Wingrave crossroad. My bag got heavier and heavier as I collected innumerable cans, bottles and packaging of all sorts of convenience foods. Seems to be a convenient method of disposal to simply wind down the window and throw the contents out. I drew the line at a set of car tyres - hopefully the Council will collect these in due course. Well done Colin and the half dozen villagers who turned out to lend a hand.

John Hardcastle

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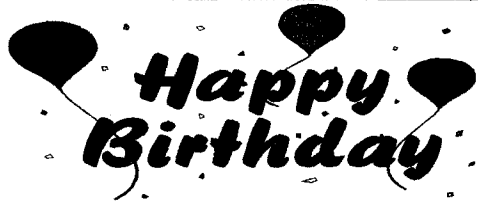
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Alison's Gossip Column



May

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

This month we bid farewell to Tim Peacocke (Major Tim) who has moved down to Wiltshire, closer to his work. Tim has been a long-time member of the 630 Club and is organiser of the club's annual St George's dinner. He was also one of the Merry Mower volunteers who look after the churchyard. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to seeing him on his visits back to the village. In the meantime Teri and Gary at the Oak have called in the builders to prevent collapse of the bar now that it's no longer propped up at Tim's end.

Thank you for the messages and sympathy cards I have received after the death of my brother Clem. Your kind thoughts have been much appreciated. Rita

Congratulations to Phillipa and John Bull – Diamond on the birth of their 2nd daughter, Katy, born 3rd April and weighing in at a massive 9lbs 12ozs.

Belated Congratulations to Pam Hewitt who became a grandmother in November. Her eldest son Mark and his Norwegian partner have a son, Liam.

Good Luck to Avi, Poonam, Chaya and Shivum Gupta who have moved house to Weedon.

The wedding of Simon and Karen from Ross Road, took place on Saturday, April 8th at St James Church. Then { to the delight of Dave especially!} they left for their reception in a twin-engined helicopter.


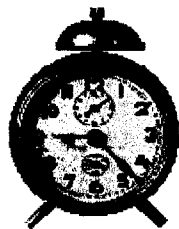


Just in case you wanted to know this.

On the 4th of May, at two minutes and three seconds after 1:00 in the morning, the time and date will be 01:02:03 04/05/06.

That won't ever happen again in our lifetime In fact it will be approx.400 generations before it happens again.

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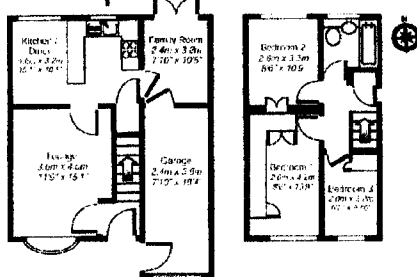
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In The Village

CHICKEN UPDATE

It is anticipated that Aylesbury Vale District Council will sometime in May complete the documentation that they propose to include with the Legal Agreement (106) that will initiate the planning decision reached by the Development Control Committee in March. Discussion with Solicitors and a Planning Barrister is in hand with a view to contesting the Council's Planning Consent and seeking to quash the decision at a Judicial Inquiry. This an expensive process and will need a lot of determination if we are to see this to a successful conclusion.

Letter originally printed in the April edition of the Cublington Crier

Biggest Poultry Farm in South East to be sited in Cublington!

Well no, not exactly, but I bet that got your attention. Just think about it – what if it did happen to us. Located on the edge of the village, within 400 metres of 10 of our houses, with the associated smell and flies, I reckon we would object pretty strongly, wouldn't we?

Well this is what is happening in Aston Abbots, not so very far away as the pong drifts. To be very serious they have fought very hard against this, and have a many many more cogent, well argued reasons against the poultry farm than I could cover here – take it from me, honest. Unless they decide to take it to a costly Judicial Review and win, this blight on their village will happen.

So, who cares about them? We're all right Jack! Let Aston stew in their chicken manure. Well I care, and let me tell you why.

AVDC Planning Shambles – us next?

I was there on the 8th March when the so called planners rubber-stamped the decision to go ahead. No input was allowed from the public, and there were even bouncers flexing their pecs and trying to intimidate our good neighbours from Aston into silence. Freedom of speech – ha!

One Planning idiot said "I like organic eggs, so I am for it". Ludicrous – I like good sanitation, but I don't want a sewage farm next to me. I like driving my car, but I don't want an oil refinery in Cublington.

I know that the South East is supposed to be crowded, but there are wider open spaces available for 18,000 chickens, not right next to a village.

If these planning plonkers can get away with this, what sort of other things can happen in the villages of Aylesbury Vale? Fancy an Industrial Incinerator Complex in Cublington?

Whichever way the wind blows

First there was Wing Chicken Farm and now Aston, which is closer. We will get all around stereo smell. All the learned sources called upon by the proposers say this will not be the case, but short of putting nappies on the 18,000 free range birds, I can't see why not.

So What Were Our Parish Council Doing?

This was discussed and they decided not to oppose it! This was unminuted in the 10th May meeting last year.

The Parish Counsellors mostly do a good and thankless job, and I hope some of them regard me as a friend. I don't take a pop at them lightly, but get your act together please. I would not expect consultation on everything you vote on, that would be silly, but a sounding out of village opinion (by some of you – there are exceptions) might help. There probably are some people for the farm, but I openly challenge you – for every one that you find, I will find two against!

Weedon Parish Council for instance (no further from Aston than us) stood up to be counted in their opposition to the farm. They took it on themselves to object – no faint hearts there – and put it in writing. Nothing unminuted I would guess.

And our Parish Council - I am told that one of them had a case of (selective?) amnesia and didn't even remember discussing it in the first place. I repeat however there are some good eggs (ho ho) on our Parish Council – they are not all added thankfully.

So there you have it – crazy planners, smell and complacency. What do you think?

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Letters To The Editor

From Geoff Aldridge

In 1955 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of VE Day to which the Ambassador and other members of the Czech Embassy attended. Ten years later Aston Abbots had an equally 60th Anniversary attended by Embassy staff of both the Czech (including their Ambassador) and Slovak Embassies.

Following the 2005 celebration Dominique Moat and I had lunch with the Ambassador who expressed a wish that a service be held yearly to celebrate this very important date in history in Wingrave and Aston Abbots (alternating yearly). Arrangements are being finalised for Wingrave to host the event on Sunday 14th May.

A Church Service of Remembrance will be held in Wingrave Parish church at 10am to which the Ambassador of the Czech Republic and a senior member of the Slovak Embassy and other members of both Embassies will attend. The Flag of St George, kindly donated by the Association of Czechoslovak Legionaries will be dedicated during the service.

Later, at 11.30am a football match between Wingrave and 'Czechoslovakia United' will take place on the old rec. A couple of years ago we hosted a most exciting game which the village won 3-2, no doubt the Embassies will be out for revenge. Please come along and give your support.

The Wingrave Singers have kindly agreed to give a short concert at 3pm (no admission charge), again to which you are all welcome.

We hope that all these events will be supported by both parishioners from Aston Abbots and Wingrave.

Musical Challenge In April a momentous musical challenge took place when Dave Lewis took on The Rest Of The World in a "Beat the intro" competition. After a gargantuan struggle the result was: Dave Lewis 18 points and The Rest Of The World 17 points. In his victor's speech Mr Lewis declared, "I stuffed the lot of you!" The Rest Of The World team were expertly lead by Phil Corrigan and they put up a real fight. However, Lol Hinds was not in attendance and I wonder if his presence would have influenced the result at all? *Phil Spooner*

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.

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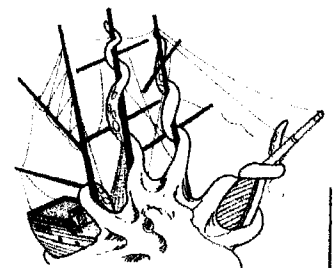
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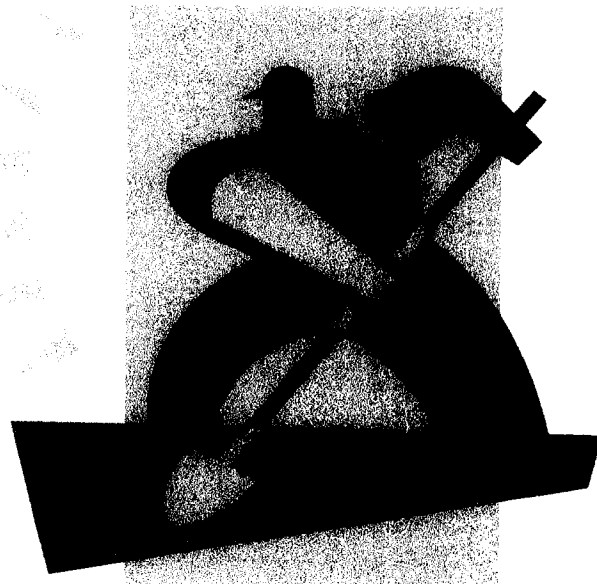
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

I had no trouble finding lions, but the safari guide was curiously reluctant to let me get out of the Land Rover to collect a bucketful of lion dung. So I didn't succeed in bringing any back with me. (But I'd probably have had trouble with Customs & Excise – God knows what the quota is).

However, during my absence, the allotments remained happily free of foxes, etc., so pas de problème, as French gardeners say. (Did you know, by the way, that the French for allotment is “jardin ouvrier” – literally a “workman's garden”? Obviously, it was only the effete upper and middle classes in France who could afford to waste valuable time and growing space in their gardens for frivolous things like flowers – and this attitude may explain why even today so many French gardens are pretty pathetic by English standards.)



This attitude may explain why even today so many French gardens are pretty pathetic by English standards with their plots. I discovered that during my absence not a lot had been happening on the allotments, because of the continuing unseasonably cold weather. Peter Knight commented in last month's Chronicle on the effect the weather was having on his sprouting broccoli. Mine too behaved in the same way, and have only just started producing florets big enough to be worth eating. Vic reckons that it was the coldest March he could remember. The good news was that while I was away, No.1 son kindly rotavated my allotment for me, and I have therefore been busy planting out all those vegetables that needed to be planted during March/April, and am probably now ahead of the game. There have also been sightings of my fellow gardeners coming out of their winter hibernation and dealing with their plots – Simon Guy at weekends; Andy Digby in the evenings; Vic Scott at different times during the day. I have even spotted Brian Ladd(?) who is a summer migrant from Portugal, busy rotavating the plot which he shares with two other “foreigners”, Brian Howe and Bill Spraggon.

While at the time I am writing this piece, Spring is not yet sprung, I reckon that it is lying there, ready to pounce. The polythene and bits of old carpet which had been covering many of the plots over the winter are gradually coming off, a good deal of planting has already started, and the odd polythene cloche is appearing. By the next time I write to you, allotment gardening will be in full swing. *Peter Shorrocks*

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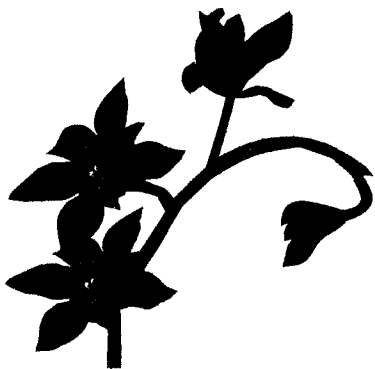
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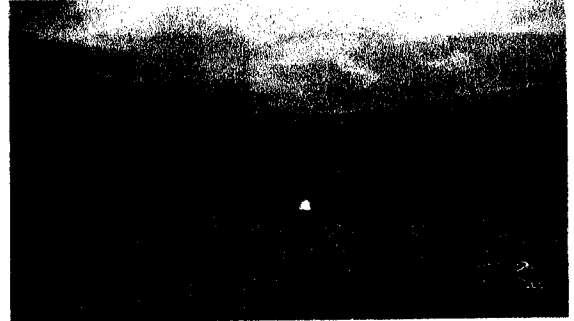
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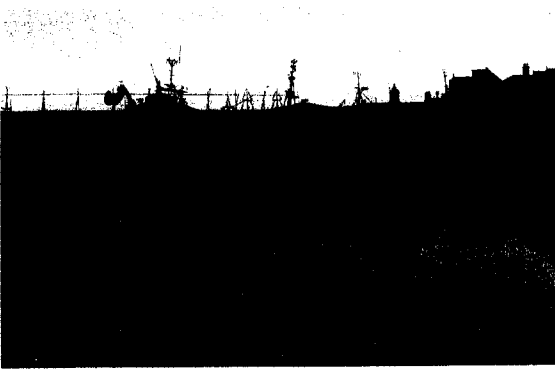
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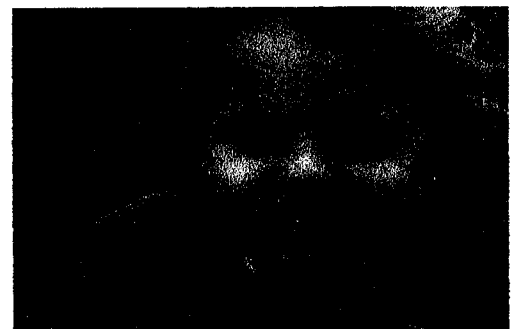
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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - 13th April

This month I am going to avoid writing about agriculture, the countryside and even gardening, after all there is very little of good cheer to be found at present.

I have just undergone my annual inspection - cost £90 - to ascertain that I am looking after my sheep and land well enough for the end product to be used by Tesco. What a farce and what an insult to life long farmers are these inspections. Fortunately we have a sensible inspector of mature years - some farmers must come close to insanity when these inspections take place - Enough.

I am going to write about one of the great influences in my country life, someone who enriched my teenage years and early twenties beyond measure - Rodney.

Rodney was in the countryside what Del Boy was to the city - he lived with it and from it and was always just about to make some real money.

Rodney was employed as stockman on the village Estate and lived in a tied cottage one and a half miles off the road up a sandy track. Remarkably isolated for the South of England. While at the cottage I worked with Rodney during the long vacations and on leaving College I landed a job on the next-door farm and so was still able to spend as much time as possible with Rod. To Rodney his day job was taken to provide a home and money for his wife and young family - what we did out of hours was what occupied his mind while at work and was where he hoped to get rich - rich meant having money enough to buy some show cattle. Rod's schemes were endless. He - meaning his wife - kept rabbits, goats, chickens and, of course, ferrets.

During the years we were partners - yes partners - we branched out into turkeys, bees, calves and a foal. All the livestock had to be fed, by his wife, as Rod was always out somewhere; food cost money but to this cost Rodney was totally oblivious. It was how Rodney spent Saturday afternoons and weekend evenings that set him apart. He was the Rabbit Man and the Wood Man with various other occupations thrown in for good measure. Pretty well every Saturday afternoon in the winter we spent shooting or ferreting. We preferred shooting as it was more exciting and kept us on the move. Acres of beautiful countryside seemed to be ours and we wandered at will seeking rabbits and pheasant with the occasional duck. We were never challenged and only once did we meet another poacher whom of course we knew well. How well I remember the excitement of Rodney's urgent voice 'Look up Pete' and a pheasant would break cover. We never fired twice, it was either down or a near miss; two shots would give away where we were - one shot and move on. At dusk we would tramp back to his cottage with the pheasants and as many rabbits in our bag. Then in by the Rayburn for a mug of tea and a huge sandwich. If Rodney an order for a lot of rabbits then it was a night shooting job. We had an old post office van for night shooting; Rodney drove and shot out of his window, his brother, in the passenger side was a left handed shot and used that window. My job was to ride in the back, leap out and catch the shot rabbits and hopefully get back in again while Rod lined up the headlights on the next victim. Often he'd just drive off leaving me in the dark hearing his voice 'catch that rabbit - it's a runner'. Catch it? I couldn't even see it!



Eventually I was promoted and we cut a hole in the roof of the van so I was able to stand in the back, head shoulders and gun sticking out, taking risky shots over the heads of my companions. 'Stop firing at the ones I've already shot - darn you!'

It was once round the field shooting and then round again picking up. When eventually we had enough for 'the order' back to the cottage for an hour paunching - rabbits must be gutted or paunched asap and 50 or so needed a bit of time.

One Easter Rod really branched out. He bought a wood tat the Forestry Commission had clear felled for re-planting. Every evening we would drive over to Ewhurst, start up our old tractor, drive into the wood and set up the saw bench. Then it was two hours of carrying timber to the bench and converting it into either logs, fencing posts or chord wood. The sheer hard work of carrying the wood, the scream of the saw and the smell of the paraffin tractor - we rarely spoke. When it became too dark to safely see we'd stop, load up the tractor and trailer and cart our haul to the road where it was loaded into the van and then delivered.

I remember the sound of pheasants going up to roost and, as we left, woodcock languidly flying in and then dropping to the remaining scrub for the night. For us it was home exhausted at about 10.

Other Rodney schemes involved draining a tennis court by digging land drains, fencing horse paddocks and making hay by the road side. Did Rodney ever become rich? Not in the usual sense of that word - but he had a richness of life that was unsurpassed. He taught me to stalk a rabbit, set and snare, to pluck a turkey, to point a post and most of all to live as a countryman.

Rodney is seventy plus now, he still works all the hours of daylight, smokes home roll and never has time to go to the pub. But next year - he'll make some real money.

Pete Knight

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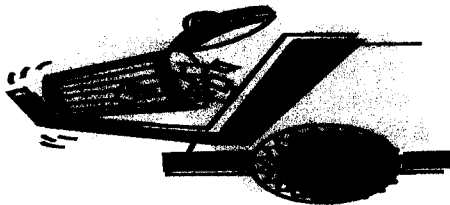
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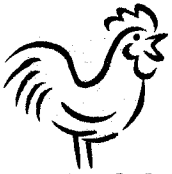
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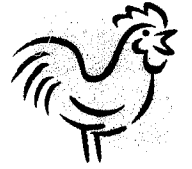
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**MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 3/06
HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON
WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2006**

PRESENT Cllrs. C.Higgs (Chair), M.Kent, D.Dicken,
T.Manning, Shorrocks and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk).
One member of the public attended.

1/3/06 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -
Apologies were received from Richard Clarke, Jackie Far-
rands and Mr. Q. Ings-Chambers

2/3/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3/3/06 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY - Minutes of the last
meeting were read and signed.

4/3/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT
ON THE AGENDA

Two quotes had been received for reinstating the bonfire area
on the Recreation Ground, and it was agreed to accept the one
from Richard Clarke.

Details had been received of the proposed memorial bench to
be placed opposite the Bull and Butcher development. High-
ways will need to be consulted before the bench can be in-
stalled.

Peter Shorrocks reported that the Recreation Ground has now
been registered with H.M. Land Registry.

5/3/06 CLERK'S REPORT

Various consultation papers, and the decision letter re Luton
Airport Airspace, were circulated

The Clerk advised members of the dates the Roving Refuse
Freighter will be visiting the village. These will be published
in the Chronicle.

A new Supervisor has been appointed for the Wing Police
area. He is Sergeant Tahir Aziz.

There has been a request from the Christmas Show Commit-
tee to stage this year's 'Astonbury' event on the Recreation
Ground.

6/3/06 COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND
POLICE MATTERS

District Councillor Peter Cooper reported the following
items:

Section 106 agreement on land at Nash's Farm - the Parish
Council will now be given the freehold title to this land, not a
lease as had previously been thought likely.

Proposed A418 improvements - Public Consultation and Ex-
hibition. This will take place in Wing from 7th - 10th June
and in Wingrave from 23rd - 24th June. Full details to be
published in the Chronicle.

The 'World of Old' business has asked for help in trying to get
permission to have a fingerpost placed at Wingrave Cross-
roads. The Parish Council raised no objections to this plan.

7/3/06 CHURCH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

No further quotes for the work have been received yet, so this
item was postponed until the next meeting.

8/3/06 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Aston Abbots is no
longer active, and there appears to be no enthusiasm to start a
new scheme. It was noted that Farm Watch and Country
Watch both operate in the area.

9/3/06 COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Peter Shorrocks agreed to follow up the offer of a free website
from the Local Channel.

10/3/06 PLANNING

Norduck Farm - report from AVDC Planning Committee
meeting held on 8th March. The decision letter was read out,
confirming that AVDC resolved to re-affirm their previous
decision that the application could be determined favourably
by officers following completion of a Planning Obligation
Agreement with the Council.

05/02715/APP The Orchard, Moat Lane. - minor amended
plans - these were for information only.

11/3/06 HIGHWAYS

Discuss request to have kerbstones laid around the remainder
of The Green A quote had been received for re-turfing the
grass, and it was resolved to go ahead with this once owner-
ship of the land has been established. The people who cur-
rently park their cars on the grass will be asked to desist from
doing so.

Report decision re winter maintenance - a letter has been re-
ceived from Highways confirming that Moat Lane will not be
on the Winter Gritting List in future.

12/3/06 RECREATION GROUND

Safety check - children's play area. This is not up to date, and
councillors present agreed to share this between them until it
could be discussed at the next meeting.

Report from Recreation Ground Committee - nothing new to
report at present.

Discuss quotations for demolishing the shed on the Rec. - it
was resolved to leave the shed in position if the Christmas
Show Committee is prepared to take over maintenance of it.
Ownership of the Recreation Ground (section 106 agreement)
- see item 6

13/3/06 ACCOUNTS

Approved for payment:

Clerk's salary and expenses	143.44
Buckland Landscapes	109.66
E.ON Energy	75.96
Bucks Playing Field Assn.	20.00
BALC	56.23
AVDC	127.46
AV South Sports Council	10.00
Total	£542.75

14/3/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on
Wednesday 19th April 2006 at 8pm in the Church Room.

Confirmed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on
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There being no further business, the meeting closed at
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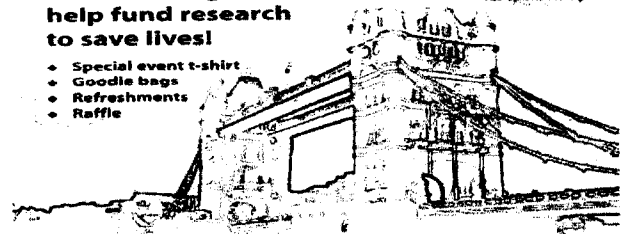
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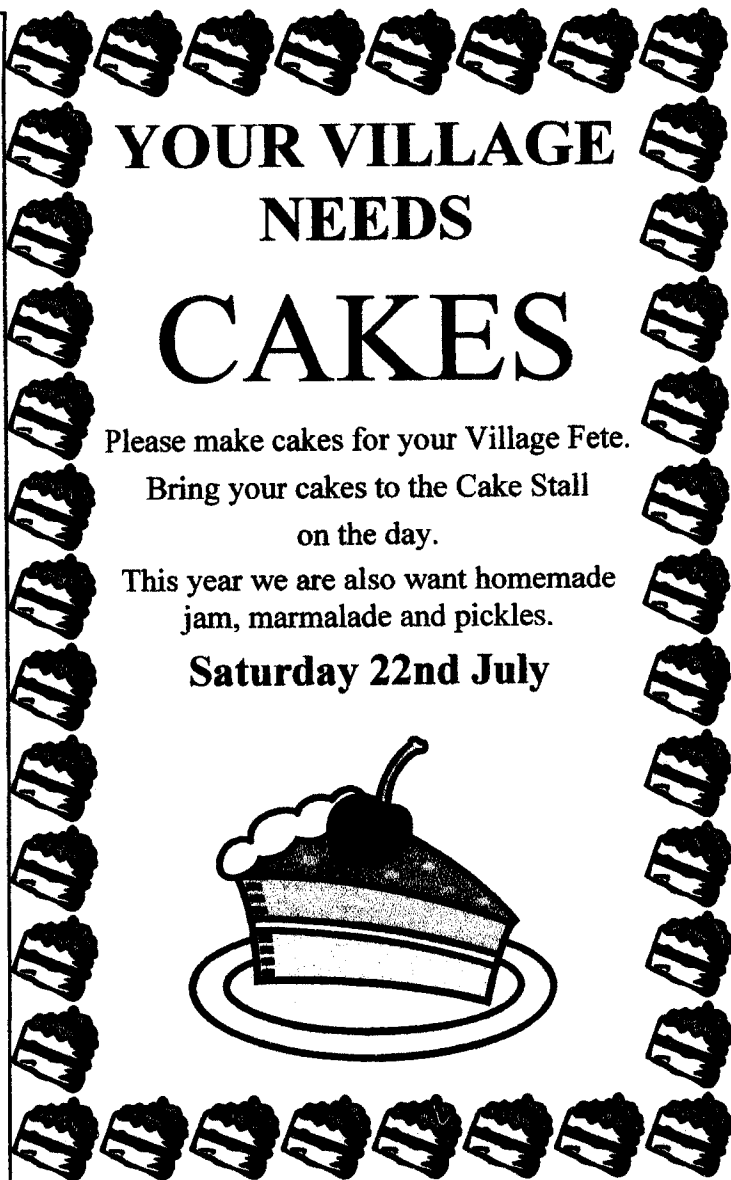
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VILLAGE FETE

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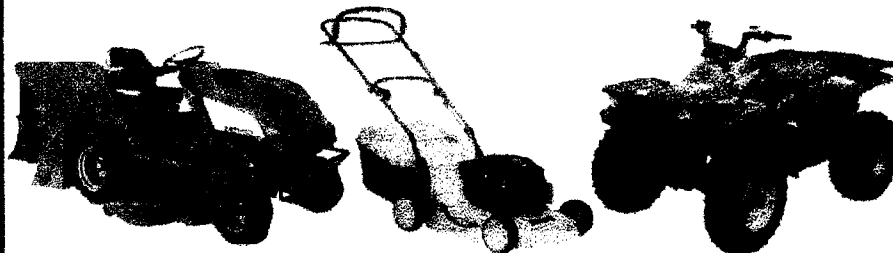
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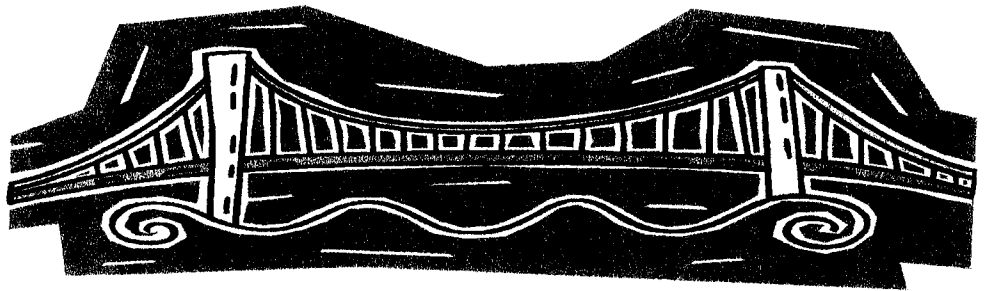


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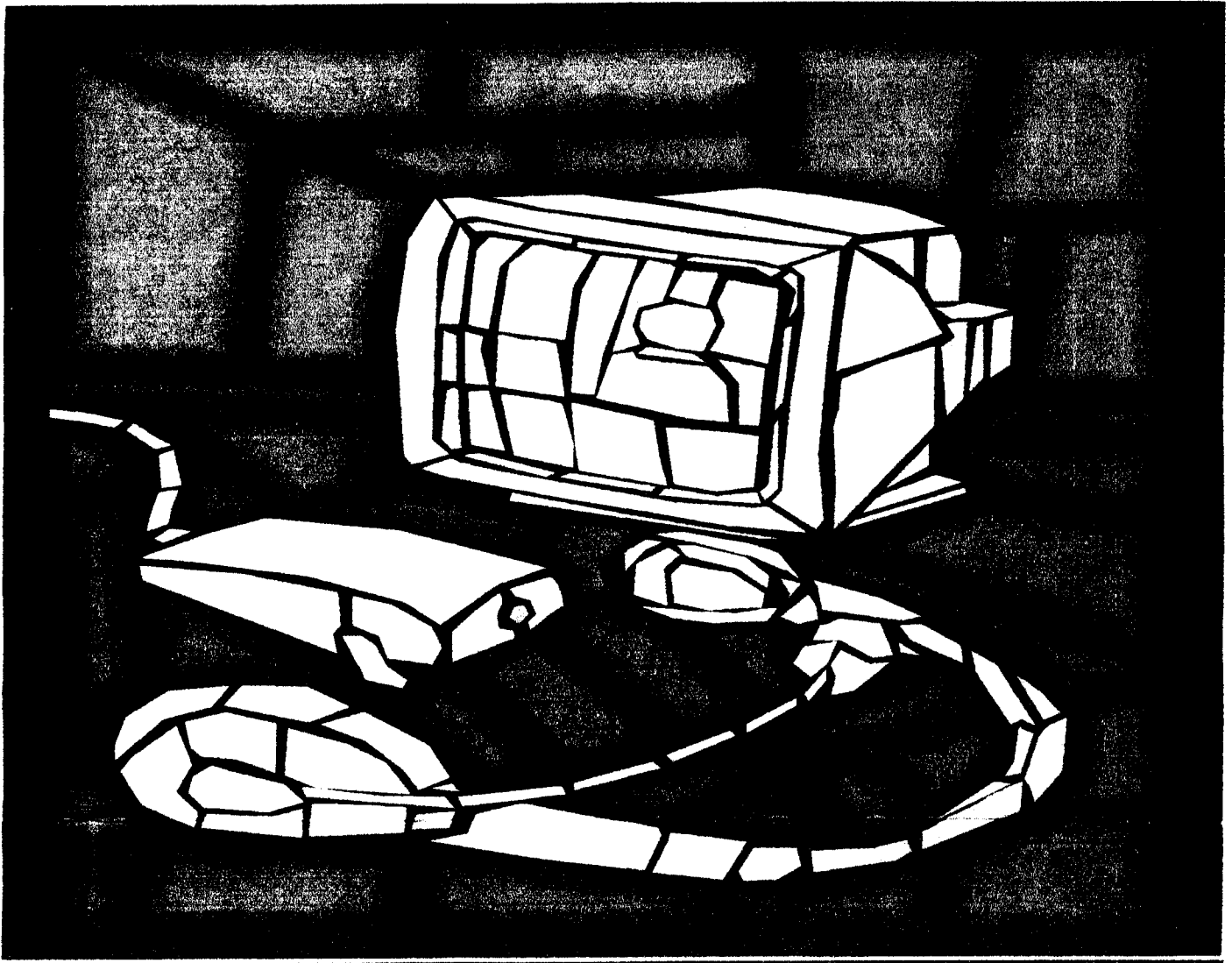


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The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pentland Firth! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honour and glorify me." The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong', and how I can make a woman truly happy."

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July 15th 2006



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The Parish Council have kindly given their permission for the show to go ahead and event chairman Phil Corrigan is organising the necessary licenses, etc.

Final Call For Performers

If you would like to perform at Rocking The Rec then this is your last chance to put your name forward. Please contact musical director Neil Chesher on 681201

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Tickets

Ticket details will be announced in next month's issue of The Chronicle. Remember, this is an event for all of the family and young children get free admission.

Fund Raising

Although a big reason for staging the event is just to have a good time, we also hope to raise some money. The funds raised by Rocking The Rec, along with profits from previous Astonbury concerts and the Christmas cabaret, go into the Christmas Show Fund. This is used to finance shortfalls in The Chronicle budget and for occasional village projects. At present, the main part of the fund is currently being held back with the hope of making it available for the proposed New Village Centre project.

Andy and Sally will be doing breakfasts on the Sunday morning after at the Chapel as they have done in previous years.

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves." The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much

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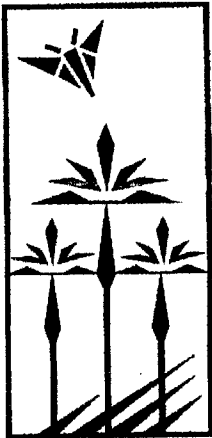
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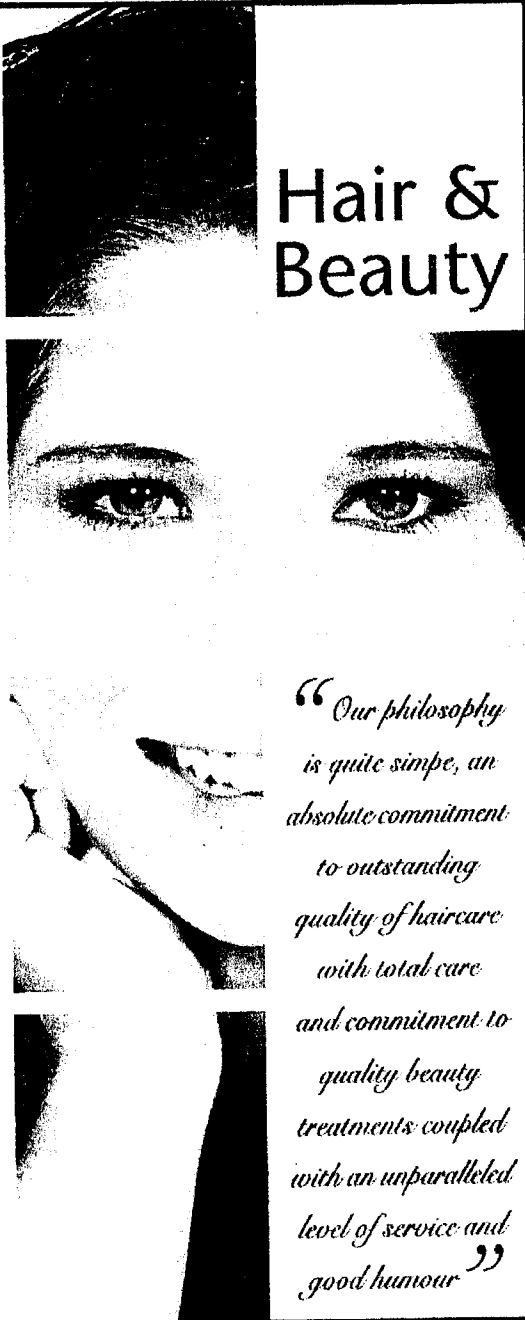
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HONESTY

My son William, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the dustbin. William stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago".

ELDERLY

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to the elderly, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

DEATH

While walking along the pavement in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. His 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his Father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaaather, and unto the Sonnn .. and into the hole he gooooes."

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family bible. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mum, look what I've found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear".

Seven go skiing in France – the sequel

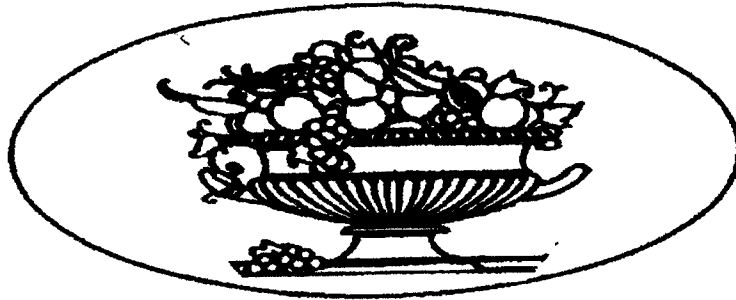
Last month you may have read about the exploits of seven going skiing in France. What was not revealed was how one, or two, of us almost didn't make it back on to the return plane. France is famous for her great variety of delicious cheeses and so at least two of us were seduced by a petit fromagerie and acquired a certain quantity of local cheeses. Oh la la. But how to bring these back into the UK?

Well, inside a case obviously.

The two cases were duly checked in and passed out of sight along the conveyor belt. Shortly afterwards a nearby door opened and a rather stern French official summoned the owner of one of said cases so that it could be searched. Did the French employ giant sniffer mice? Had the contraband been discovered? Well not exactly – it wasn't her case that they were after. The sniffer mice were looking for the six pack of warfarin, prescribed to ward off potential deep vein thrombosis, neatly packed in hypodermic syringes and stowed in the other case.

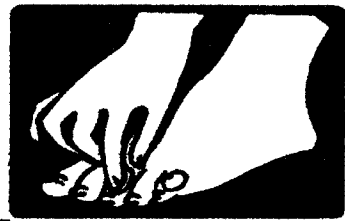
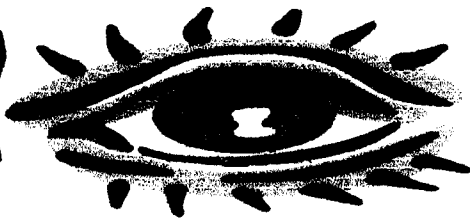


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Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

29th Mar. 2006

20 members met in the Church room Aston Abbotts.

Our Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members and the minutes were read and signed.

Today's speaker was Mr Hugh Grainger from Haddenham who gave us an amusing talk called 'Sayings from Village Life' in which he explained how many had become part of our every day speech. He was thanked on behalf of the members by Beryl Shon.

Tea hostesses was Avril Bradley Davis helped by other members. and the raffle was won by June Loader.

13th April. 2006

18 members met in the Church room Aston Abbotts. The Chairman, Joan Alexander welcomed members and the minutes were read and signed.

Our speaker was Mrs Skidmore from Wingrave who gave a talk called 'Sugar in a bag in Africa'. While working for a company called Booker Tate, she had to arrange a conference in Ethiopia for 14 delegates from around the world and take them to sugar producing sites in Kenya, Zambia, Botswana and South Africa. She gave an interesting account of some of the problems she encountered as well as the amusing and sometimes harrowing incidents which occurred.

Tea hostesses were Margaret Hinds and Doreen Powis.

The raffle prize was won by Helen White.

Shirley Ford

CASH for CLOCK!!

Firstly, very many thanks to Dennis and Margery Knight who have donated a large bag of mixed small change (including a 1921 silver dollar, Euros, Norwegian Krona and several buttons) for 'village use'! I have just started counting this 'wind fall' and it looks as though it might total around £20.00.

For some time I have been concerned that the nice old clock which many of you will remember hung for many years in the Church room suddenly disappeared. My fears however were groundless since Colin Higgs safely 'stashed' it away after it stopped working.

I feel it is time it is repaired and returned to its rightful place in the church room or the new village hall when built.

Unless anyone objects, I intend to get a quote to have the clock repaired, and use the cash referred to above as the start of a fund to pay for the work. Judging from the cost of having one of our clocks at home repaired, this shouldn't exceed £150.00. I will provide further information in future Chronicles

Andy Bystra



ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

PROGRAMME 2006

May 11 th	Margaret Deakin	The Land of the Long White Cloud
May 25 th		To be advised
June 8 th		Visit to the garden, The Old Stables. Tea at "Treeways", Cublington
June 22 nd		Competition
July 6 th		Outing
July 20 th		Garden Party

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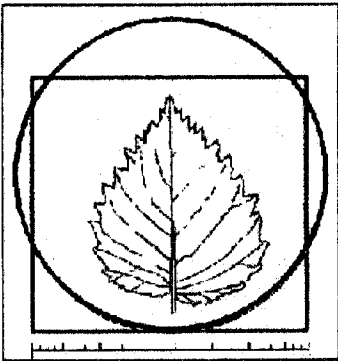
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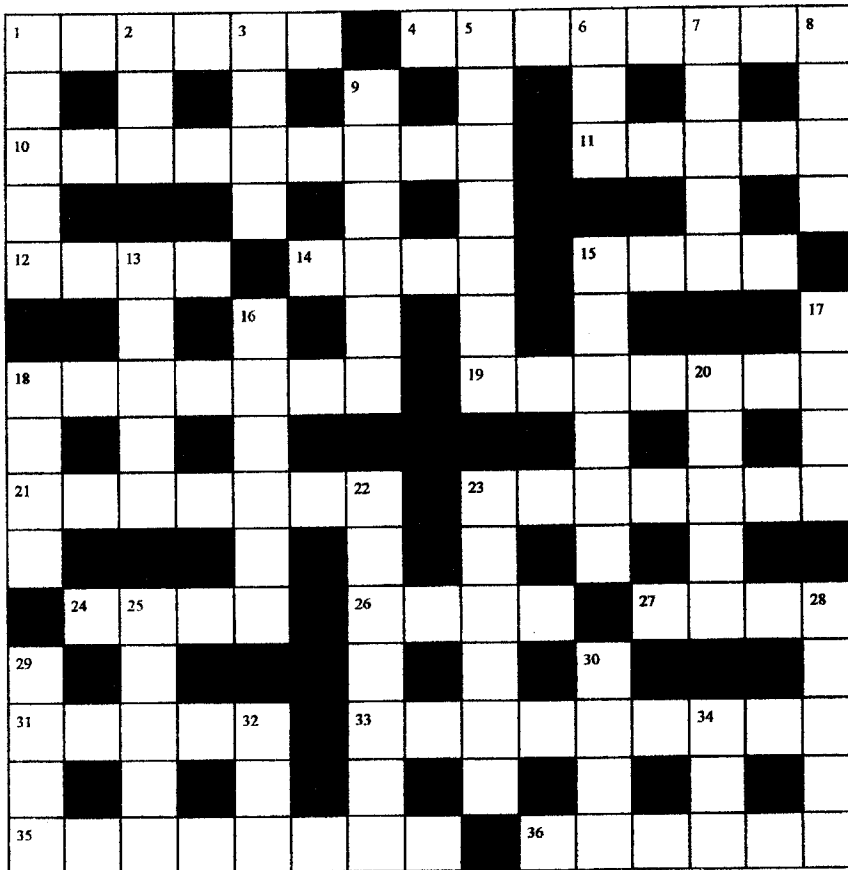
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 31 cloth 33 outnumber
 35 defender 36 stages

DOWN -

- 1 leech 2 dot 3 emus
 5 re entry 6 mob 7 towel
 8 carp 9 ranted 13 refer
 15 kismet 15 annexe
 17akin 18 robe 20 mason
 22 karaoke 23 scatty 25 aloof
 28 warns 29 acid 30 hunt
 32 hen 34 bog

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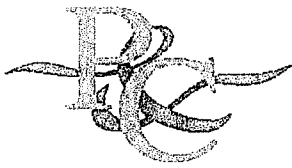
- 1 Unsown land (6)
 4 Scatter (8)
 10 Planning, strategy (9)
 11 Wanting (5)
 12 Taken individually (4)
 14 Finish plaster (4)
 15 Titled woman (4)
 18 Get rid of (5,2)
 19 Keep going without stops (7)
 21 Removed from bin (4,3)
 23 Place not indoors (4,3)
 24 Not slow (4)
 26 Finishes (4)
 27 Cut down tree (4)
 31 Girl's name (5)
 33 You have this in hospital (9)
 35 High point of a mountain (8)
 36 Moisten (6)

DOWN -

- 1 Untrue (5)
 2 Fall behind (3)
 3 Drive out (4)
 5 He delivers letters (4,3)
 6 Another name for a pub (3)
 7 Do this to make bread (5)
 8 Not hard (4)
 9 Needed to board a plane (6)
 13 Goods in the hold (5)
 15 Stay a long time (6)
 16 Decide not to (3,3)
 17 Boxing practice (4)
 18 Area for houses (4)
 20 Annoy for fun (5)
 22 Three part leaf (7)
 23 Lots of (6)
 25 Set up (5)
 28 Material made from flax (5)
 29 Not shallow (4)
 30 Tibetan priest (4)
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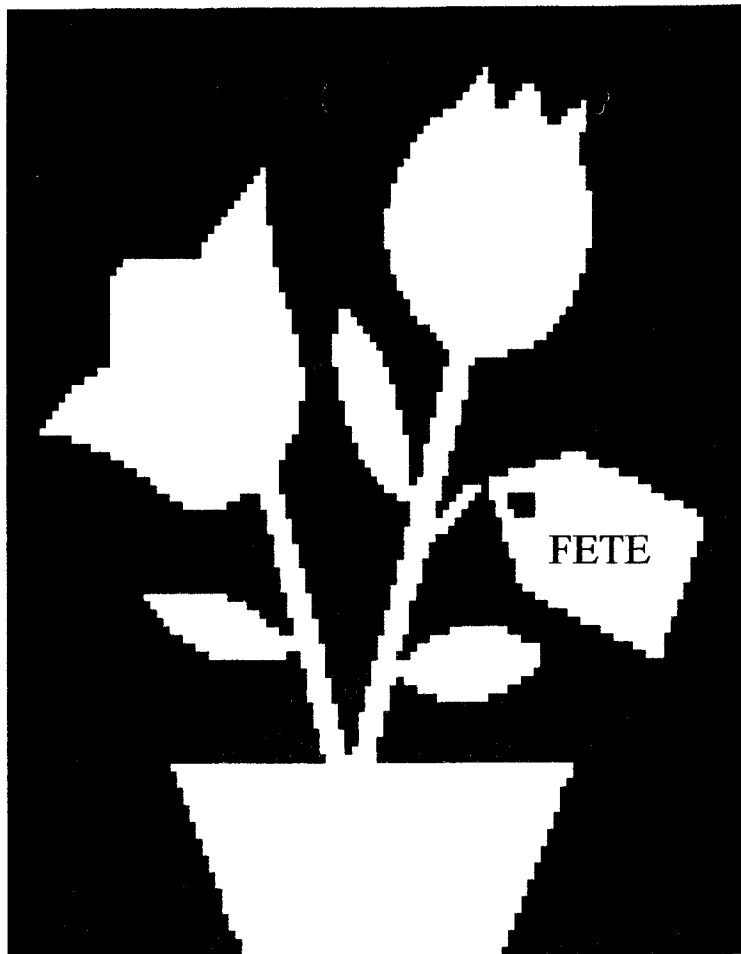
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CLERGY COMMENT

I do not know whether it is me that is unable to understand the world in which I live, or whether my thoughts are shared by other people.

We have just been told that the last month or so has been particularly cold. We didn't actually need telling – we knew! Yet we are told that because of the hole in the ozone level, we are undergoing a period of global warming. The two thoughts seem to me to be poles apart. If we are having global warming, why is it colder than usual?

Global warming is also said to be melting the polar ice caps. This in turn will lead to a rise in the Sea levels, and may cause significant flooding to low-lying areas. Yet, we are also said to be going through a period of drought and water shortage and are told that we must do all we can to conserve water.

Of course the message to save water has been around for some time. There have been many strategies suggested as ways of saving water. Yet there is currently a plan to build more homes. More homes inevitably means more water usage. We are told to take a shower instead of running a bath, and to turn the tap off whilst we brush our teeth. Surely we are not actually wasting water – for the water is coming out of the tap, but it is flowing back



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through the drainage system to the reservoir to be cleaned up and used again?

Maybe I am just becoming paranoid about some of the paradoxes in the world. We like to think that we live in an ordered world where we know what is going on and we can follow the routine sequence of events. We can understand the development from child through the teenage years to being grown up. This is then followed by the period of decline through retirement and old age.

We can understand the progression of the seasons – seed-time and harvest come each year – even though they may fluctuate a bit. They might be earlier or later. The results may be rewarding or poor. But we have trouble taking on board things that seem to be completely opposed to each other. Hot and cold seem to be two extremes, as do wet and dry. It is hard for us to think about and experience both extremes at the same.

It may be just an extreme version of the schoolboy science principle that things only stay where they are because they are being acted upon by forces that oppose each other and balance each other out. Maybe the biggest paradox of all is that God loves us more than it is possible for us to love him in return. And he will go on loving us through hot and cold, wet and dry, rich and poor, thick and thin.

Bob Willmott

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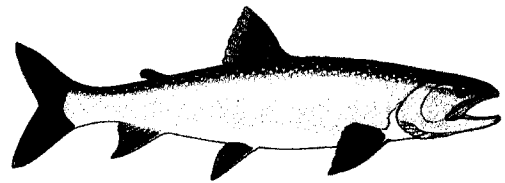


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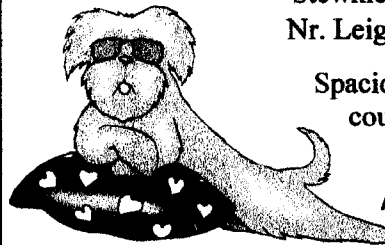
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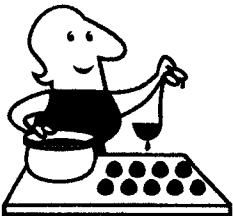
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14	Easter 5	1 John 4. 7-21;	John 15.1-8
21	Easter 6	1 John 5.1-6;	John 15.9-17
28	Easter 7	1 John 5.9-13	John 17.6-19
4 June Pentecost	Romans 8.22-27;	John 15.26-27,16.4-15	

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

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

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

Thursday 4th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
Saturday 6th	British Legion Bingo	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 7th	Rambling Club Annual Spider Walk	Church Room	3.30 - 5.00pm
Tuesday 9th	Fete Meeting	Church Room	8pm
Wednesday 10th	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Church Room	8pm
Thursday 11th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Thursday 18th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12
Sunday 21st	Ramblers Meet at Stone		2pm
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 28th	Evensong	St James Church	6pm
Monday 29th	Bank Holiday		
Thursday 1st June	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
Sunday 4th June	Open Gardens		2 - 5.30pm

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:

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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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Squid at The Oak As a regular Friday-nighter at The Oak I approached the pub at my usual time and was surprised to hear music playing. "Somebody's left their car stereo on," I thought. However I was wrong! A band, apparently with the unlikely name of Squid, were playing live. They played a variety of music, ranging from classics by Chuck Berry, The Beatles and The Stones to more modern material from Pink, White Stripes and the Dandy Warhols. The band played well, the pub was packed, and everybody had a great time. It made a nice change and was a very pleasant surprise. Let's hope they come back one day. *Phil Spooner*

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630 Club

One dark night on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames.

The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around. When the fire engines appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the chief fire officer and said, "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the centre of the plant.

They must be saved. I will give £50,000 to the firemen who brings them out intact." But the roaring flames held the firemen off. Soon more fire engines had to be called in as the situation became desperate.

As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now £100,000 to the firemen who could bring out the company's secret files. From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire engine came into sight. It was the nearby Aston Abbots rural volunteer fire brigade composed mainly of 630 Club members. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant. Without even slowing down it drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

Outside, the other firemen watched as the 630 Clubbers jumped off right in the middle of the fire and fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before.

Within a short time, the Clubbers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas.

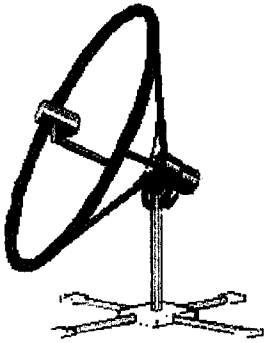
The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to £200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters. The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their leader, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Well," said Old Bystra, "The first thing we're gonna do is fix the brakes on that truck!"

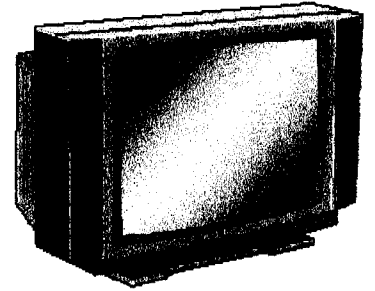


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OF CHURCH FARM, ASTON ABBOTTS

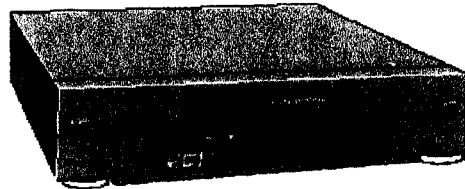


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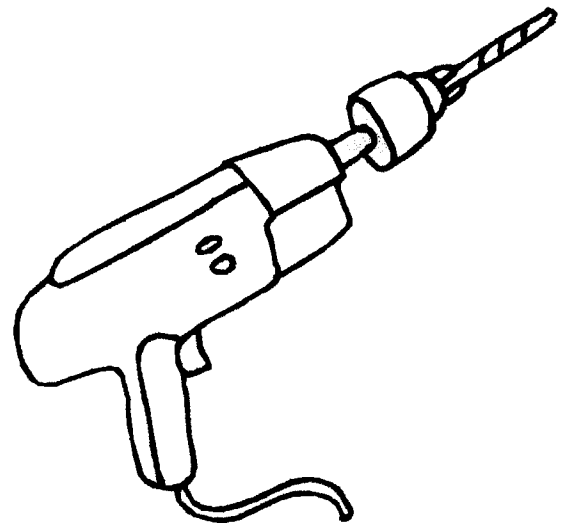
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*Mr Lewis' special divining tool,
seen here ready for action*

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