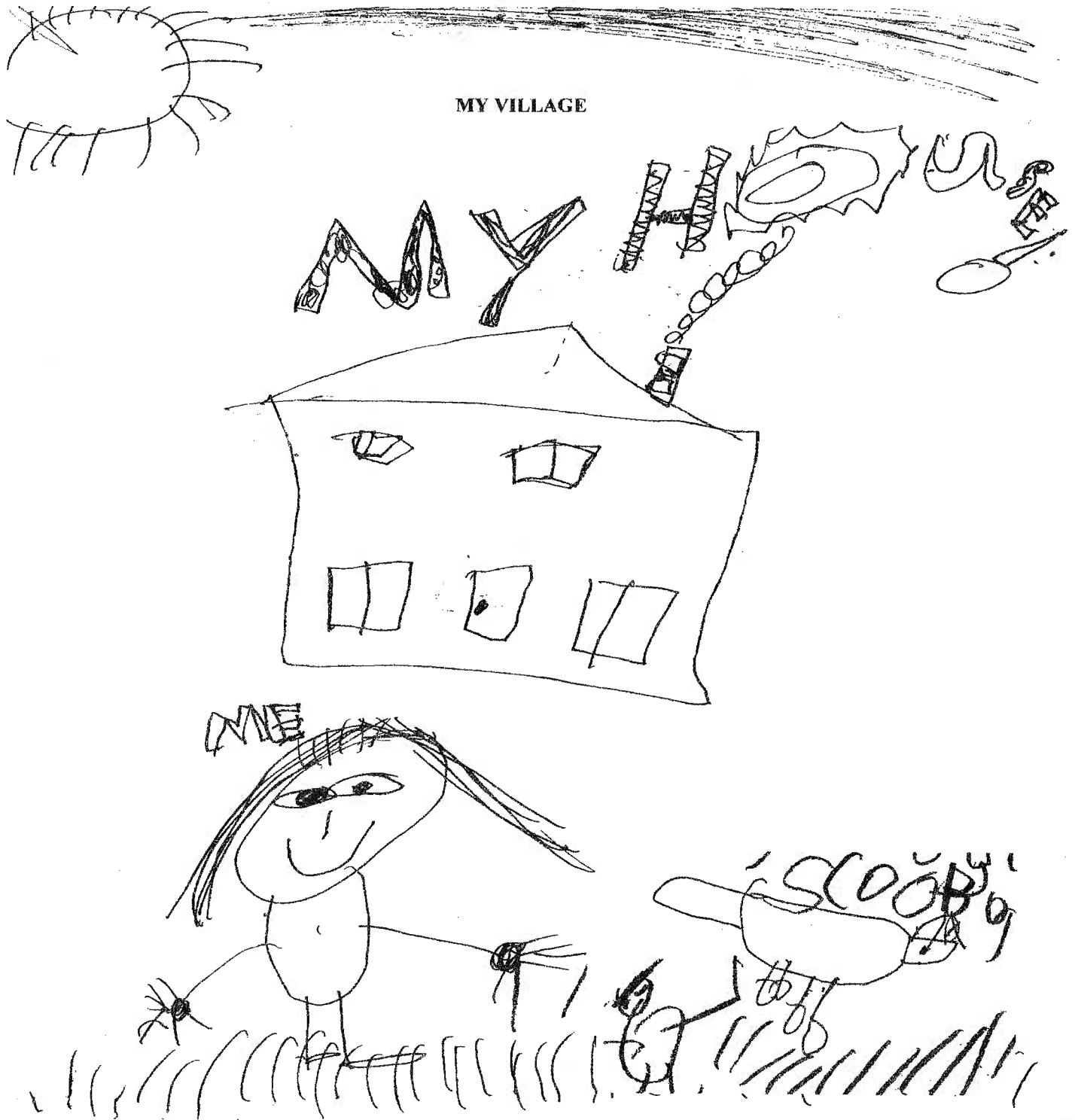


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# Editorial

Went to Long Crendon on 19th May to see the Medieval Mystery Plays performed by the villagers in their 13th Century Church. Mystery Plays are robust, straightforward melodramas, designed to catch and hold the attention of ordinary people in the crowded streets. The plays are earthy and homely, sometimes roughly humorous, and often deeply moving. The plays touched on The Flood and Noah, the crucifixion of Christ, Satan being cast down into Hell, the resurrection of Christ, and doubting Thomas. The cast were all villagers, young and old - the church chairs were very uncomfortable. A memorable evening. In a way it was like Astonbury - when the whole village gets involved. The Saddlers' Play - which dealt with Satan's descent into Hell - listed in the cast the following devils; Trigbyte, Fribolet, Glubjub, Ribald, Skinbaloo, Flitterjit and Greymalkin. Perhaps, if there is such a thing as a naughty alpaca, then Glubjub might 'even now' win me a prize.

Talking of the whole village getting together - don't forget the Pig Roast on Saturday 10th June being held at Norduck House (where Astonbury has been held in the past). See page 15 for details of the event. Your support would give those people actively opposing the proposed chicken egg production units the renewed encouragement they need in the battle ahead.

The village fete is on 22nd July. Poonam and her helpers are busy getting things organised. Next Fete Meeting on 6th June in Church Room at 7pm. Please find time to offer Poonam whatever help you can.

An owl box was installed in our 'wild garden' (which I hope you'll come and visit on 4th June - Aston Abbots Open Garden Day) by Aylesbury Vale Green Spaces Biodiversity. At dusk they 'lamped' the ponds and found, amongst other things, great crested newts. It's the first time I've seen one.

Canada geese goslings hatched out but disappeared within days. The moorhens have been more successful. The recent rain has helped the garden no end - must go out now and mow the lawn.

*John Hardcastle*

*In This Issue*

- *Allotment Diary* by Peter Shorrock
- *Countryside Diary* by Peter Knight
- *New Crossword* by Rod Rothero
- *Pig Roast at Norduck*
- *A418 Improvements Public Consultation*
- *Title Page* is sixth drawing on the theme of 'My Village' - please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Chaya Gupta (7) and her brother Shivum (4) who drew Scooby their dog. The small person between Chaya and Scooby is Dad a long way away. Ed

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Congratulations to Jeff Bannister who celebrated his 50th birthday last month by going into hospital for new hips. Apparently the old ones were further compromised when he installed a flagpole in his garden. Here's hoping you make a good recovery.

Get Well to Gary Moulton who is recovering from a serious arm injury after a car accident in Bieron.

Commiserations to Sharon Wilkinson who had her engagement ring stolen during a burglary whilst staying at Anne & John Brancker's house in Portugal.

Francesca Bean, Deirdre Whyte & myself would like to thank all our sponsors for the Race for Life, which we completed on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

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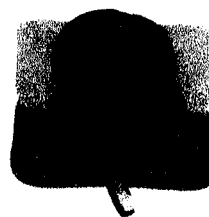
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# In The Village

Aston Abbott's Fete is being organised again this year by Poonam Gupta. Poonam is having her next Fete Meeting on Tuesday 6th June at 7pm in the Church Room.

Poonam and her family are going to provide their delicious Indian food again. Parrotts have very kindly donated a quantity of sausages for the Hot Dog Stand. Colonel Custard's Magic Show will be there and by popular request the second Aston Abbotts Dog Show will take place. There will be the traditional appearance of the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Morris Dancers. The 630 Club have bravely agreed to take on a visiting team from a neighbouring pub in a Tug-of-War Competition. All the usual stalls and attractions will be there. John Bercow MP will be opening the fete at 2pm. More information in next month's Chronicle.

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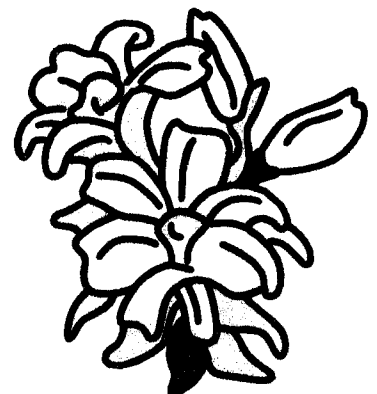
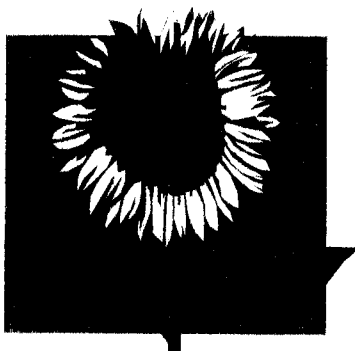
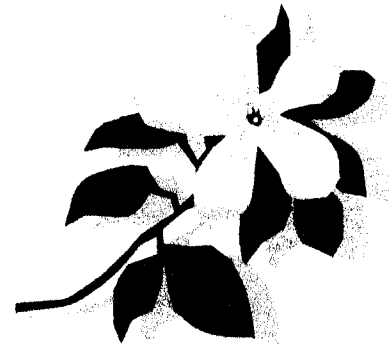
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## Letters To The Editor

*From Geoff Curnow*

Mention was made in the Chronicle of a group of village litter pickers who collected over a dozen large Council bags of litter in the space of a couple of hours.

Unfortunately a section of the general public will seemingly never be educated in putting their litter in a bin, preferring to toss it out of car windows.

However as two of us, working together, collected upwards of fifty plastic milk containers, both one and two litres, it is likely that around 200 could have been collected in all. We cannot blame this quantity on litter louts. It seems far more likely that these cartons are wind blown from refuse baskets collected by the Council fortnightly.

It would reduce our litter picking by a large percentage if villagers could squash their milk cartons before putting them in their bins. This would avoid bins overflowing and the lightweight cartons getting blown into the grass verges. This also applies to the plastic two litre coke and lemonade bottles.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

*From Mark Yates*

You may (or may not!) be aware that we have started to hold a monthly farmers market at Great Horwood. The village shop closed about 2 years ago and this is our effort to both help the needs of the community and support local producers.

Would it be possible for you to remind people that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Farmers Market will be held on Great Horwood village green on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 2pm and thereafter on the second Saturday of each month at the same time? (The second market, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, was a great success!)

Many thanks for your support.

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 Colin Higgs*

Several people have said they are not sure of the footpaths. There is a village footpath walk on Sunday 18th June. Do join it. Start 2pm on The Green.

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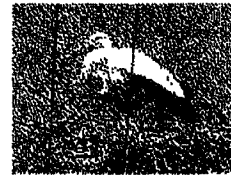


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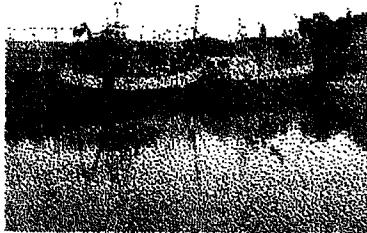
For those that don't know, Estonia borders the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Finland, between Latvia & Russia. It has over 1500 islands, but just 1.5 million inhabitants. Almost half of the country is forest and 22% is wetland, so it is rich in its wildlife - it's on a major migration route for birds and is a twitcher's paradise! Estonia gained its independence from Russia in 1991 and joined the EU in 2004. They still have their own currency - the Kroon (pronounced Crown), which means nearly everything is incredibly cheap - remember how Spain/Greece etc used to be! They have thick snow in winter and long sunny days in summer (up to 19 hours a day).



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## ALLOTMENT DIARY



There is a well known saying that every cloud has a silver lining, and for me it was the fact that April was unusually cold and dry. This may not have been good news for the rest of you, but I spent 3 weeks of April working on our house in Corsica, and when I came back at the beginning of May, the weeds on my allotment were only just pricking the surface. (Compared with last year, when I was also away for 3 weeks – admittedly in May, rather than April – and found that, despite having weeded my allotment immediately before leaving, the weeds were 18 inches high on my return; from which assault some of my vegetables never recovered. I was as a result dependent on the generosity of several of my fellow allotment holders to replenish my crops of brassicas and sweet-corn).

Our editor kindly suggested to me that since I was going to be in Corsica, rather than tending my allotment in Aston Abbots, for much of the time before the May Chronicle, I might like to write about vegetable growing in Corsica instead. This seemed like a good idea, but I regret there is not a lot to write about. Clearly each Corsican village would have been self-sufficient in the 19<sup>th</sup>, and even early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, because communications by road until after the Second World War were so poor. I am sure, therefore that each village used to grow its own vegetables. Much of the hillside around the villages is even today terraced, and not all the terraces would have been for grapes or olives. However, today the terraces are overgrown with weeds and wild flowers, and you hardly see a vegetable being grown: it is obviously uneconomic to do so, and much easier to buy your vegetables from the village shop or local supermarket.

Nevertheless, I entirely sympathise with the Corsicans: growing vegetables there must have been a nightmare. We were there for 3 weeks in April, and we saw no rain at all until the last couple of days, and not much of it then. During June, July & August there is virtually no rain at all – less than 20 mm per month, and this will probably come in one fell swoop in a sudden storm which will only last for 10 – 20 minutes, which is not much help to a gardener. And the average temperature in these months will be around 30°, with an average of 10 hours or so sunshine each day! And no tap on the hillside where you were trying to grow your crop: you would have had to take your water to the site by hand (halfway up or down a hillside)!

There are one or two things, however, that may be of interest to the horticulturally minded of my readers. The first is that the island smells beautiful, because of what is called the maquis – the low, thick, undergrowth & bushes that cover much of the island. Napoleon used to

say that when he returned to Corsica, he could smell the island from 2 kilometres away; and while that may be an exaggeration, you can certainly smell the maquis walking or driving around Corsica, especially in the spring. The plants include a number of wild herbs, such as fennel, rosemary, thyme & myrtle: plants with which we are familiar, such as broom, wild lavender, briar & heather; and plants with which we are less familiar, such as pink & white cystus or rock-rose, asphodel, cyclamen, sarsaparilla, arbutus & mastic.

The island has long been a producer of wine from its grapes, and although over the last 50 years or so the wine has not had a high reputation, the vineyards on Corsica are gradually being modernised, and are trying to move up-market. There are several vineyards near our house that offer “degustation” or wine-tasting, and I look forward to the day when I shall have enough time to indulge in this and bring some bottles home with me. Olive trees are also very common, and citrus fruits are grown, largely along the eastern coastal plain.

Lastly, one of the most common trees on the island is the sweet chestnut. It is not native to Corsica, but was introduced by the Genoese, when they ruled Corsica in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries. At one time it was a mainstay of the Corsican economy. The wood was used (and is still used) for furniture; dead wood was used for fire-wood; the chestnuts were eaten in many forms, with chestnut flour being used instead of flour made from wheat (since there was not enough flat land on the island to grow large crops of wheat, and farmers faced the twin problems of drought and temperature mentioned above). Chestnut jam is still made today (and very nice it is, too). Chestnuts are still used in the brewing of some Corsican beers – such as Pietra, which I can personally recommend. Rotten chestnuts would be fed to pigs to fatten them up, so producing a further source of food.

Unfortunately, the cultivation of chestnuts is gradually being abandoned, because of the fact that it is a labour-intensive crop, and the trees are susceptible to disease. Even today, however, there are still large numbers of sweet chestnut trees on the island, and the smell of their flowers in the spring is delightful.

Finally, moving back to the purpose of this diary, and the allotments here in Aston Abbots, I regret to report dastardly goings-on during my absence. Alan & Sue Digby have had six of their garlic plants stolen! The thief left his (or her – I don't want to be sexist) footprint in the earth alongside the bed where the uprooted plants had been before their pillage. We know, therefore that the culprit has a size 6 or 7 foot; and is either no gardener (since the plants were pulled up at least 2 to 3 months before they would have been ready for eating); or else it is someone who is very scared of vampires!

*Peter Shorrocks*



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## Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - 1st May

This rubbish is being written on May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get it over with before we have our annual holiday to Exmoor where we can relax and fully appreciate the arrival of another glorious Spring.

I understand that the house martens arrived at Norderduck Farm two weeks earlier this year than last. It's either very brave of them or, possibly, they can't read. It quite clearly states on a notice at the end of the drive that 'Avian flu has arrived'. Perhaps, just perhaps, they are as little worried by avian flu as I am.

Anyway whatever – swallows, chiff-chaff and cuckoo are also here. Tadpoles are swarming in one or two favoured ponds and early butterflies are showing themselves. The yellow Brimstone is always the first butterfly but I have already seen several Commas and, of course, the Peacocks.

Blackbirds are busy in our garden feeding young – I'm always amused by the fact that they like to wait until I'm not looking before they go to the nest – they like to try and keep it secret. One of the earliest birds to hatch young always seems to be the mallard ducks – they often have ducklings swimming round in mid March searching for flies hatching from the water.

Despite my abject failure to persuade any of you to buy his honey I am still on good terms with my bee keeping friend on Lines Hill and, I suppose, this interest has made me more aware of all the wild bees about. In our garden at present we have several humming birds. They have great long proboscis and they fly and hover at quite an angle – very different from other bumble bees.

I read that there are 250 different species of bee in the British Isles and that some dig burrows 2ft deep to lay their eggs – an amazing labour. There are also wasps that make a little clay pot, fill it with a paralysed caterpillar, lay an egg in it and seal it up. The egg hatches, eats the caterpillar, pupates into a wasp which opens the pot and flies off. I would just love to see one of those pots.

Despite most crops and flowers being later than usual in the garden, asparagus is bang on time. We have already had a splendid picking of this most rewarding of vegetables – it looks lovely, tastes fantastic and is easy and cheap to grow.

For the last three years I have just managed to dig early potatoes in May – on the last day. I'm sure

that this year we shall well into mid June before we have that pleasure.

At last the grass is growing well for the sheep – they are all reasonably content except for two ewes with three lambs that insist on getting out. Despite all my efforts at hole blocking in hedges and two Saturday mornings spent fencing, these two sheep insist on being in my neighbours fields. Interestingly every time I round them up and get them back in they run straight to the mineral trough and eat the powdered minerals rather than lick them. The faster the grass grows the lower its mineral content particularly magnesium and one or two trace elements – so availability of a free access mineral is essential for grazing sheep at this time of year. Come June and they will stop taking it.

Great Uncle used to say that the answer with a persistently escaping sheep was to shoot it as it came through the hedge – thus solving the problem of blocking the hedge at the same time. The same Great Uncle was full of timely advice as I well remember before I got married.

'Uncle Walter – I'm getting married next month'.  
'So I've heard boy. My advice is – don't buy her a new hat; if she's got a new hat she'll want to go out and if she goes out she'll only spend money and that's something you'll have little of'.



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## MINUTES OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2006

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 19<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) and 14 parishioners.

**MINUTE 1** Apologies - County Councillor Quintyn Ings-Chambers, Bob Bean.

**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** 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:

The 'Waterside Project' in Aylesbury - all land has now been acquired, and old buildings on Exchange Street will be demolished very soon. Plans are also going ahead for a new shopping centre and theatre.

Housing and jobs in Aylesbury Vale - The Government target is to build 20,000 houses and create 13,000 jobs in the Vale by 2021. The housing development at Weedon Hill is the start of this project. AVDC is encouraging businesses to come to the Vale.

A418 improvements - this road is intended to connect Aylesbury to Milton Keynes. Public consultation is underway.

Rail links - The first rail improvement will be the new station at Berryfields, but there are plans to extend the link to Milton Keynes in the future.

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

**MINUTE 5** Village Activities.

Reports were given on activities during the year of the following organisations: G.N.O.M.E.S. (April Curnow), Ladies' Club (Shirley Ford), P.C.C. (Colin Higgs) and Parish Council (Colin Higgs)

**MINUTE 6** Recreation Ground

Peter Cooper told the meeting that the strip of land, which formed the section 106 agreement when Nash's Farm was built, will pass to the village as 'freehold'. Richard Clarke reported that the bonfire would no longer be available for residents to put their garden rubbish on. Instead a 'clean' fire will be made from pallets brought in for the purpose.

**MINUTE 7** Children's Play Area

Jackie Farrands informed the meeting that the first phase of the refurbishment is now complete, with the installation of the Multiplay climbing frame. Enough funds have been raised to order the remaining equipment (aerial runway and basketball hoop), so phase two should be completed during the next couple of months.

**MINUTE 8** Church Room

Colin Higgs explained that repairs to the Church Room are ongoing. A new water heater and cooker have been purchased, and planning permission has been granted to improve the toilets and disabled access. Quotes for this work are being sought, and it is expected to cost in the region of £7000. The Parish Council holds around £6000 for this work, leaving the remainder to be raised by other means.

**MINUTE 9** New Village Centre

Phil Spooner (on behalf of Neil Chesher) said that the plan is to take a party of interested people to look at the hall at Quainton, with a view to using it as a model. A further meeting will then be held to appoint committees.

**MINUTE 10** The Chronicle

John Hardcastle (editor) thanked Phil Spooner for his continued support. Claire Gresswell (retiring advertising manager), Andy Bystra (printing and distribution) and John Whyte (Finances) were all thanked for their hard work over the year, contributing to the continuing success of the Chronicle. John reported that the finances were stable, and requested that the current level of financial support be maintained.

**MINUTE 11** Fete 2005

Dickie Dicken reported that the Fete made a record profit of about £3619 last year.

**MINUTE 12** Fete 2006

After some discussion, it was agreed to distribute the proceeds as follows:

Church 35%

Church Room - fund for toilet refurbishment 40%

Chronicle 15%

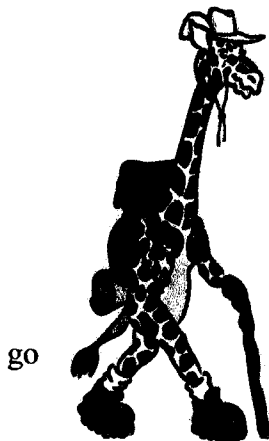
Recreation Ground 10%

**MINUTE 13** A.O.B.

Concerns were expressed about the increasing levels of traffic on Moat Lane / Lines Hill.

It was noted that the horse warning signs on Moat Lane had gone.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm



Correct answer is: **OPEN THE REFRIGERATOR, PUT IN THE GIRAFFE, CLOSE THE DOOR.**

This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

[how did you do?]

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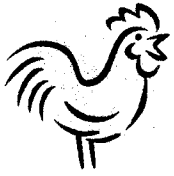
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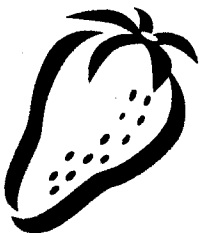
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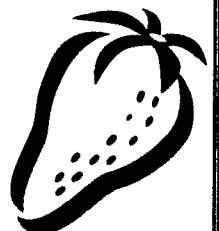
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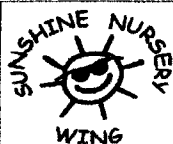
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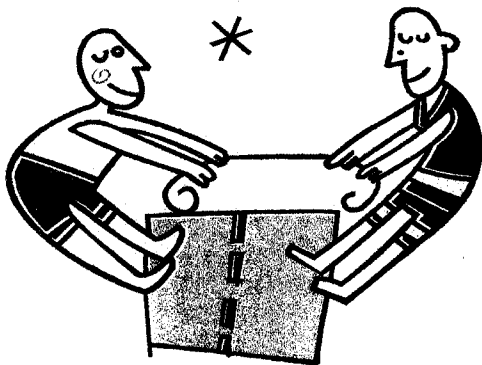
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## ASTON ABBOTTS

### FESTIVAL OF ST JAMES' FETE 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006

July is the month for Aston Abbots Fete  
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For Mum and Dad and the girls and boys  
And scrumptious cakes and jam and teas  
For Aunties, Uncles, Granddads and Grannies  
Engines – there are both steam and fire  
Entertaining the children until they tire  
And Magic Mr Custer and the Lion train  
And don't forget the Morris Dancers in the  
It's good for the workers to have a Pimms  
Whilst working hard with aching limbs  
Then some of the men will go for a beer  
And the fete is finished for another year

Next Fete Meeting 6th June  
7pm Church Room

## PLANTS PLANTS

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

**POT THEM UP, LABEL THEM, TLC THEM AND GIVE THEM TO CLARE SHORROCK AT OAK FARM HOUSE THE WEEK BEFORE THE FETE**

*Please, no more fox gloves or buddleias – lots left from last year!*



**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS**

**CAKES**

Please make cakes for your Village Fete.  
Bring your cakes to the Cake Stall  
on the day.

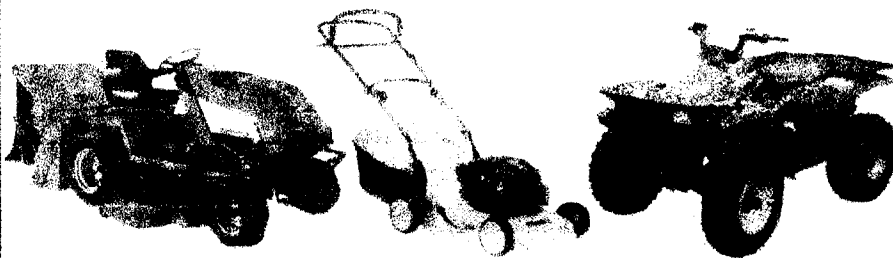
This year we also want homemade  
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**Saturday 22nd July**

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Go back in time... Before the Internet or the Apple Mac. Before semi-automatics, joy riders and crack....Before SEGA or Super Nintendo...Way back.....I'm talking about Hide and Seek in the park. The corner shop. Hopscotch. Butterscotch. Skipping. Handstands. Football with an old can. Fingerbob. Beano, Dandy, Buster, Twinkle and Dennis the menace. Roly Poly. Hula Hoops, The smell of the sun and fresh cut grass. Bazooka Joe bubble gum. An ice cream cone on a warm summer's night from the van that plays a tune - Chocolate or vanilla or strawberry or maybe Neapolitan or perhaps a screwball. Watching Saturday morning cartoons....short commercials, The Double Deckers, Road Runner, He-Man, Zeebedee Tiswas or Swap-shop?, and 'Why Don't You'? Or staying up for Doctor Who. When around the corner seemed far away and going into town seemed like going somewhere. Earwigs, wasps, stinging nettles and bee stings. Sticky fingers. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Zorro. Climbing trees. Walking to school, no matter what the weather. Running till you were out of breath and getting a stitch, laughing so hard that your stomach hurt. Jumping on the bed. Pillow fights. Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles. Being tired from playing....remember that? The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. Water balloons were the ultimate weapon playing cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle. Choppers and Grifters I'm not finished just.... Eating raw jelly. Orange squash ice pops. Remember-when...There were two types of trainers - girls and boys, and Dunlop Green flash and the only time you wore them at school was for P.E. You knew everyone in your street - and so did your parents. It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends. You didn't sleep a wink on Christmas Eve. When nobody owned a pure-bred dog. When 25p was decent pocket money When you'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny. When nearly everyone's mum was at home when the kids got there. When it was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents. When any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him or use him to carry groceries and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it. When being sent to the head's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home...Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs etc. Parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! - And some of us are still afraid of them!! Remember when.... Decisions were made by going " Ip Dip Dog Sh\*t "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly". The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was germs. And the worst thing in your day was having to sit next To one. It was unbelievable that 'British Bulldog 123' wasn't An Olympic event. Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a catapult. Nobody was prettier than Mum. Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better. Taking drugs meant orange-flavoured chewable aspirin. Ice cream was considered a basic food group. Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true. Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors. If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED. Pass this on to anyone who may need a break from their "grown up" life...

**DOUBLE-DARE YOU**

## **A418 IMPROVEMENTS; AYLESBURY to MILTON KEYNES STRATEGIC ROUTE**

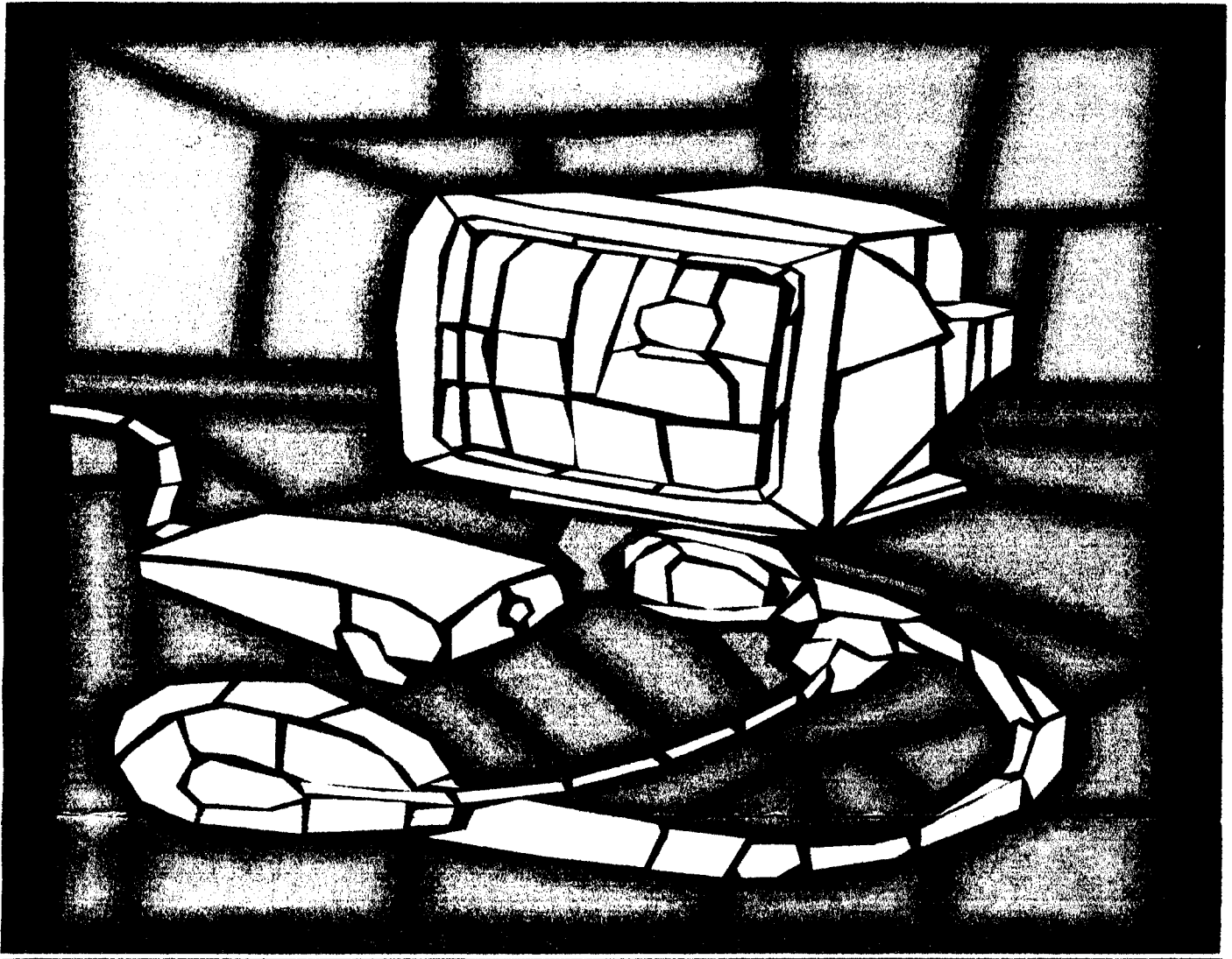
### **Hulcott Crossroads to A418/ A505 Roundabout**

Bucks County Council intends to hold a public consultation into options for the above scheme. There will be two public exhibitions giving the local residents an opportunity to view the work carried out to date and the options being progressed. This consultation will help to determine the preferred route, which will then be taken forward to the detailed design stage. The consultation venues, dates and times are as follows:

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## ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Meeting

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**PRESENT** Cllrs. C.Higgs, M.Hinds, D.Dicken, T.Manning, P.Shorrock, J.Farrands and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Richard Clarke, Peter Cooper, P.C. Burns and Quentin Ings-Chambers.

Peter Shorrock was elected Chairman, with Colin Higgs as Vice Chair. Members of committees were as follows:

- Street Lighting Officer: Margaret Kent
- Planning Committee: Jackie Farrands, Margaret Hinds, Peter Shorrock and Dickie Dicken.
- Transport: Colin Higgs
- Highways: Colin Higgs and Richard Clarke
- Recreation Ground: Jackie Farrands and Richard Clarke

The Chairman (Colin Higg) gave his Annual Report on the activities of the Parish Council over the past year.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

**6.3.06** – A418 Improvements. Tom Manning reported that the Parish Council will be consulted on the proposals, and that it is imperative to respond, as this response could possibly be used as a casting vote in future negotiations.

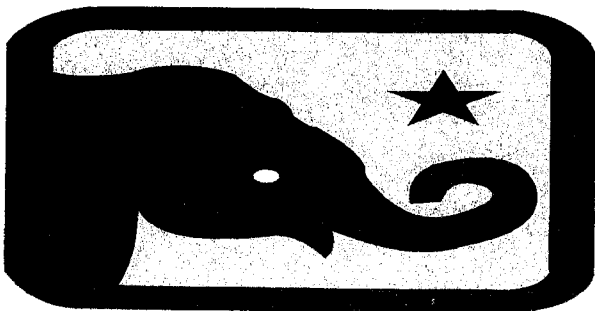
#### PLANNING

• 06/00864/APP Land Adjacent to 4, Ross Road. Change of use of land to residential garden use. **Resolved** to support this application on the grounds that it will enhance the village environment.

#### INSURANCE

• **Resolved** to approve the Insurance Renewal Schedule from Allianz Cornhill.

### Question 2 HOW DO YOU PUT AN ELEPHANT INTO A REFRIGERTOR?



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#### CHURCH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

• Four quotes have been received, all of which are higher than the £5750 the Parish Council currently has available. Further funds will come in from the Fete. After some discussion it was agreed to hand the matter to the Church Trustees, as further fund raising would appear to be necessary.

#### HIGHWAYS

• Concerns were expressed about the large number of potholes on the local roads, which Highways on Call do not seem able to deal with.

#### RECREATION GROUND

• Safety check – children's play area - up to date. Councillors agreed to continue to inspect the area on a rotational basis, doing one month each. The wire fence surrounding the area is in poor repair.

• Report from Recreation Ground Committee – Jackie Farrands reported that with £5000 from AVDC, £5000 from the Lottery Awards For All scheme, £400 from Bucks Playing Fields Association and donations from the village, there are now sufficient funds to complete 'phase two' of the refurbishment. A new cradle swing frame, basketball hoop and aerial runway will be ordered shortly. The latter two will be sited on the Recreation ground beyond the skateboard ramp. **Resolved** to approve the scheme as presented.

• Shed maintenance – postponed to next meeting.

#### DATES OF FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

• Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Church Room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

### Kidney Research UK London Bridges Walk 2006

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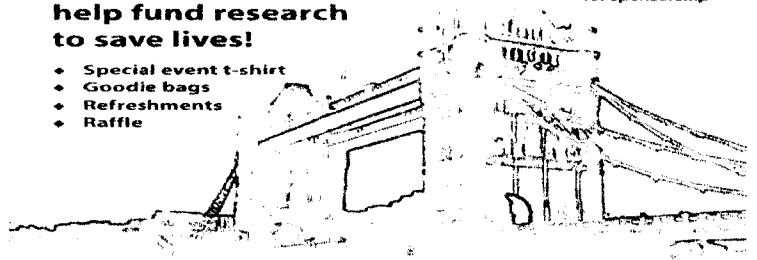
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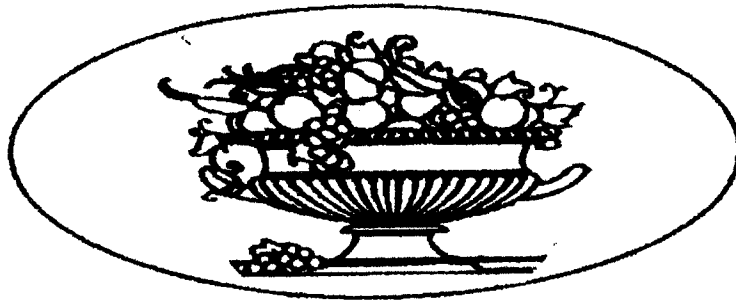


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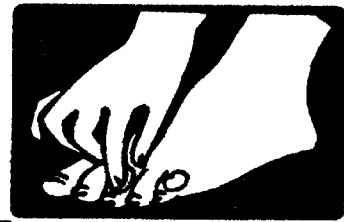
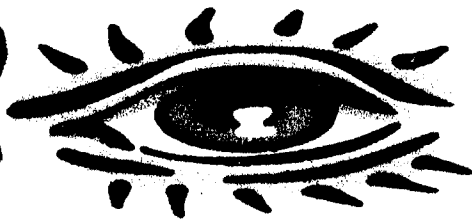
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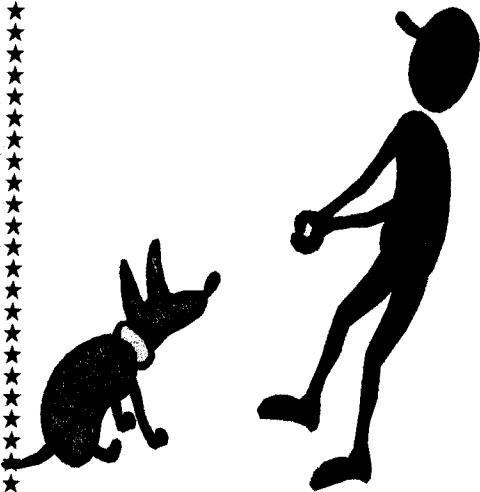
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However, we still need to purchase many items to enable us to complete the equipment line-up, so we are actively seeking sponsors—either local companies/businesses, or maybe individuals. Sponsors will get billing on the programs, plugs from the stage, and our grateful thanks.

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- £200 Lights
- £150 Insurance
- £50 Signage (car parking, etc)
- £300 Toilets
- £200 Licences
- £50 Printing
- £500 Sundry electrical equipment

Please remember, all proceeds from the event will be put towards either the New Village Hall, or other village projects. So any sponsorship helps us avoid spending money which would otherwise be used by the village.

If you can help in any way please contact Phil Corrigan on 688191. Thank you.

# 'Rocking the Rec'



**Saturday 15th July 2006**

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Astonbury **5**



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Bring seats, rugs, or cushions—and don't forget your picnic and maybe a bottle or two.

### Gazebos

There will be a roped-off seating area in front of the stage and all gazebos and barbecues must be kept behind this rope to allow those seated on the ground to get a good view of the stage.

### Parking

Parking is being arranged and will be signposted. No parking on the Rec or in Bricstoc. Would villagers please allow visiting friends to park at their house.

**The Czech Connection** *I seems inconceivable that it's a full year ago since we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day here in AA. with our friends from Czechoslovakia and Slovakia. They certainly seemed to have enjoyed the events we 'laid on' and even expressed their wish to celebrate this connection with Aston Abbotts & Wingrave annually; albeit alternatively between our two villages.*

So it was that this year, Wingrave became the hosts, and it has to be said they organized a pretty full and entertaining day. It started with a church service at which a new flag for Wingrave church (paid for by the Czech Legionaires) was dedicated by Bob Willmott. The new Czech Ambassador Jan Winkler, the Slovak Charge De-Affairs Radovan Javorcic and members of the British Legion were among those who filled the church.

There followed a football match between Wingrave and the Embassy and although Wingrave won the day, the 'visitors' distinguished themselves with some very spirited play.

After the match we were about to leave but a senior member of the Czech Embassy invited us to the official lunch. Geof Curnow and I were extremely grateful since the Embassy had bought along a barrel of their excellent Czech beer as well as providing wine and a warming goulash (much appreciated as it was a cold day). A brief chat with the Ambassador indicated they are looking forward to continue the association with Aston Abbotts and Wingrave and looking forward to visiting AA. next May.

A trip around Manor House had been arranged for those interested in seeing for the last time the offices occupied by the exiled Czech government during WW 11. These buildings are to be demolished later this year.

Others were entertained by seeing Alan Frost's traction engine in steam. A few lucky ones were given rides and one fortunate visitor even got to drive it around the village (to the consternation of some of those who had parked their cars nearby).

A very pleasant day was rounded off by an all too short but excellent concert in the church by the Wingrave Singers.

I am sure many in AA. look forward to hosting a similar event next year and inviting villagers from Wingrave. *A bee*

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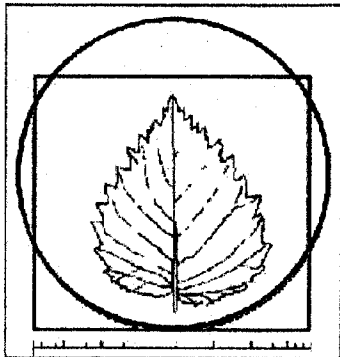
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On 23<sup>rd</sup> April a group of enthusiasts led by Vic and Christine Scott visited two nature reserves in search of rare plants. Therfield Heath near Royston was first point of call where one of the best colonies of the rare and beautiful Pasque Flower could be found. Although the morning was overcast it was still possible to enjoy the unique colouring of these flowers – a deep magenta blue with a golden centre. Also on view, but only after the experienced eyes of Vic had pointed them out, were various types of violets and a diminutive and rare species of dandelion.

Later the group travelled on to Hayley Wood near Gamlingay. The wood is a thousand years old and is the best site to see the local and rare oxlip, the wild ancestor of the polyanthus.

Vic's second guided was on 20<sup>th</sup> May to Stockgrove Park and Rammamere Heath near Heath and Reach. The ten acre oak wood was a mass of wild Lily-of-the-valley.

*Vic Scott leads his flock in search of the Pasque flower*



*Sally Palmer closely identifying violets*

Vic's next excursion is on 13<sup>th</sup> June to Aston Clinton Raggpits Reserve. Later on he is planning to arrange guided visits College Lake Nature Reserve, Longdown Hill, near Monk's Risborough and a Motharon at Aston Abbotts using a mercury vapour moth trap.



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In last month's Chronicle, I said I would use cash donated to me for 'village use' to start a fund to get the old clock which originally hang in the Church Room repaired and returned to its rightful place, either in the church room or the new village hall when built.

To further 'bolster' this fund, I have been given a new mains/battery shaver to sell.

### £10.00 seems a fair price to ask – any offers?.

It looks like an ideal piece of kit for summer holidays.

Andy Bystra



### Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2006

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

The only matter arising concerned the Coffee Morning due to be held at Audrey Stephenson's on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that this would commence at 10.30 am. and end at 1.00 pm. Tickets would be £1.50 each and there was to be a 'Bring & Buy sale'.

The Chairman then introduced Miss Jean Horn who showed us some beautiful slides of the Scilly Isles and especially the gardens at Tresco. Her knowledge of the plants and scenery were excellent. She was thanked by Etherly Gutheridge.

Tea was served with cakes provided by Irene Lowden and Carol Morris.

The raffle prize won by Pat Stephens.

Apologies were received from Doreen Powis and Christine Scott.

Shirley Ford

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July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Outing
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party

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### ACROSS

- 1 fallow 4 sprinkle
- 10 logistics 11 needs
- 12 each 14 skim 15 lady
- 18 scrap it 19 non-stop
- 21 took out 23 open air
- 24 fast 26 ends 27 fell
- 31 Emily 33 operation
- 35 manacle 36 dampen

### DOWN

- 1 false 2 lag 3 oust
- 5 postman 6 inn 7 knead
- 8 easy 9 ticket 13 cargo
- 15 linger 16 optout 17 spar
- 18 site 20 tease
- 22 trefoil 23 oodles 25 align
- 28 linen 29 deep 30 lama
- 32 yea 34 imp

### ACROSS -

- 1 Immediate (6)
- 4 Look forward to them (8)
- 10 Later (9)
- 11 Simple in thought (5)
- 12 Type of cabbage (4)
- 14 Unpleasant feeling (4)
- 15 Chain of sea coral (4)
- 18 Putting goods in lorry (7)
- 19 Made from fermented milk (7)
- 21 Sad (7)
- 23 Harass or confuse (7)
- 24 Cost nothing (4)
- 26 Unit of electricity (4)
- 27 Untreated animal skin (4)
- 31 Female obsession (5)
- 33 Same in all details (9)
- 35 Thin slices of wood (8)
- 36 Starting point (6)

### DOWN -

- 1 Mischievous trick (5)
- 2 Not in (3)
- 3 Pie containing fruit (4)
- 5 Worker at hospital (7)
- 6 Electrically charged atom (3)
- 7 Put up with (5)
- 8 Be aware off (4)
- 9 Not wanted in fridge (3-3)
- 13 Rare small river fish (5)
- 15 Highly seasoned stew (6)
- 16 Person of the 60s (6)
- 17 Mix (4)
- 18 Noisy (4)
- 20 Release from bonds (5)
- 22 Occurs when bored (7)
- 23 Male parent (6)
- 25 Girls name (5)
- 28 Hooked claw (5)
- 29 River Thames at oxford (4)
- 30 Leading actor (4)
- 32 Brand of 19 across (3)
- 34 Tooth on a wheel (3)

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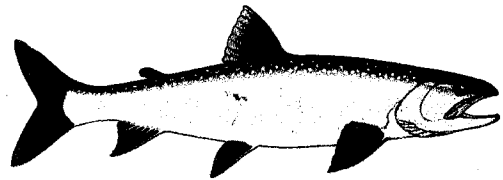


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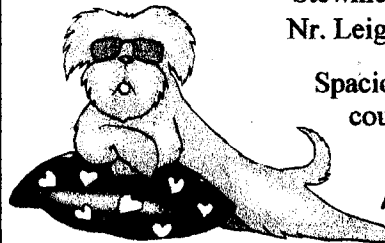
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Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw.

St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"

The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on ... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and thin. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

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*This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions! Go to page 35*

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# The Czech Connection

COMPILED BY NEIL REES



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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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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>

## CLERGY COMMENT

To some extent the blame must lie with Albert Jones!

We all like to find someone, somewhere, to pass the buck to – and why not old Albert?

At the end of the Evening Service on Harvest Festival day, Albert used to fish out from under the Altar a basket full of apples. These were the perks for the choirboys, and we each had two or three apples each. As a boy I often wondered whether, having been under the Altar, these were especially “holy” apples.

In those days I did not make the connection between this “free gift” and ensuring that we choirboys didn’t cause Albert too much hassle for the rest of the year. I suppose it was a bribe really – and it seemed to work. In fact, I quite enjoyed helping Albert doing his job as Verger. This job was coupled with being caretaker of the Church Hall. He lived in a modest house next to the Hall – which I think went with the job.

As you might imagine, Albert Jones was Welsh. At all the Services – you could always hear his loud Welsh Amen at the end of the prayers. I am told that he enjoyed a drink – and I have a suspicion that he left his post rather suddenly. But that may have been to make him technically homeless – and thereby gain him extra points on the Council waiting list for re-housing. I am not sure.



### CHURCH SIDESMAN

4th Mrs A Curnow  
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18th Mr A Bystra  
25th Mr A Ford

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24/25th Mr C Higgs

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Whatever the circumstances, we can all find people that we remember from our past. The very fact that we can still remember them years later, suggests that they probably exerted much more influence than we or they ever thought.

From the same era was dear, kindly, old George Blackwell. He was still riding his bike and singing in the Church choir at the age of 84. I sometimes used to pedal alongside him on the way home. It seems strange to report that such an innocent friendship would today cause so many eyebrows to twitch. He was usually a good source of sweets. Sometimes we would stop for ten minutes or so at the Bowls Club. Occasionally he showed me his immaculate garden (and let me pick and eat a few raspberries or gooseberries as we went round).

Both George and Albert would have probably said that they were just very ordinary people - and, of course they were. They are just two among hundreds of people whose lives have crossed my path over the years. Maybe they were role models as well as characters in the story of my life – I do not know.

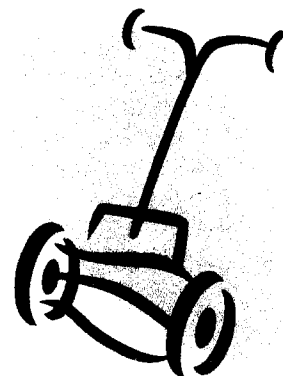
What influence do we have on other people’s lives?

*Bob Willmott*

### CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

3rd June Phil Spooner  
10th Caroline Lane  
17th Nigel Palmer  
24th Gordon Kemp  
1st July Andy Bystra

[if you are unable to mow on your week please ask the next one on list to change with you]



### EVENSONG SERVICES

**June 25th**

**July 23rd Songs of Praise (Fete W/E)**

**August 27th**

**September 24th (Harvest Festival)**

**October 22nd following Concert**

**Question 3 THE LION KING IS HOSTING AN ANIMAL CONFERENCE> ALL THE ANIMALS ATTEND... EXCEPT ONE. WHICH ANIMAL DOES NOT ATTEND? go to page 36**

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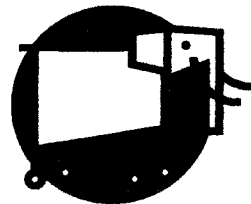
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Correct answer **THE ELEPHANT - YOU JUST PUT HIM IN THE REFRIGERATOR.** This tests your memory. OK, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities. Go to page 37

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<i>Sunday 11 Trinity</i>	<i>10 am Family Communion 6 pm Evensong</i>	<i>8 am Communion 10 am People's Praise</i>	<i>10 am Parish Communion</i>	<i>10 am Parish Communion</i>
<i>Sunday 18 Trinity 1</i>	<i>8.0 Communion 10 am Parish Praise (Lay)</i>	<i>10 am Parish Communion</i>	<i>At Cublington 10.0</i>	<i>10 am Family Communion 6pm Songs of Praise</i>
<i>Sunday 25 Trinity 2</i>	<i>10 am Parish Communion</i>	<i>10 am RBL Veteran's Service</i>	<i>Evensong 6.0 (Lay)</i>	<i>At Wing 10 am</i>
<i>Sunday 2 July Trinity 3</i>	<i>8.0 Communion 10 am Parish Communion</i>	<i>10 am Patronal Festival</i>	<i>10 am Parish Communion</i>	<i>10am Family Service (Lay)</i>

### SUNDAY READINGS

4 June	Pentecost	Romans 8.22-27;	John 15.26-27,16.4-15
11	Trinity	Romans 8.12-17;	John 3.1-17
18	Trinity 1	2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17;	Mark 4.26-34
25	Trinity 2	2 Corinthians 6.1-13;	Mark 4.35-41
2 Jul	Trinity 3	2 Corinthians 8.7-15;	Mark 5.21-43

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**Question 4 THERE IS A RIVER YOU MUST CROSS BUT CROCODILES LIVE IN IT, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A BOAT. HOW DO YOU MANAGE IT? go to page 39**

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# What's On In June

Thursday 1st	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
Sunday 4th	Village Gardens Open		2 - 5.30pm
		Teas on the Green	3-5pm
Monday 5th	PCC Meeting	4 Church Row	8pm
Tuesday 6th	Fete Meeting	Church Room	7pm
Wednesday 7th	County Councillor Ing-Chambers		
	Cluster Meeting	Whitchurch Church Hall	
Thursday 8th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 11th	Rambling Club Meet at Three Locks		2pm
Thursday 15th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12
Saturday 17th	Cublington Fete	The Old Rectory	1pm
Sunday 18th	Village Footpath Walk	The Green	2pm
	Fathers Day		
Wednesday 21st	Parish Council Meeting	Church Room	8pm
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 -12 noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room	2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room	7.30pm
Sunday 25th	Evensong	St James Church	6pm
Thursday 29th	Coffee Shop	Church Room	10.30 - 12 noon

**Information Release.** Due to the nature of the quality of driving in England the Department of Transport has now devised a new scheme in order to identify poor drivers and give good drivers the opportunity to recognise them whilst driving. For this reason as from the middle of May 2006 those drivers who are found to be driving badly which includes: - overtaking in dangerous places: - hovering within one inch of the car in front: - stopping sharply: - speeding in residential areas: - pulling out without indication: - performing U turns inappropriately in busy high streets: - under taking on motorways and: - taking up more than one lane in multi lane roads. These drivers will be issued with flags, white with a red cross, signifying their inability to drive properly. These flags must be clipped to a door of the car and be visible to all other drivers and pedestrians. Those drivers who have shown particularly poor driving skills will have to display a flag on each side of the car to indicate their greater lack of skill and general lower intelligence mindset to the general public.

*Department of Transport.*



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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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## 630 Club

Even as you read this the members of the illustrious 630 Club are meeting in the Old Oak to agree their strategy for the forthcoming trial of strength with a visiting Tug of War Team. The match will be fought at the Village Fete and the honour of the village rests with this fine body of men. Hopefully the maidens of the village will sleep safely in their beds on the evening of the fete. The last thing we want is a rampant hoard of foreign tug-of-warers running amok in the village. There are definite overtones of the World Cup here. Metatarsals are being cocooned in state of the art footwear in order that injuries are kept to a minimum. Many discussions will take place as to whether the heavy weights should be up front or playing a more defensive role at the back and whether the rope should be tied to a tree to ensure the opposition have no chance. Sponsors for the team kit welcome.

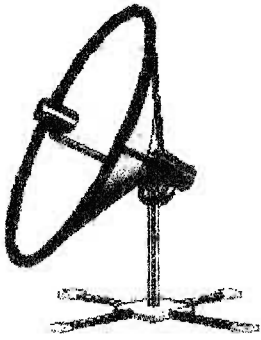


**Correct answer YOU JUMP INTO THE RIVER AND SWIM ACROSS. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Annual Meeting, so the crocodiles are not in the river now. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes. Ed (failed to confirm professional status)**

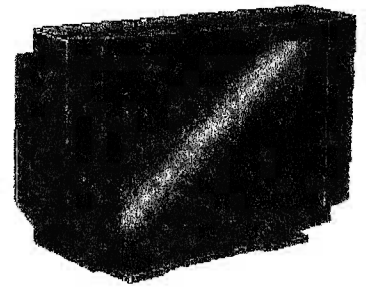


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