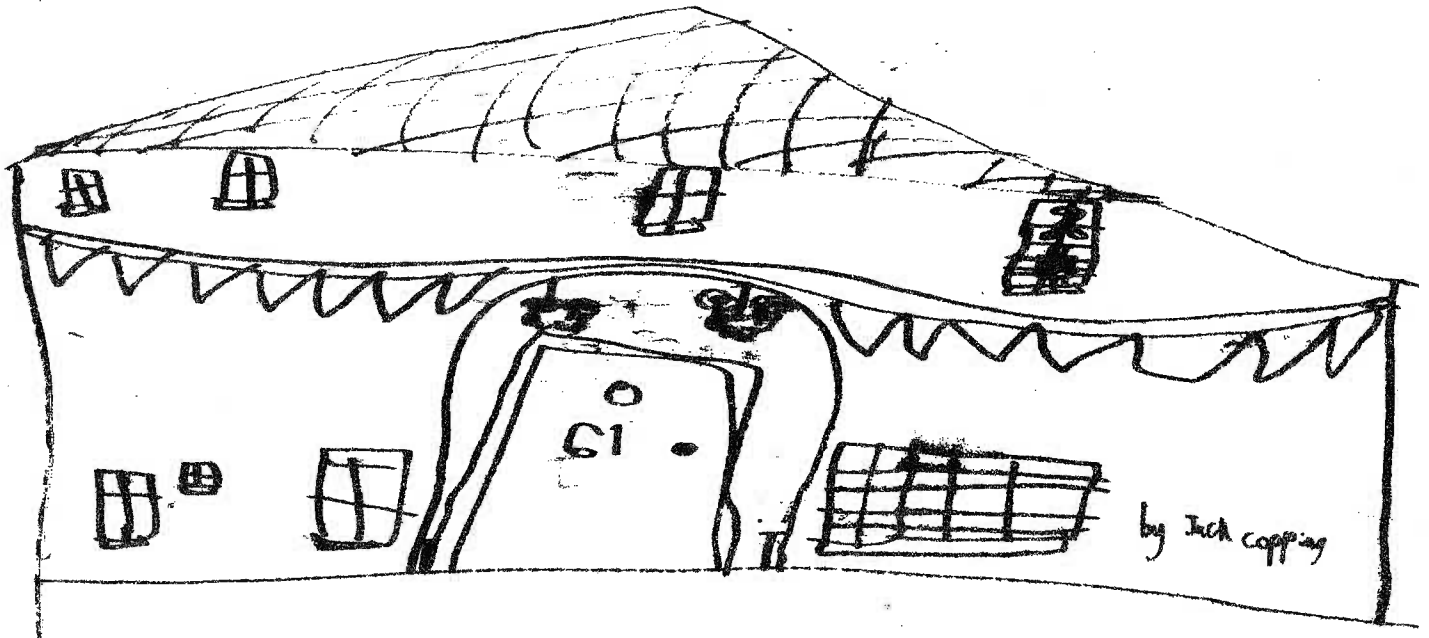


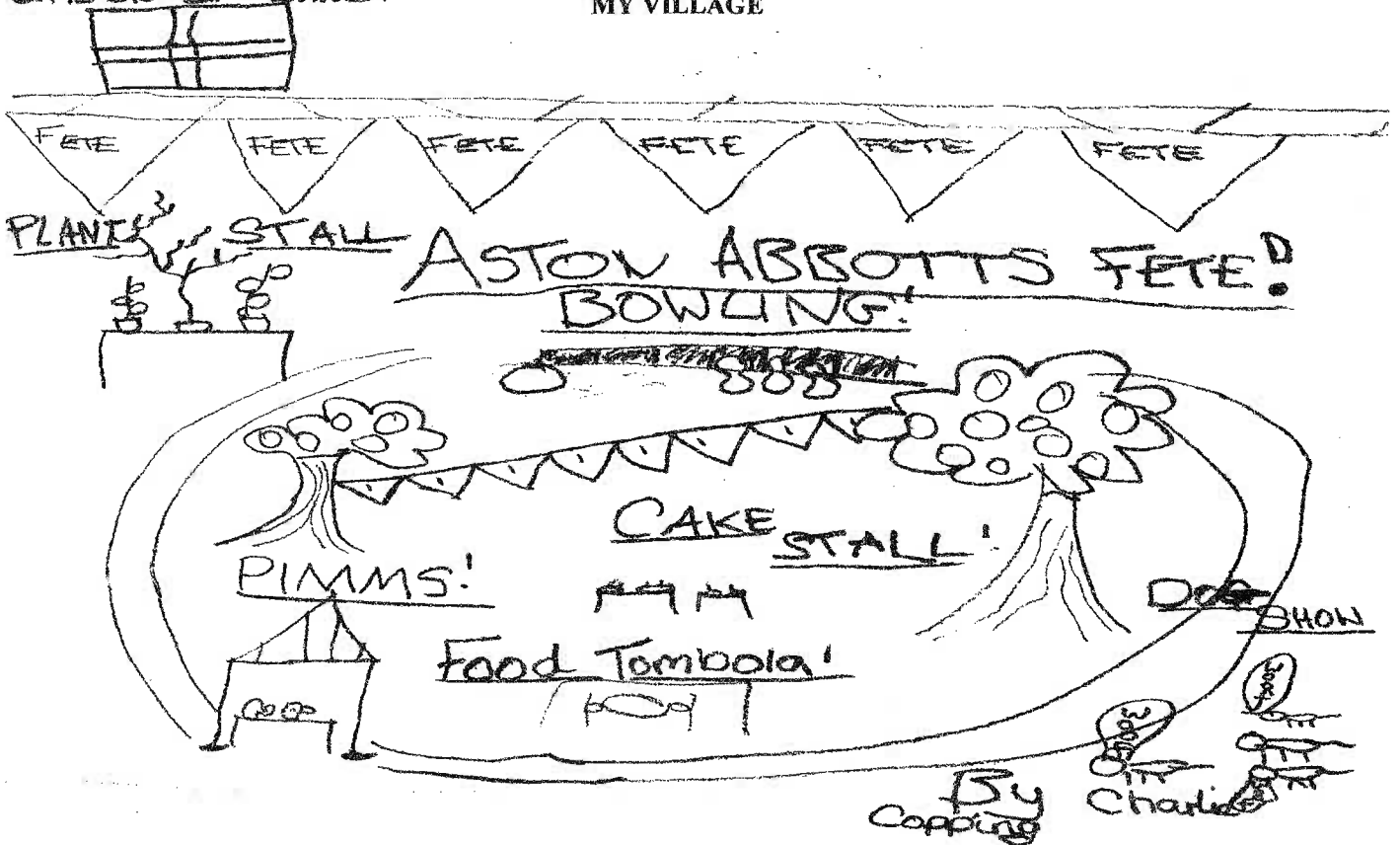
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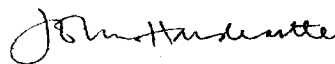
The village fete is almost upon us. Poonam has a Fete meeting in the Church Room on 11th July at 7pm. Please offer her your assistance if you are able. Collection of items for the stalls will be made on 17th & 18th July. Poonam is trying to trace the whereabouts of the face paints used last year. If you know where there are please contact Poonam and let her know.

Missing from the Fete will be one of it's greatest helpers and supporters. Clare Shorrock will be sorely missed for all the enthusiasm she gave so freely to so many village events. She gave Judy and I some cuttings for our pond, a few days before she went into hospital - she proudly showed me over her pond, which is truly magnificent, and which she ordinarily would have hoped to share with you on Garden Open day.

The exhibition of the proposed A418 Improvements was interesting. Whether the money is allocated for this proposal we shall have to wait and see. But whether or not it goes ahead in the foreseeable future I am more worried that with the new Link road at Weedon Hill joining the Buckingham Road with the Bicester/Oxford Road, motorists will use our village as a rat run from the A418 rather than motor into Aylesbury and use the Ring Road. When this was raised with one of the staff manning the exhibition he commented 'Well you can always close the gates'. Now there's an idea! Except of course that someone demolished one of the posts the other day. Hopefully it will be repaired. Bucks County Council are coming to the next Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 19th July to give a presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

It was our Wedding Anniversary on 22nd June and Judy and I took ourselves to Ladies Day at Ascot. We manage to take more from the bookies than they received and really enjoyed the people watching. Buy a ticket for 15th July 'Rocking the Rec' - that's my best tip.

Hopefully there are some children who would like to contribute a front cover for the Chronicle. Perhaps for the September edition I could have some memories of a good summer holiday at home or abroad. Please do your best to encourage our young artists.



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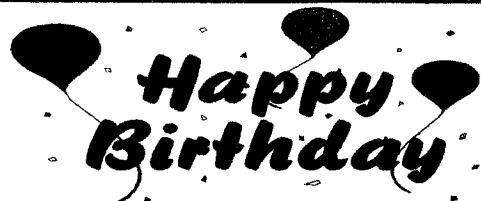
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- *A418 Improvements Public Consultation*
- *Title Page* is seventh drawing on the theme of 'My Village' - please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Charlie Copping (9) who drew 'The Village Fete' and his brother Jack (7) who drew their house Ed

Alison's Gossip Column



July

George Fox	2 nd July
Donna Wiggett	2 nd
Margaret Kent	6 th
Nigel Palmer	6 th
Nicola Lovell	9 th
Vic Scott	13 th
Gordon Smith	15 th
Andrew Plested	19 th
Ellie Williams	19 th
James Hartnett	21 st
Anne Brancker	24 th
Daniel Smith	24 th
Christy Oldfield	24 th
Jade Smith	24 th
Deirdre Whyte	27 th
Lawrence Hinds	29 th
Julia King	31 st July

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

The Church was packed to the rafters on the 20th June, for the Thanksgiving service for the life of Clare Shorrocks, who so unexpectedly died after a short illness on June 8th. It was necessary to have a PA system so all those outside who couldn't find a seat, could hear the service.

There were a lot of tears but also laughter at the outgoing tune, "Always Look on the Bright Side" from Monty Python!

Clare's huge personality will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with her family, particularly Peter, Adam and Piers

From Sally Turnham and Andy Stefanczyk

Can we also express our great sadness at Clare Shorrocks's death. She did so much for Aston Abbots and will leave a huge hole in our community. She had so much energy and enthusiasm and was an inspiration to us all. You've gone too soon Clare, but we won't forget you.

August

Paul Fletcher	4 th August
Liz Barlow	4 th
Ivor Belgrove	7 th
Christine Fox	10 th
Mark Hewitt	11 th
Jackie Coates	12 th
	(Glorious 12 th !!)
Dorothy Hinds	14 th
Louise McManus	17 th
Zoe Williams	19 th
Andrew Parker	21 st
Shivum Gupta	22 nd
Zoe Oldfield	24 th
Andrew Peacock	24 th
Jenny Howell	27 th
Dean Wiggett	29 th
Poonam Gupta	29 th

From Ann Dicken

The Grand Pig Roast held on June 10th at Norduck House proved to be a great success.

We ordered a lovely evening and we got one, which helped us to raise £2000 towards the "fight the Chicken Farm Fund". Everyone enjoyed the pig, the strawberries, the excellent band and Dave's disco.

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

There will be no allotment diary this month.

Instead, I would like to use the space first of all, on Clare's behalf, to thank the large number of people in the village who sent good wishes to her while she was in hospital; to thank those who came in to see her in hospital – and those who wanted to come in, but had to be dissuaded, because she was too ill – and for the many cards, flowers, and other gifts that she received while she was in the John Radcliffe. I can tell you that she was very touched by everything she received, and a comment she made to me several times in hospital was "how kind everyone is". May I also thank Margaret, April and Valerie Osbourne, for feeding Adam & me while Clare was in hospital; and Margaret for helping with my ironing!

Next, on behalf of myself and my two sons, Adam & Piers, I would like to thank the extraordinary number of people in the village who have visited me in person, and sent cards and messages of sympathy to my sons and me after Clare's death. I can tell you, although it has been emotionally draining, your words and messages of condolence have been much appreciated by all three of us. It is wonderful to see how fond of her so many of you were. I hope you will forgive me thanking you all like this, rather than writing to each of you individually

Even more thanks are due to:

Francesca and April – for arranging the food after the Thanksgiving Service

Alison, Carol, Christine, Francesca's sister Elizabeth, Jane, Kate, Margaret, Rita & Vanessa for helping them prepare & serve it

Marie Loades of Wingrave - for preparing the cakes

Colin, Ann and Valerie - for arranging the flowers in the church

Dave - for arranging a sound system in the church, so that the music Clare wanted could be played; and fixing up loudspeakers outside the church for the benefit of those who could not get into church.

Bob Willmott for conducting the two services so sympathetically, and agreeing so readily to all of Clare's wishes regarding the music played at them

Can I finally echo what Clare was saying to me before her death: it is wonderful how kind everyone in the village and adjoining areas has been, and Adam, Piers and I are very grateful to all of you for your support and sympathy.

Peter Shorrock

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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - June

Here we are in a spell of uncomfortably hot weather straight after the wettest May for many years. I must say that I don't like the temperature to be above 75; the main reason being that it is uncomfortable to work. Despite the wet May it seems to have been a glorious spring with exceptional blossom giving a huge glut of fruit – there are far too many plums and apples set on the trees at present. Ash trees too are loaded with 'fruit' or keys. Huge bunches of them, and I expect to see the hawthorn with an equally impressive set of fruit.

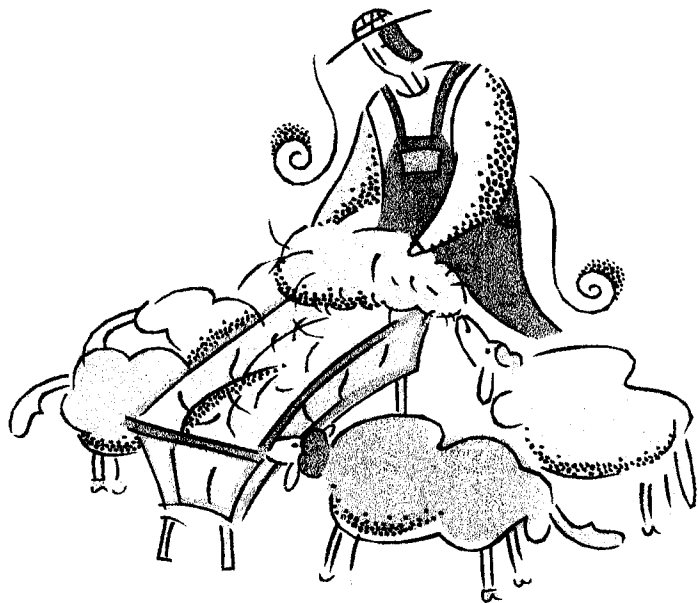
Despite my doubts we did manage to dig early potatoes in May and I was pleasantly surprised by the yield – there's nothing like those first new potatoes with a good spring cabbage to make a meal.

Curiously, having said last month that we had several bumble bees about with a long proboscis they seem to have disappeared although there are many ordinary bumbles about.

While holidaying on Exmoor, as well as discovering that walking up and down hills is getting harder each year, we saw some interesting insect life – or even death. I had been aware that the essential dosing of sheep and cattle to kill intestinal worms had also killed off a lot of insects that fed on the dung of these animals. My limited knowledge of horse owners tells me that most horses are wormed regularly every 6 weeks. There is a lot of riding done on Exmoor, which is the only place where we have watched dung beetles rolling up balls of horse dung and rolling them away to hide with a beetle egg laid in each ball.

This year on our walk up the Doone Valley we came across deposit after deposit of horse dung surrounded by dead beetles. 10-15 of what is basically an attractive large beetle round each dung. In other words one string of recently wormed horses may have wiped out the dung beetle population of that valley.

Does it matter? – is it even worth writing about? – I don't know; but what I do know is that all our actions to manage nature have knock-on effects – some of which are really damaging. I personally believe that the vast number of slug pellets sold to and used by gardeners has decimated the hedgehog population, hedgehogs having eaten poisoned slugs and snails. Maybe that's also one of the reasons frogs and toads are far from common nowadays. After all if slug pellets can kill a dog – which they surely can – then they can easily kill a hedgehog.



I don't wish to sound all gloom and despondency but it also seems to me that quite a few trees were badly damaged by last year's drought. The Abbey has one mature lime tree that was vibrantly alive last year but is now completely dead. When I look around I see quite a few big trees that have dead tops or sickly looking branches. It doesn't matter how much it rains there just isn't the water down in the subsoil.

One last knock-on effect from the weather – sheep shearing will be late this year. The contractors hardly sheared any sheep in May – sheep have to be dry for the fleece to store – and so there is a big backlog to catch up on. Our sheep are usually done in mid June but it will be the end of the month this year before the contractor gets to us. For a sheep with a full fleece this hot weather is very uncomfortable.

The weather has suited the crops in the field – wheat has enjoyed the dry winter and has looked superbly healthy this spring. Rape likewise – a good root system built up during a dry winter and away it goes in the spring rain. The beans too – and there's more around here than there has been for years – are full of flowers and look well – more pollen and nectar for the bees – more honey for us. One of the old agricultural sayings was 'Up Corns down Horns'; or in other words if corn did well then livestock didn't.

I'm sure Uncle Walter had something to say about that.

Pete Knight

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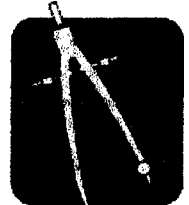
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TREASURE HUNT

When I agreed to organise a treasure hunt as part of the Grand Pig Roast evening at Norduck House on 10th June, I don't think I really knew quite what I was letting myself in for. With some trepidation I planned a route and spent hours dreaming up 25 rhyming clues. When the day arrived, I planted the letters which had to be found at each location (plus a few bags of sweets for good measure), then sat in the sunshine and waited in my garden.

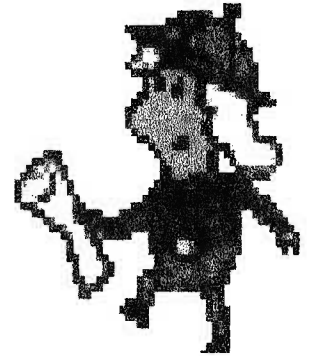
I can honestly say I didn't expect anyone to turn up, so was quite amazed to find 31 children and 15 adults on my doorstep, ready and waiting to be given instructions and sent on their way!

The route took the eager 'treasure seekers' around my field, then across another meadow to arrive at the ponds and conservation area owned by Judy and John Hardcastle, before going up the field to their garden and back along Lines Hill to Norduck Cottages.

The first to arrive home were the 'A Team' (Louis, Jake, Will and Alena), who had run the whole course amazingly quickly, but had some trouble solving the anagram made up from the letters they had collected (and by the way boys, do you know anything about a certain letter on a picnic table which mysteriously moved position?? I think you do!!). The 'B Team' (Tom, Tom and Charlie) were close behind, followed by the 'W Team' (Megan and Angus). Matt, Eleanor and Phoebe were the 'Don't Know' team (original name guys!), while the 'Golden Team' consisted of the whole Gupta family. The 'Moonies' (Dexter and Harry) got lost

and had to phone a friend, while the 'Uptons' sailed round (they had an advantage as they keep their pony in one of the fields). The 'Plum Heads' (Corbyn and his mum Sondra) solved the anagram so quickly we think they must have been told the answer(!), and 'Rosie's Team' (Rosie and Gina) came bravely in despite the stinging nettles! Just as we thought we'd finished, Jackie Farrands turned up with what appeared to be the whole of Year Two from Wingrave School (Tom, Ellie, Robert, Zoe, Abby, Josie, Izzy, Beth and Elise – phew!). Some of these children were shorter than the grass they had to walk through to reach the clues!

I'm pleased (and relieved) to say that everyone returned safely and seemed to have had a good time. Despite a rash of nettle stings and one or two scratches, the competitors were mostly unscathed, and having solved my anagram (ENGLAND WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP), proceeded to devour all the sweetie prizes, and around ten litres of lemonade too! Then everyone went off to the Pig Roast at Norduck House – more lemonade for the children and a rather more fortified version for their long-suffering parents!



A big thank you to all who came along, had fun, and made my efforts seem worthwhile!

Kate Curry

PIG ROAST - All those involved would like to thank Amanda and Bob Dewhirst and Ann and Dickie Dickin for allowing us to use their beautiful garden and grounds. The setting and weather set the scene for a successful and enjoyable evening. We raised £2000 which will go towards the costs of the meeting with a Planning Barrister to establish the grounds for a Judicial Review. If for any reason we do not proceed then monies left over will go to a local charity. *Judy Hardcastle*

A deputation from the Aston Abbotts Residents Association has met a London barrister to discuss the possibility of fighting and winning a Judicial Review to challenge the decision made by Aylesbury Vale District Council to permit the proposed installation of an egg production unit at Norduck Farm. In the opinion of the barrister, the Residents have a better than average probability of success and should proceed to the next step which is the pre-review stage. The legal procedure dictates that the barrister prepares and presents a written case to a judge who determines whether or not the case warrants a judicial review. If the case passes this test, a full judicial review is then heard in court. Allowing for summer holidays, this procedure might take two or three months to conclude. *Dickie Dicken*

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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 21st June 2006

PRESENT Cllrs. P.Shorrocks (Chair), M.Hinds, D.Dicken, R.Clarke, C.Higgs and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). Apologies were received from Jackie Farrands, Tom Manning, P.C.Burns and Peter Cooper. One member of the public attended.

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

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that we have not managed to secure dates from AVDC for either the 'Perfect Village Sunday' or 'Music in Quiet Places' series. There is to be a Civil Service at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, which representatives of the PC are invited to attend. The gate on Lines Hill has been knocked over again. Papers were circulated about the Clean Neighbourhood Act, licensing events in the village and the recent NAG meeting. The date of the October PC meeting will change from 18th October to 11th October.

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

County Cllr. Quintin Ings-Chambers gave a report to the meeting. He spoke about BCC's 'Getting Close to Communities' initiative, which aims to enhance BCC's communication with residents, particularly through the Parish Cluster meetings. He also said that Bucks is committed to improving the 'Green Infrastructure' in the area by installing play areas and green spaces as well as the new building projects in Aylesbury Vale. He talked about the Wing By-Pass consultation, saying that this really is a strategic road between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes.

CHURCH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion took place following the decision of the Church Room Trustees not to accept the current plans for the disabled toilet. It was agreed to leave future decisions about the plans up to the Trustees.

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the Accounts for year ended March 2006. The Statement of Accounts was signed.
Resolved to approve the Statement of Assurance to the Auditors. The Statement of Assurance was signed.

PLANNING

06/01192/APP 3, Ross Road. Rear dormer window – permitted
06/01162/APP 2, Ross Road. Erection of single detached garage. Resolved to make no objection to this application.

HIGHWAYS

To discuss the options for the A418 improvements. As no formal consultation papers had been received it was agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting. The Clerk will try to arrange an exhibition of the proposed routes to take place immediately before the meeting.

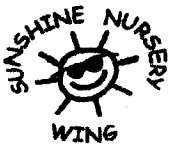
RECREATION GROUND

Safety check – children's play area. Up to date.
Report from Recreation Ground Committee – the £5000 grant from AVDC has now been paid, and the remainder of the equipment has been ordered. We are waiting to be advised of the delivery date.
Discuss the future maintenance of the shed – postponed until the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council will be on Wednesday 19th July at 8pm in the Church Room.

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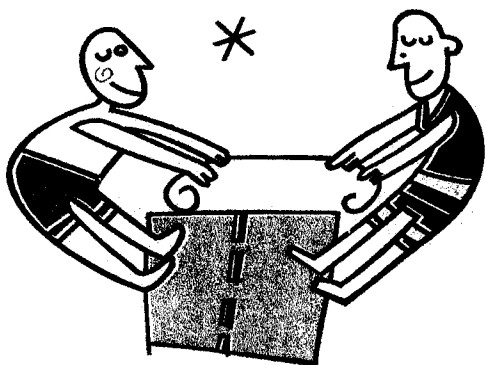
ROD & VAL ROTHERO would appreciate any donation you can give towards our fete –
proceeds to village funds.

ASTON ABBOTTS

FESTIVAL OF ST JAMES' FETE 22nd July 2006

July is the month for Aston Abbots Fete
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So we are asking if you could kindly donate
A prize or gift to make our fete
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Carry on with the projects that are in hand

There are plants and books and lots of toys
For Mum and Dad and the girls and boys
And scrumptious cakes and jam and teas
For Aunties, Uncles, Granddads and Grannies
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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 11th July
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

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Leave them by the garages.

Or on Plant Stall by 11am

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
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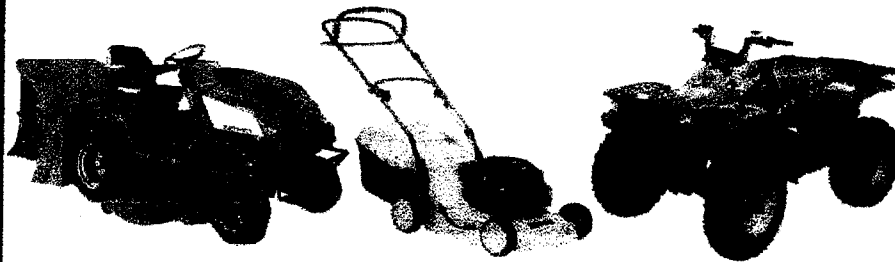
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Saturday 22nd July

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CAKES

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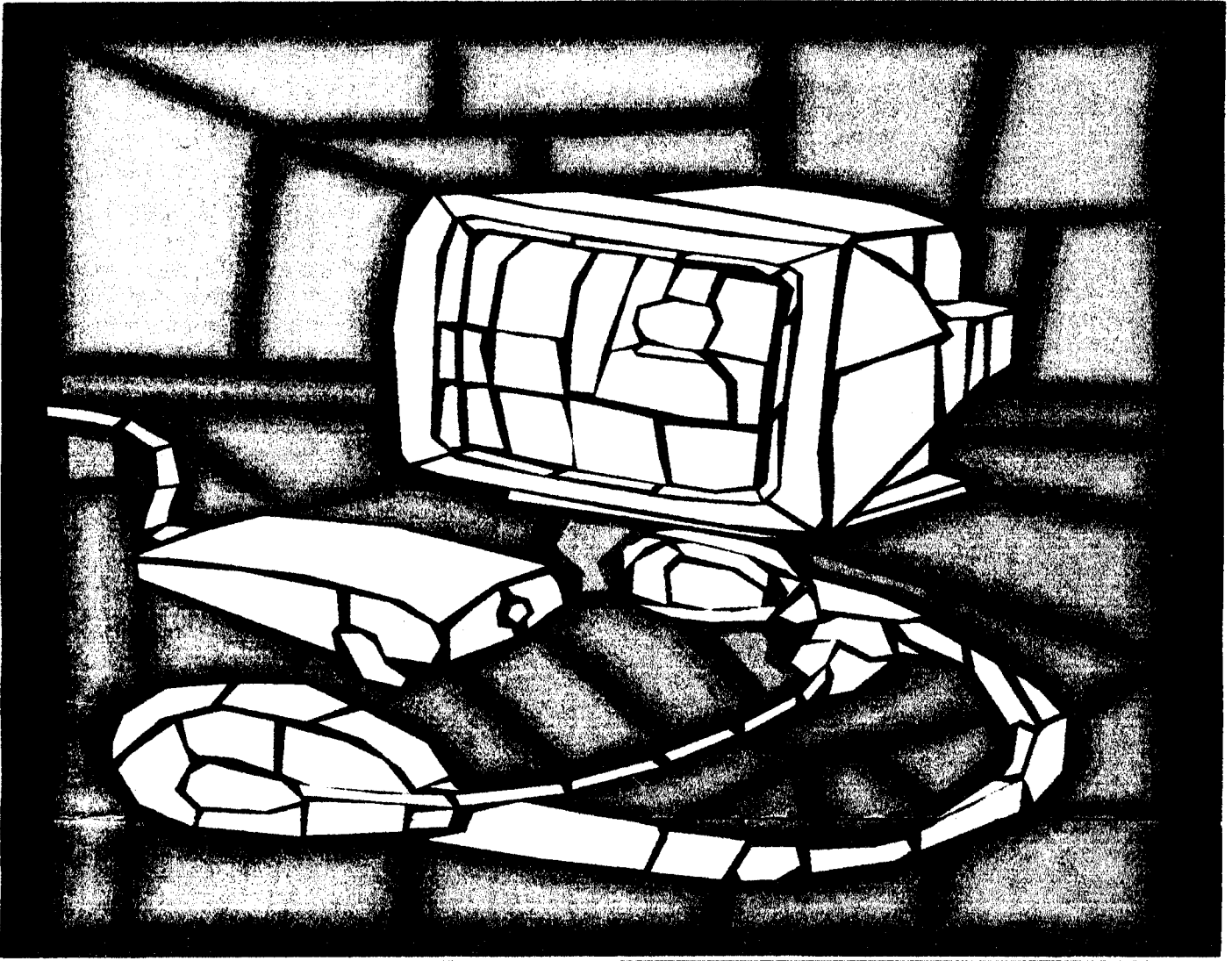
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Oh and.....

Only in Britain... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain... do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.

Only in Britain... do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain... do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

Only in Britain... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in Britain... are there disabled parking places in front of a skating rink.

NOT TO MENTION...

3 Brits die each year testing if a 9v battery works on their tongue.

142 Brits were injured in 1999 by not removing all pins from new shirts.

58 Brits are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

31 Brits have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.

19 Brits have died in the last 3 years believing that Christmas decorations were chocolate.

British Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling accidents.

101 people since 1999 have had broken parts of plastic toys pulled out of the soles of their feet.

18 Brits had serious burns in 2000 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.

543 Brits were admitted to A&E in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth.

5 Brits were injured last year in accidents involving out of Control Scalextric cars. *and finally.....*

In 2000 eight Brits cracked their skull whilst throwing up into the toilet.

I am proud to be British

IF YOU KNOW THE BIBLE EVEN A LITTLE, YOU MAY FIND THIS FUNNY! IT COMES FROM A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEST. CHILDREN WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCHEDED OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.

ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.

LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.

SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.

SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.

MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.

THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.

Remember:

Senior Citizens Are Valuable

We are more valuable than any of the younger generations:

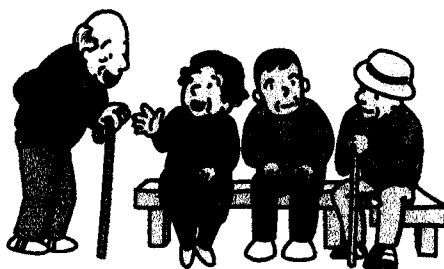
We have silver in our hair.

We have gold in our teeth.

We have stones in our kidneys.

We have lead in our feet and

We are loaded with natural gas



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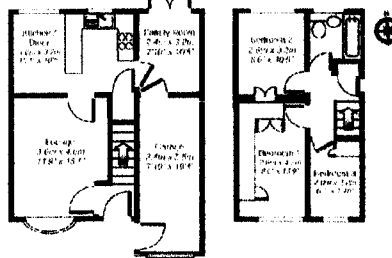
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However, we still need to purchase many items to enable us to complete the equipment line-up, so we are actively seeking sponsors—either local companies/businesses, or maybe individuals. Sponsors will get billing on the programs, plugs from the stage,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

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'Rocking the Rec'



Saturday 15th July 2006

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'Rocking the Rec'

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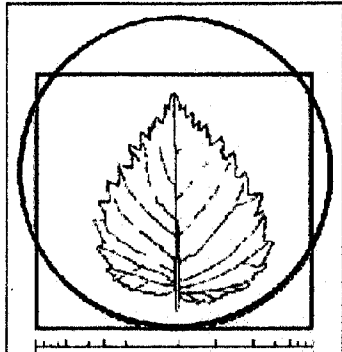
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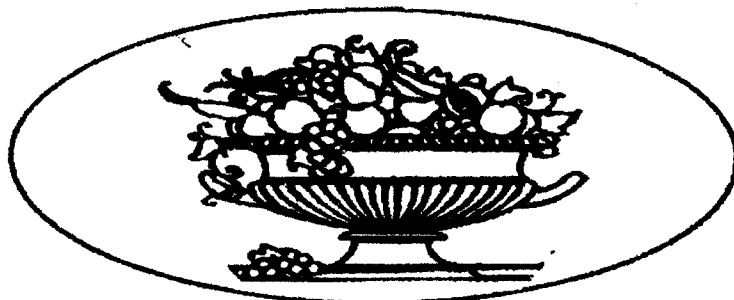
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Evensong Services

for the next six months are
as follows

July 23rd Songs of praise

(Fete W/E)

Aug. 27th

Sept 24th

(Harvest Festival & supper)

Oct. 22nd following

(Concert and refreshment)

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100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE

£50 Irene Lowden £10 Ivan Greenaway

8th June

We met in the garden of Sarah George at Cublington this afternoon. Sarah very kindly took the members on a tour of her extensive five acre garden. At the completion of the tour, members went to June Brines house where a delicious tea of sandwiches and cakes was enjoyed by everyone. Sarah was presented with a donation for the 'Toybox' charity.

Shirley Ford.

ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

PROGRAMME 2006

July 6th Outing

July 20th Garden
Party

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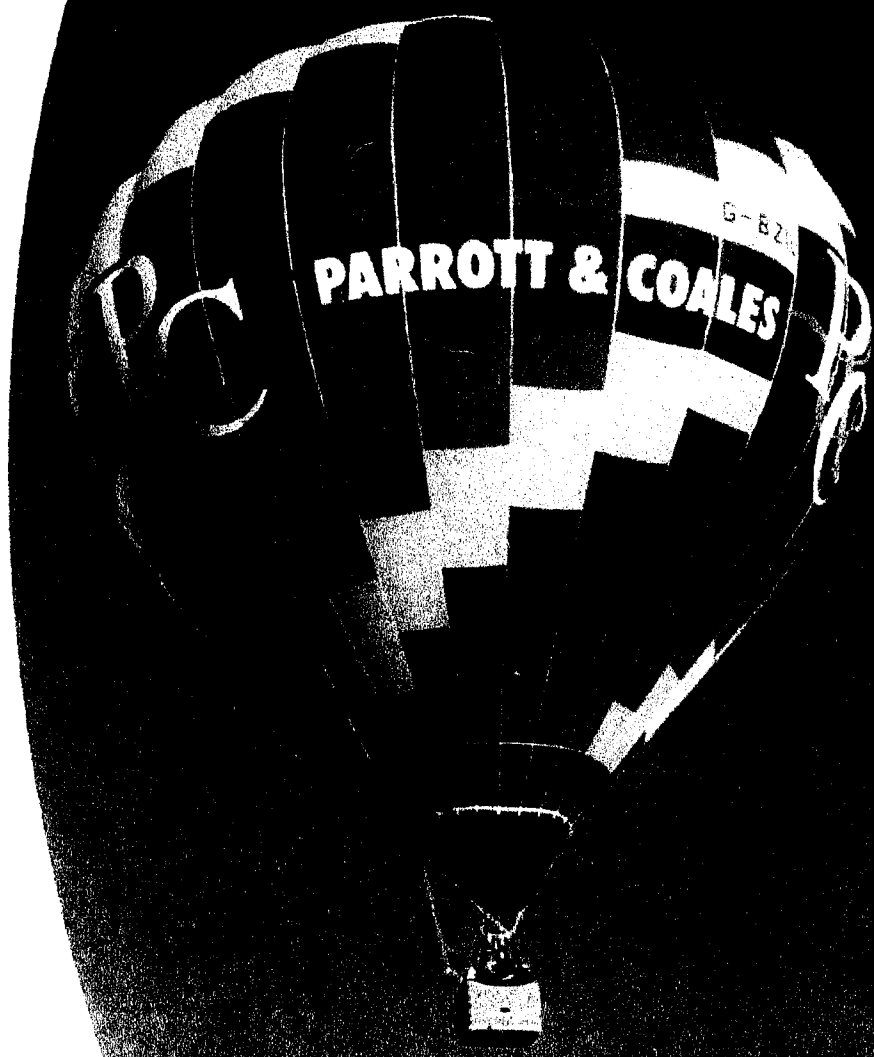
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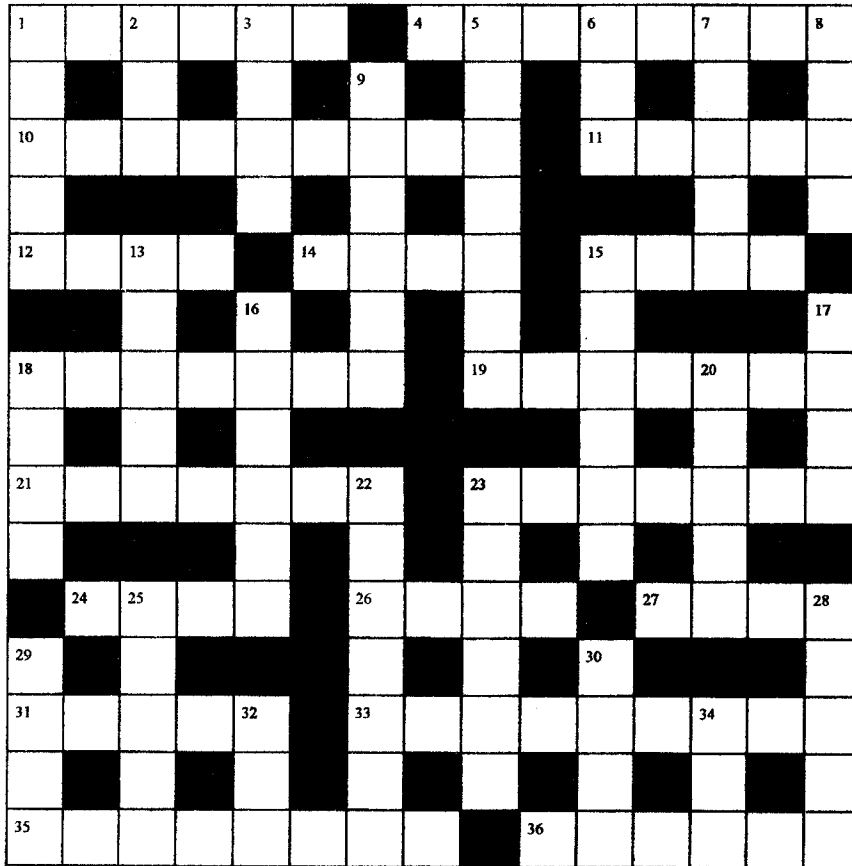


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The Chronicle Crossword

JULY/AUGUST 2006



JUNE SOLUTIONS -

ACROSS—

- 1 Pronto 4 Holidays
- 10 Afterward 11 Naïve
- 12 Kale 14 Fear 15 Reef
- 18 Loading 19 Yoghurt
- 21 Unhappy 23 Fluster
- 24 Free 26 Watt 27 Pelt
- 31 Shoes 33 Identical
- 35 Shavings 36 Origin

DOWN -

- 1 Prank 2 Out 3 Tart
- 5 Orderly 6 Ion 7 Abide
- 8 Seen 9 Bad egg
- 13 Loach 15 Ragout
- 16 Hippie 17 Stir
- 18 Loud 20 Untie
- 22 Yawning 23 Father
- 25 Rhona 28 Talon
- 29 Isis 30 Star 32 Ski
- 34 Cog

ACROSS -

- 1 Find the solution (6)
- 4 Take away (5,3)
- 10 Very scared (9)
- 11 Self satisfaction (5)
- 12 On your face (4)
- 14 Italian greeting (4)
- 15 Have sight of (4)
- 18 See 1 DOWN (7)
- 19 Turn away (7)
- 21 Make insane (7)
- 23 Yearly payment (7)
- 24 Not new (4)
- 26 Examination (4)
- 27 Short for anonymous (4)
- 31 Smartening your appearance (5)
- 33 Amusing stories (9)
- 35 UVA/UVB (4,4)
- 36 Mostly (6)

DOWN -

- 1 Coming around again (5) (SEE 18 ACROSS AND 8 DOWN)
- 2 Titled man (3)
- 3 Prepare for publication (4)
- 5 Robot in human form (7)
- 6 Protects your floor (3)
- 7 Form of oxygen (5)
- 8 See 1 DOWN (4)
- 9 Many new ones on roads (6)
- 13 Not drunk (5)
- 15 For a rainy day (6)
- 16 Opposite of 13 DOWN (6)
- 17 To be dependent upon (4)
- 18 An assistant (4)
- 20 Arrange in line (5)
- 22 Mouth of river (7)
- 23 Required for these clues (6)
- 25 Rear of ship (5)
- 28 Not good neighbours (5)
- 29 Seen in zoos (4)
- 30 A thought (4)
- 32 Not either (3)
- 34 Unit of weight (3)

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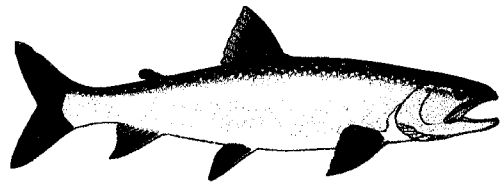


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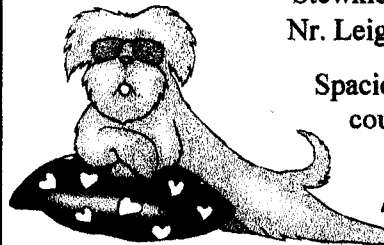
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FLOWER ROTA

12th July	Mr G Kemp	Mrs A Parker
19th	Mr A Bystra	Mrs S Ford
16th	Mrs A Curnow	No Service
23rd	Church Wardens	Festival
30	No Service	
6th Aug	Mrs A Curnow	Mrs A Dickins
13th	Mr G Kemp	Mrs J Johnson
20th	Mr A Bystra	Donated
27th	Mr A Ford	Mr C Higgs
3rd Sept	Mrs S Ford	TBA

The Aston Abbotts Parochial Church Council meeting on 5th June 2006 discussed the following: -

Refurbishing the pathway. Currently the fund for this work is £2500 short of the lowest quotation received. However a further substantial donation was expected.

Electrical work. Quotation of £423 received and accepted from Gleinsters to fit a path light in the apex of the porch and additional power points in the Church.

Replacement curtains and alter screen for the Church. Agreed that the curtains and screen to be based on one primary colour with changeable coloured borders attached by Velcro to represent the different Church seasons.

Future direction for the Church. Profile for replacement vicar had been issued, a short list of 5 candidates had been drawn up and interviews will be held on 22nd June.

AOB.

Open Gardens had raised £435

Plans were discussed for the following future events: -

Rowsham Band on the Green	July 9 th
Songs of Praise	July 23 rd
Treasure Hunt and teas	August 6 th
Harvest festival	September 24th

New Churchyard Rules came into effect 1st August

Please help comply with these new regulations by removing any unauthorised materials from graves and cremation tablets (ie plastic flowers). Take care of your family graves/headstones etc. A copy of the new rules are in the Church Porch Notice Board. *Colin Higgs*

BONFIRES

Several people have recently complained about bonfires; please note the Environmental Protection Act (1990) makes it an offence to cause smoke nuisance to other residents and in such cases the Council have a legal duty to act to ensure this is abated.

Do NOT burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, plastics, foam etc and never use petrol, paraffin engine oil and avoid lighting a fire in unusual weather conditions. Please be a considerate neighbour. *Colin Higgs*

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A new book called "The Czech Connection - The Czechoslovak Government in Exile in London and Buckinghamshire during the Second World War" compiled by Neil Rees is now for sale.

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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

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

Until a couple of years ago, it was possible to publish the planned list of Services on a monthly basis. This has, by its nature, to be in different forms for different purposes. There is the large print version for putting up on notice boards. There is the version that appears in the various magazines. Then there are versions that are needed by others (Bell-Ringers, Organists, Clergy, etc.) within the churches.

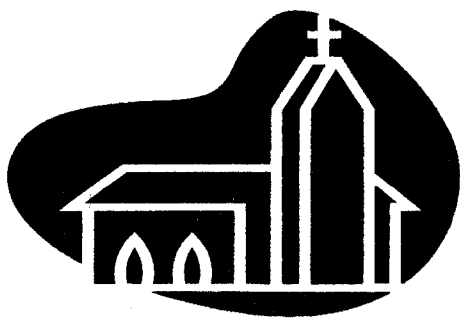
More recently I have found it necessary to produce copies of the plans for the next three months – and it surprises me how many times it is necessary to make amendments to these longer term plans. Needless to say, human error sometimes creeps in, and alterations get made to one version of the plan whilst they do not appear on others (I am sorry about that!).

Sometimes these alterations are because Special Services come along that need to be fitted in. For example, this year a special Service on 24 June in Wingrave commemorates the Royal British Legion's Veteran's Day. At other times the changes are due to the availability of clergy – and so on. I can say that I am pretty sure that the Harvest Festivals will be in Wing and Aston Abbots on 24th September, and in Cublington and Wingrave on 1st October. But there is still time for that to change, and, no doubt, they will be advertised more widely nearer the time.

The plans are usually made on the basis that there is a fairly regular pattern to the Services – although this gets thrown a bit by things like Harvest Festivals, Remembrance Sunday, Carol Services, and so on. During August we try to reduce the number of Services somewhat. This is on the basis that it is better to have one or two Services attended by a greater number of people than by more Services that are poorly attended. One year we tried to just have one Service per Sunday – but we found that it was not terribly satisfactory. It was rather disorientating going to a different Church each Sunday. Then we tried all being together on alternate weeks through August and having a Service in each of the Churches on the other weeks. This year we are trying another mixture – and in the last few weeks we have needed to make further changes to what had originally been planned. So – if you have got an old version of the three monthly Plan – you will definitely need updating! I shall leave a pile of the latest version of the Plan at the back of each of the Churches.

The trouble is that we can never be certain about the future. We need to make plans, and yet we need to be flexible enough for those plans to be changed. By the time this appears in print there will probably have been some important decisions made that will affect the future of these four parishes – but we can only plan on the basis of probabilities. Although the future is in God's hands, we can only guess what is around the corner.

Bob Willmott



EVENSONG SERVICES

July 23rd Songs of Praise (Fete W/E)
 August 27th
 September 24th (Harvest Festival)
 October 22nd following Concert

SUNDAY READINGS

2 Jul	Trinity 3	2 Corinthians 8.7-15;	Mark 5.21-43
9	Trinity 4	2 Corinthians 12.2-10;	Mark 6.1-13
16	Trinity 5	Ephesians 1.3-14;	Mark 6.14-29
23	Trinity 6	Ephesians 2.11-22;	Mark 6.30-34,53-56
30	Trinity 7	Ephesians 3.14-21;	John 6.1-21
6 Aug	Transfiguration	2 Peter 1.16-19;	Luke 9.28-36
13	Trinity 9	Ephesians 4.25-5.2;	John 6.35,41-51

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM	28 May	Megan Rodgers at Wingrave
FUNERAL	6 June	Gladys Rogers at Amersham

The Aston Abbotts Telephone List

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LBO Reports	Colin Higgs	681343	Wingrave School	Office	681436
Milkman	Ron Miller Dairies	482838			
Mobile Library	Buckingham Library	01280 813229			
NHS Direct	24hr Medical Advice Line	0845 46 47			

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1st July	Andy Bystra
8th	Ray Wilkinson
13th	Adam Shorrocks
22nd	Geoff Curnow
29th	Bob Bean
5th Aug	Phil Spooner
12th	Carol Spooner
26th	Nigel Palmer



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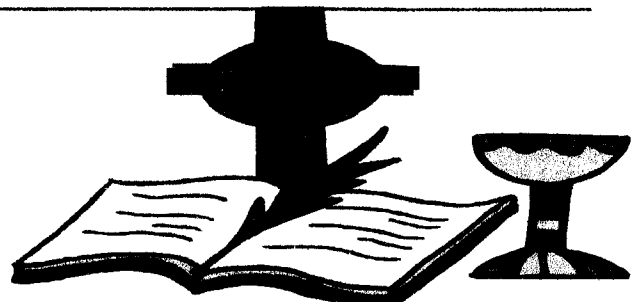
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St James Church

	<u>Wing</u>	<u>Wingrave</u>	<u>Aston Ab-</u> <u>botts</u>	<u>Cublington</u>
<u>Sunday 2 July</u> <u>Trinity 3</u>	<u>8.0 Com-</u> <u>munion</u> <u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>10 am Pa-</u> <u>tronal Festi-</u> <u>val</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>10am Fam-</u> <u>ily Service</u> <u>(Lay)</u>
<u>Sunday 9</u> <u>Trinity 4</u>	<u>10 am Fam-</u> <u>ily Commu-</u> <u>ion</u>	<u>10 am Peo-</u> <u>ple's Praise</u>	<u>At Win-</u> <u>grave 10</u> <u>am</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>
<u>Sunday 16</u> <u>Trinity 5</u>	<u>8.0 (Ext)</u> <u>Communion</u> <u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Praise</u> <u>(Lay)</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>At Cubling-</u> <u>ton 10.0</u>	<u>10 am Fam-</u> <u>ily Com-</u> <u>munion</u>
<u>Sunday 23</u> <u>Trinity 6</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>6.0 Songs</u> <u>of Praise</u>	<u>At Wing</u> <u>10.0</u>
<u>Sunday 30</u> <u>Trinity 7</u>	<u>At Wingrave</u> <u>10.0</u>	<u>10 am Bap-</u> <u>tism & Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>At Win-</u> <u>grave 10.0</u>	<u>At Win-</u> <u>grave 10.0</u>
<u>Sunday 6 Aug</u> <u>Transfigura-</u> <u>tion</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>At Aston</u> <u>Abbotts</u> <u>10.0</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>10am Fam-</u> <u>ily Service</u> <u>(Lay)</u>
<u>Sunday 13</u> <u>Trinity 9</u>	<u>10 am Fam-</u> <u>ily Commu-</u> <u>ion</u> <u>6 pm Even-</u> <u>song</u>	<u>8 am Com-</u> <u>munion</u> <u>10 am Peo-</u> <u>ple's Praise</u>	<u>At Cubling-</u> <u>ton 10 .0</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>
<u>Sunday 20</u> <u>Trinity 10</u>	<u>8.0 Com-</u> <u>munion</u> <u>At Aston Ab-</u> <u>botts 10.0</u>	<u>At Cubling-</u> <u>ton 10.0</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>10 am Fam-</u> <u>ily Com-</u> <u>munion</u>
<u>Sunday 27</u> <u>Trinity 6</u>	<u>At Wingrave</u> <u>10.0</u>	<u>10 am Par-</u> <u>ish Com-</u> <u>munion</u>	<u>6.0 Even-</u> <u>song</u>	<u>At Win-</u> <u>grave 10.0</u>

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Sunday 2nd	Rambling Club	Meet at Hulcot 2pm
Tuesday 4th	Fete Meeting	Church Room 7pm
Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12noon
	Whist drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 8th	Rambling Club	Meet at Wiggington 11am (lunch afterwards)
Sunday 9th	Rowsham Band with tea on the Green	3-5pm
Tuesday 11th	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting	County Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
	Aylesbury Local Committee (Highways)	Winslow 6pm
Wednesday 19th	Parish Council	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd	Festival/Fete	Opens 2pm
Sunday 23rd	Church Open for Floral Displays	2-5pm
	Songs of Praise	St James Church 6pm
Thursday 27th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12noon
Sunday 30th	Village footpath walk - meet at the Green	2pm
August		
Wednesday 2nd	Aylesbury Vale Childrens Holiday FUN IN	Church Room 11am
Thursday 3rd	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12noon
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 6th	Treasure Hunt/Teas on the Green	3-5pm
Thursday 10/17/24/31st	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10.30-12
Sunday 27th	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Tuesday 29th	PCC Meeting	Church Room 7pm
Thursday 31st	Bucks County Show	Weedon Park
Friday 1st September	Refuse Collection (not Thursday)	
Monday 4th September	Coach departs for Whithy	8,45am

Address

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Email submissions to:

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The Tug-of-War Team is now reaching a peak of fitness hard to comprehend. No meta-tarsal or cruciate injuries are reported. Practice sessions have been rigorously supervised by a leading international coach. Its early days but its rumoured they are an invincible team of dedicated tuggers. Lets hope so!

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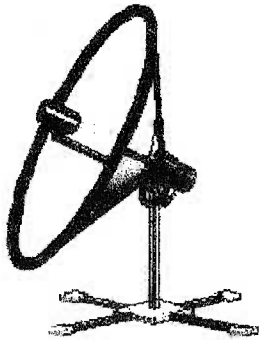
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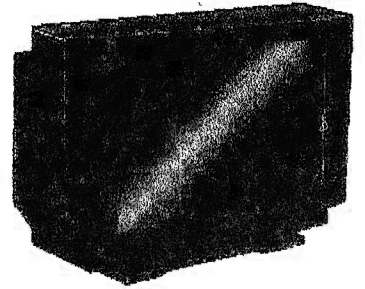
Two guys, one old and one young, are pushing their trolleys around B&Q when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my daughter and I guess I wasn't paying attention on where I was going." The young guy says, "That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my daughter, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The old guy says, "Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your daughter look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 17 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, and she's wearing tight white shorts. What does your daughter look like?" The old guy says, "Doesn't matter --- let's look for yours ..."

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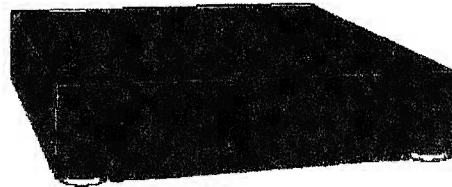


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Lost in the region of Bricstoc—a priceless family heirloom

Mr David Lewis of Flackwell Electronics has lost an extremely valuable antique timekeeping device. Last seen in the vicinity of Bricstoc, this rare piece is instantly recognisable. Unlike modern timepieces and chronographs which use the modern, intuitive, easily understood system of hands pointing at numbers, this artefact uses a system of decimal numerals which only those especially trained in its operation can understand.

Mr Lewis is understandably *extremely* upset by the loss of this prized family heirloom, which he had been hoping to pass on to his grandchildren. Therefore he is prepared to give a reward of up to 20% of the value of this chronographic masterpiece for its safe return. (The value of the piece is to be judged by local experts Mr John Whyte and Mrs Deidre Whyte.)

The timepiece in question is extremely rare and it should be handled carefully. The piece will be easily recognised as Mr Lewis insists that it is the only one personally indented by master craftsman Mr Casio, who created it. Most unusually (for those used to modern chronographs) its case and strap are hand-fashioned from some kind of black plasticky material and its time display area is protected with some unknown substance which, whilst once almost as clear as glass, is now almost obscured with scratches and small indentations. There is no truth in the rumour that Mr Lewis' grandchildren are to offer an even larger reward for the NON-return of this item.

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