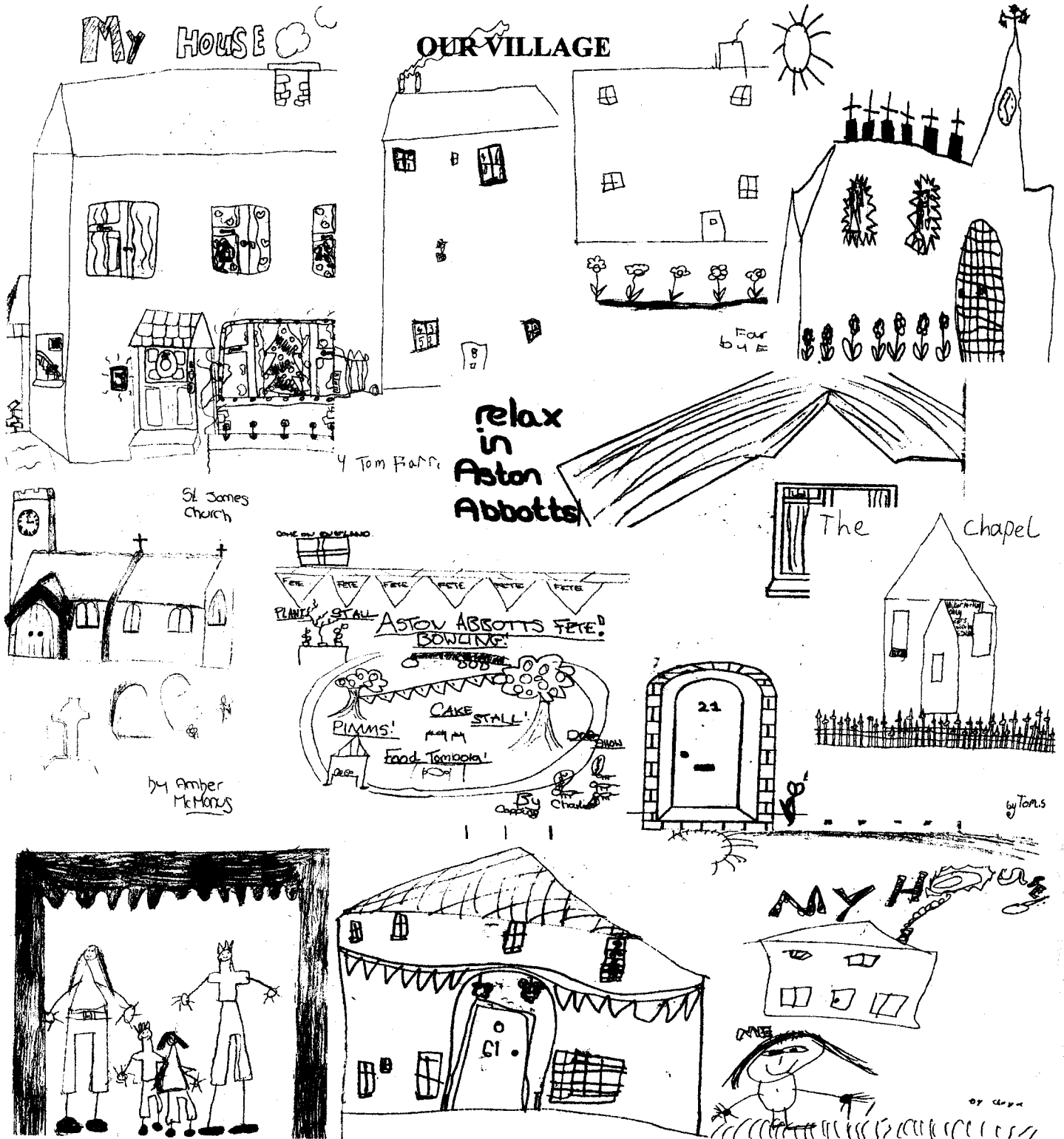


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# Editorial

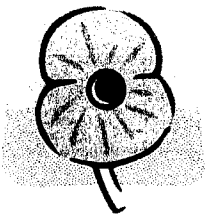
Poonam Gupta, who organised the last two Village Fetes has moved away - so the search is on for someone else to take on the role. Please contact the Chronicle if you would like to organise next year's Fete. I'm sure Poonam will give the new organiser much helpful advice. I hope that Poonam can be persuaded to provide the delightfully tasty snacks she and her family have done in the past.

There's quite a lot about the A418 in this month's Chronicle. As I understand matters, whatever route the County Council selects, that decision is likely to be tested at a Public Inquiry. Edmund Waller who lives in Burcott is championing, with others, his alternative route that uses the old Aylesbury to Cheddington disused railway route and then runs alongside the existing railway line. *See pages 9 & 11 for more information.*

Both gates on Lines Hill were damaged last month. The quantity and speed of traffic on country roads is ever increasing. These gates might prove to be our only defence against the rat-runners. Many thanks to Peter Knight for installing the post and gate at the top of Lines Hill and to Jeremy & Sue Bale who funded their purchase. Neil Chesher was on hand to record Peter's efforts on the repair of the gate at the bottom of Lines Hill. [see page 5].

Steve who runs the Post Office and Shop in Wingrave is providing a marvellous service to the villagers of Aston Abbots every Thursday morning when he brings his shop to the Church Room. If you have specific requirements or wish to buy stamps, pay the papers etc then Steve is happy to oblige and he will deliver groceries if asked. [read page 15]

Happy Birthday to Rod Rothero on 14th November. Rod has been compiling the crossword for nearly a year now. I can recall that when I was crossword compiler I got no feedback until one month's version got mangled in the production and the phone started to ring the morning that issue was delivered. It did prove that some of you do do the crossword and read the Chronicle.



*John Hardcastle*

*In This Issue*

- *Countryside Diaries by Peter Knight*
- *Allotment Diary by Peter Shorrock*
- *New Crossword by Rod Rothero*
- *Poppy Day Appeal*
- *A418 Improvements*
- *Title Page* many thanks to all those children who contributed to the front cover of the Chronicle. They are all gathered for this month to portray 'Our Village'. Ed

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# Alison's Gossip Column



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| Rod Rothero      | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| John Whyte       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Olivia Gresswell | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please support the various events raising money for of the Poppy Appeal - details on Page 23



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

On an advert is added a cockerel -



can you spot him?

Last edition's cockerel was hiding on page 12 Acme Cars

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Beware, because there is a mini crime wave going on in Bucks' villages at the moment. I believe Dave Gadsby had his garage broken into and all his tools were stolen.

Apologies to Liz Clarke who found the Coppings family dog, not Liz Hall as I indicated!

Apologies also to Margaret Hinds who I mistakenly called Margaret Kent!

Welcome to James, Lesley and Nicholas Clough who have just moved onto the Recreation Ground.

Welcome to Paul Bruton and Trinna Stafford who have moved to The Green. Paul and Trinna announced their engagement a couple of months ago.

Well Done to Sarah Smith who has just started studying law at Oxford University.

Some of us had a very interesting time at a Ceilidh in Haddenham village hall courtesy of Jill and Mike Wenble who were celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Ceilidhs are held there on the first Saturday of every month, October - June and are open to everyone, children as well. The next one is November 4<sup>th</sup>, starts 7.15pm

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## Peter Knight—Quiet Hero!



Our man of the soil, Peter Knight, starts yet another job for the village.

He has recently replaced the gate at the village end of Lines Hill, complaining that both old posts had been concreted in .... which was not the right way, or the country way, to do it.

This time the job was to replace the gate post at the lower end of Lines Hill which had been subjected to some unwarranted female attention with a blunt ended Mondo.

Together with his apprentice, Peter sledge hammered even more concrete off the end of the post, and dragged it out. With his lackey and underling controlling the speed of the ongoing traffic and protecting Peter's considerable rear end the post was heaved back into place, levelled, squared and set-up for another 25 years.

It's just one of those jobs that Peter does without praise or thanks but this time the Chronicle's ace reporter was on hand to capture the scene before our hero broke out into a pool of sweat and mud.

~ Neil Chesher



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*The Parish Council.*

## Letters to the Editor

*From April Curnow*

I have written a few words [see page 15] about the first anniversary of the village shop as I feel it has been a really good year and such a facility for the village. I think it was Phil Spooner who suggested that serving coffee on Thursday mornings would be a good idea. How right he was as Rita and I know that it has been so appreciated.

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*From Bob and Penny Willmott*

*The Rectory, Leighton Road, Wingrave,  
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It was a great pleasure to see so many people from the four parishes at the splendid Farewell Party in the Wingrave Community Centre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Penny and I are very sorry that we did not manage to get round to speaking to everyone.

A week later the surprise Party for my 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday was terrific – and I enjoyed it immensely. Thank you so much.

I am absolutely delighted with my new computer – not that I have yet had much time to play with it - and we look forward to having the picture of Wingrave Pond on the wall of our new living room as a reminder of our extremely happy time here. The cheque will be put towards something very special, although we have not yet decided what that will be.

We have also been showered with lovely presents and cards from various individuals and groups, and these too we shall treasure. Sadly, by the time you read this, the gorgeous flower arrangements will have gone – but we have photographs that will keep them fresh in our memories.

We are so grateful to you all for these lovely gifts but most of all for the love, support and friendship that you have given us over the last seventeen years. We shall miss you all very much indeed – but hope that we shall not lose touch with each other. There will always be a welcome for you at our new house in Buckingham.

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*From The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery*

Thank you to those who supported our Cream Tea afternoon at Hardwick House. £145.65 was raised.

## CHICKEN FARM UPDATE

The planned installation of an egg production unit at Norduck has been halted until the New Year. At present the AA Residents Association has appealed to the Court on the grounds that Aylesbury Vale District Council has acted illegally in granting permission for the installation of the unit at Norduck. The date set by the Court to hear this appeal has been set for 12 February 2007 and thus no work can be started until this dispute has been resolved. The solicitor and barrister who are leading this appeal are understandably confident of a successful outcome.

It is perhaps worth pointing out that the Aylesbury Vale Planning Officer who is dealing with this application has consistently acquiesced to all the demands of the applicant and his agent with the result that the Operational Management Scheme submitted by the applicant was approved without question. For example, complaints will have to be made to the farm manager and in turn these will be forwarded to Aylesbury Vale officers once per year for their consideration; the chicken manure has to be moved off site each week, but the Deed defines the site as that land on which the poultry sheds will be situated, thus the manure might be stored anywhere else on the farm land with the possibility of gentle aromas percolating across the village. One of the conditions set by Aylesbury Vale calls for the construction of a passing bay on the bridleway leading to Norduck to allow for the safe passage of horses; the timing of this improvement is set to occur when the units have been built, i.e. after all the heavy construction traffic has ceased.

We pay the salaries of the District Council Officers and they are charged with making decisions in the best interests of the community. Their efforts with respect to this application suggest that they have failed this village community." *Dickie Dicken*

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## Helping Harvest

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at St Paul and St Peter's Church we had another exciting festival from Mrs Tunnicliffe.

The children brought up their gifts for the Salvation Army. Then we had poems from Years 1, 2 and 3. We had favourite vegetables from Year 4 and we all enjoyed a play from Year 5 and 6. We sang some hymns that included Autumn Days, Who put the Colours in the Rainbow and Water of Life. Last of all came the bread loaf carried by William Kirkup that he and Harry Bandy had made.

The church was very nicely decorated by coloured fish, with a prayer on the back. Then came the walk back. We all enjoyed the festival and are looking forward to the next Harvest.

*By Emily O'Carroll and Meredith Comben, Year 4*

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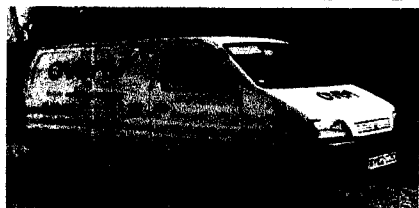
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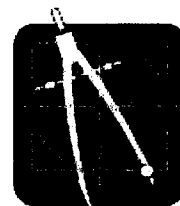
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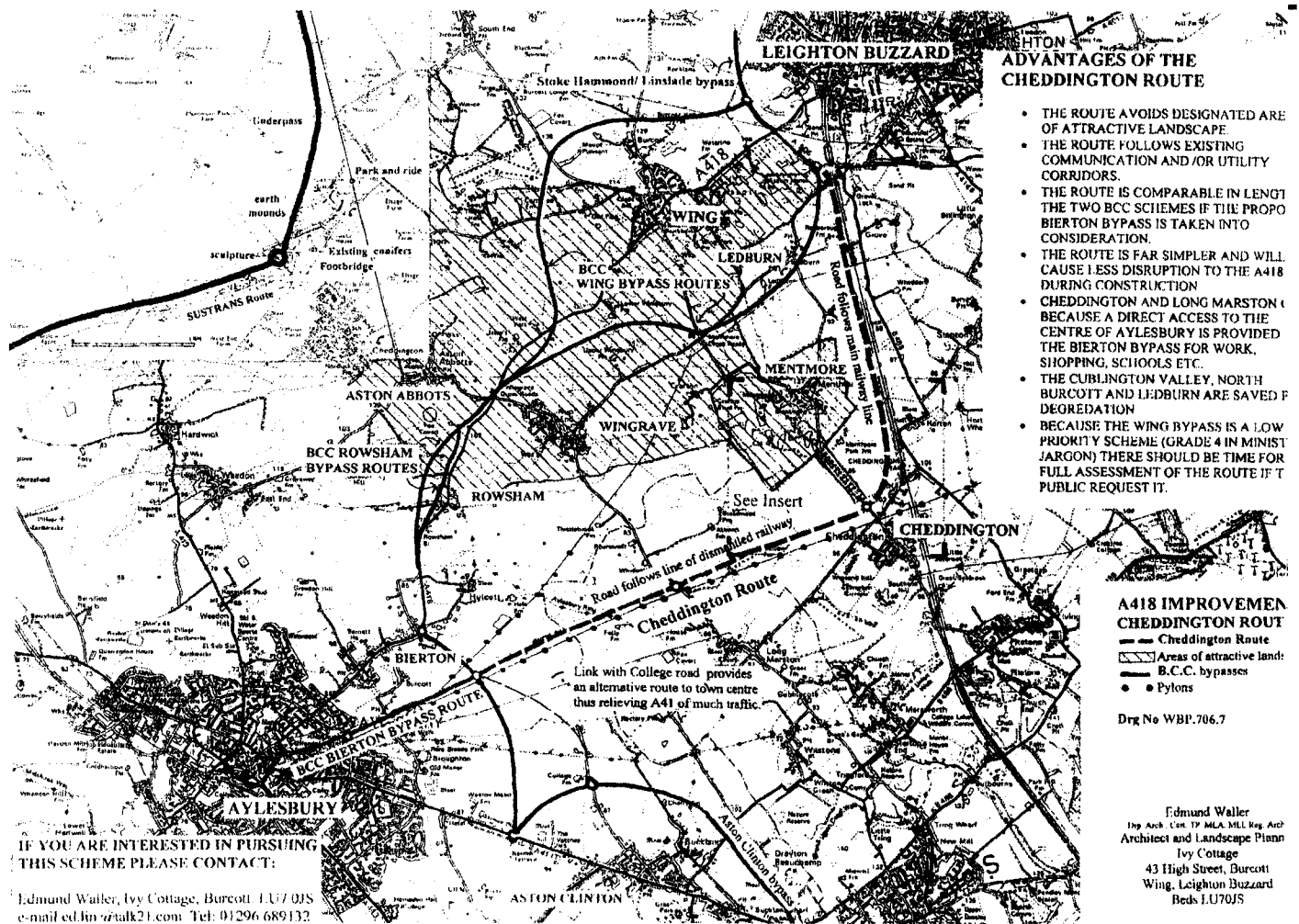
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Below is the text of a letter sent to Kirk Adams, The County Planning Officer at County Offices Aylesbury on 13th September

As requested this is a formal letter of objection to all four of your alternative routes put forward for public consultation on the proposed A418 Improvements. Although writing on my own behalf at this moment in time you will have received a number of letters supporting the alternative 'Cheddington Route'. This is illustrated in my drawing No WBP.706.7

My first objection is that there has been a procedural error by the BCC in that the Focus committee and perhaps your consultants we were advised to take a 'bit by bit' approach to the problem, rather than considering the route from Aylesbury to the Leighton bypass (A505) as a whole. Your approach has been to first consider the Wing Bypass Section of the route, for which alternative routes were studied within a very small search area, which is marked on the consultants' plans. The two other bypasses (Rowsham and Bierton) were added at a later date. You moved the

goal posts. This approach left very little scope for your consultants who were forced to suggest alternative routes which all crossed an Area of Attractive landscape. If this is true, then it is my belief that the Focus committee has been misled.

A glance at my drawing [above] will show that the Cheddington route is comparable in length and probably costs even before intangibles are considered. It may well cause less blight. The 'bit by bit' approach has meant that the route was entirely missed, and although alerted to its potential by my first letter to you (as a private individual) on 30th June 2005, by that time it would have upset your procedures and briefings, so there would have been a reluctance on the part of BCC to take it seriously. This is demonstrated by the fact that it does not appear on your brochure inset map of routes that have been considered and rejected at various stages between 2001 and 2006.

The main environmental objection to the BCC proposals are that they involve violation of the pristine Vale of Aylesbury landscape which we are all so anxious to conserve. The Cheddington Route avoids this dilemma. Although it is obvious that the Cheddington Route has an 'impact' on the surrounding landscape all bypasses have this problem, which has to be minimised. It does this by:

- A) Running parallel to the existing main line railway (an already disturbed area of the countryside).
- B) Running parallel to a line of pylons and the route of a former railway line (an already disturbed area of countryside).
- C) In the gap between Mentmore and Cheddington it swings away from the existing few houses below Cheddington Station and allows a generous buffer zone, which could contain earth mounds and planting.

*Continued on next page 11*



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Socially it avoids the disharmony in Wing between those who want the BCC northern route and those who want the BCC southern route. Residents in the centre of Wing who suffer most from the traffic congestion suffer least from the BCC proposals.

It removes the A418 through traffic as effectively as the BCC routes.

It begins and ends at the same point as the BCC southern route, but avoids the visual problems of disruption of views from Aylesbury Road houses and the Ascott Estate at Wing, and the close proximity to Ledburn.

It will avoid rat runs on the northern route, which will be caused by drivers wishing to avoid the A413 traffic jams and reaching the proposed route via Mursley, Swan-

bourne and Stewkley High Street. It will also prevent the degradation of the Cublington Valley and North Burcott, which would be inevitable should this route be selected. Were the residents of Stewkley, Cublington, Mursley and Swanbourne consulted?

It has incidental advantages to villages such as Mentmore, Cheddington and Long Marston because it improves accessibility, especially to Aylesbury.

Finally, I think that there is a real danger that should a BCC planning application be called in, it might (as before) be turned down on the grounds that alternative routes have not been properly considered.

I therefore consider it imperative that the Cheddington route be investigated to the

same standard as the selected BCC routes. The lack of central government funding in the short term means that there is plenty of time to do so. At an average cost of £5M per mile it would appear to be competitive and I am pleased to hear that the Bierton bypass is now undergoing a detailed investigation. This includes the first quarter of the Cheddington Route.

Yours faithfully *Edmund Waller*

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## IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE A418 STRATEGIC ROUTE?

Many concerns have been expressed about the proposed Wing and Rowsham bypasses. The proposed dual carriageway is, in fact, a new up-rated strategic route. Whilst residents may perceive the proposed 'A418 Improvements' purely as a scheme to provide traffic relief for the villages of Wing and Rowsham, the measures are, in reality, part of a much larger road scheme. They would link the M1 via the A505 to the A41 into London, hence forming a bypass of the highly congested M1 and M25. The benefits to the local community are therefore somewhat debatable when one realises the enormous growth in traffic that the scheme will bring to the area.

Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth, in conjunction with South Beds FOE are concerned that the proposed scheme has not given local residents adequate choice and knowledge of the alternatives. Over the summer we obtained grants in excess of £2000 to commission a leading independent expert in transport planning, whose work has been cited in Government documents and in the media. This expert, Dr Denvil Coombe, compiled a report looking at BCC's proposal and at whether BCC has provided adequate background evidence to support its position. We are now circulating Dr Coombe's report widely. It highlights several areas which show potential or real shortcomings of some of the background research and the conclusions reached by Bucks CC.

The report casts doubt over claims that the scheme will relieve congestion on the A413 North of Aylesbury. It has pointed out that arguments from Bucks

CC on the limited effectiveness of travel reduction measures and public transport have not been backed up by proper analysis of the nature of traffic using the A418 and A413.

The report has highlighted that the Government is currently examining the introduction of a national road pricing system. Road pricing, if introduced, could undermine the case for major changes to the A418. The report also expresses concern that the methodology used to assess the amount of traffic that a new up-graded road would generate, could have produced misleading results.

By increasing the available road space it actually encourages people to increase the length of their journeys. A new dual carriageway would promote longer car journeys, not only to shop, but to reach a place of work. As people head to Milton Keynes to shop, this is likely to have a knock-on effect on the economy of Aylesbury. New roads will mean more traffic travelling at a faster speed, and this will produce increased carbon dioxide emissions.

We have written to neighbouring Parish Councils informing them of the findings in this report. Friends of the Earth are now applying for further funding to commission a much larger study to explore viable options for sustainable transport as an alternative to major road building. We hope to work with Bucks CC on this commission. When the results are published we will share our findings.

Rachel Gershon – Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth

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## Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - October

I think I have now heard the ultimate in silliness from DEFRA, that amazing body of civil servants sent to try us and rule our lives.

I try to avoid too much reference to our farming regulations because I can find nothing positive to say about the petty laws we have to abide by.

An acquaintance with no agricultural connections and little rural understanding has accused me of 'always moaning' - heavens forbid. That chance remark almost made me give up these monthly notes. Who wants to be labelled as a moaning farmer? Being a grumpy old man is fine, quite acceptable, but a complaining farmer is not a label I wish to carry.

However lack of any exciting countryside news forces me to share the latest DEFRA joke with you.

A friend was dagging sheep in his farmyard when he was subject to a surprise inspection by Trading Standards.

Incidentally I understand that there are now seven official organisations that can arrive un-announced on a farm and carry out an inspection. They range from the local Water Company, obviously the Police, DEFRA itself to The Trading Standards Office - the latter being able to demand to see farm records and paperwork associated with crops and livestock as they implement DEFRA directives.

So - this chap was dagging some lambs. Ah yes dagging! Sheep and lambs in certain circumstances can get rather mucky round the tail end. Wool and 'you know what' can form an inseparable partnership and this splendid combination has, sometimes, to be cut away from the animals rear end - dagging.

Yes, our friend was dagging lambs when a trading standards official called to see his paperwork, ear tags and to check on his general suitability to be allowed to farm.

'What are you going to do with those clippings?' - dagging is a word not known to most inspectors. 'Chuck them on the muck heap' was the honest and obvious reply. 'Well you can't do that, they are waste animal material and must be sent for incineration at the nearest approved ministry inspected incinerator - transported in sealed plastic bags of course. You will naturally have to pay to have them burnt as you do for any animal waste'.

Now what renders daggings so dangerous; is it the muck or is it the wool? Nothing else is involved. If it is the muck then the man has fields liberally dot-

ted with this fearful product. If it's the wool then should he go round collecting all the bits of wool hanging on the fences and bushes round the sheep fields or should he put up a notice saying HAZARDOUS WASTE - KEEP OUT.

It is all completely crazy. My favourite regulation is one that I am required to abide by in order to be considered fit to sell lambs to the great God Tesco.

We keep one very small bottle of injectable antibiotic in case we get a sudden sick sheep that required immediate attention. That bottle must be kept in a locked cupboard in a locked shed and must NOT be carried around in the Land Rover.

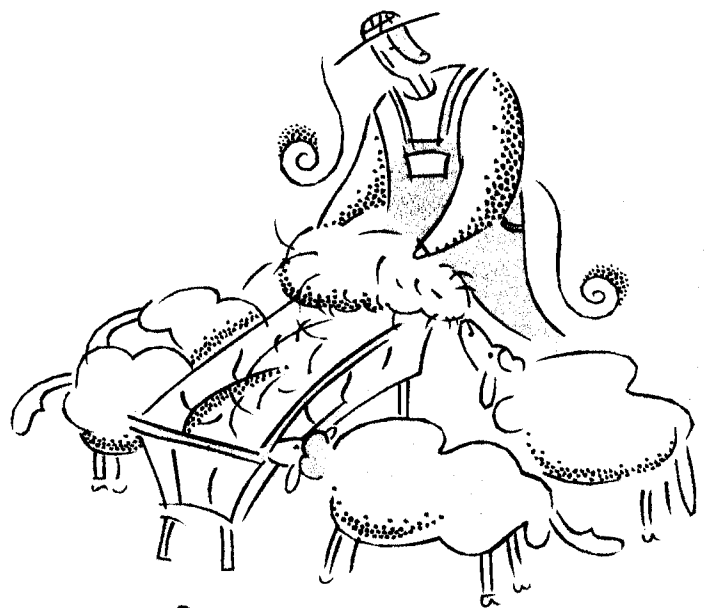
So, if I find a sick sheep I must come home, unlock my shed, unlock my cupboard, lay hands on the small bottle and take it back to the sheep - but hang on - I'm not allowed to carry it around in the Land Rover!!!

Someone in authority said that common sense should be applied - but obviously not by those making up the RULES in the first place.

What an over regulated RISK fearing nation we have become.

Incidentally my crayfish expert friend, risking all, went back to the same spot on the Cherwell one evening and caught 50 YES 50 crayfish.

Unbelievable or what?



*Pete Knight*

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# **THE SHOP IN THE CHURCH ROOM**

had it's first anniversary on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October and we can look back on a very successful year. Rita Robinson and April Curnow, who have organised refreshments every Thursday morning, were delighted and overwhelmed to receive beautiful bouquets of flowers and would like to say a huge thank you for the kind thought. They would also like to add their thanks to Margaret Hinds, Caroline Abel-Smith and Jo Perkins who have very kindly supported and helped with serving refreshments during the year and Andy Bystra for making the wonderful Lardy cake which has been a highlight of our coffee mornings on several occasions.

Steve, from the Wingrave Store, is quite happy to continue coming and providing us with this service based on his sales each week so far. At this point we would like to apologise to Steve for calling him Len all year in the Chronicle "ad". With the wonderful service he provides together with the convivial get-together for tea, coffee, cakes etc. this has proved to be a great addition to village life.

*April Curnow*

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## ALLOTMENT DIARY



Well, the end of another summer season is upon us. All of the summer fruit and vegetables have been harvested, and the appearance of the allotments is changing. Most are reverting to large expanses of bare earth. In Simon Guy's case, his allotment is changing to wall to wall Axminster. (It stops weeds from growing, in case you were wondering). In my case, because I have not been as attentive as I should have been to weeding recently, I have produced a very healthy crop of weeds – mainly nettles. Next week I must get round to pulling them up, or I shall be in bad odour with the other allotmenters, since the seeds from my weeds will spread to their patches as well as mine.

To my slight surprise, my pumpkins have been in great demand – although I suspect that most are not destined for the dinner table. I am told that those that have not been given away can be stored, to be eaten by the end of the year. There are lots of exotic recipes for pumpkins on the internet, and I hope to try some of them: pumpkin curry, pumpkin ice-cream, pumpkin cheesecake, as well as the better known pumpkin pie and pumpkin soup. If any are worthwhile, I will let you know.

I had thought that my pumpkins were pretty big, until I saw a TV news item yesterday about someone in England who had grown a pumpkin so big, he was able to cut off the top, scoop out the inside, attach an outboard motor to it, and then get in it and sail across a river!

We allotmenters have just enjoyed our second allotment dinner, at which the greater part of the food had been produced on our own allotments. Things started well, with Brian (one of the allotment-holders from outside the village) producing and sharing with everyone a bottle of grappa that he had recently brought back from Italy. The starter was leek & potato soup from the Clarke patch. For the main course we had a delicious piece of beef, courtesy of Andy & Sue Digby, accompanied by a choice of five different vegetables grown by various allotment holders. (My offering was pumpkin pieces, roasted with shallots and sage, which I thought wasn't bad). We then had a selection of puddings of such excellence, that almost everyone had two helpings, so that they could try two different sorts (except for Richard Clark who liked the bread & butter pudding so much, he had several helpings of this). All this washed down by copious drafts of the wine which the diners had thought to bring with them. On behalf of all the allotment holders, I would like to thank Colin Higgs for organising the event.

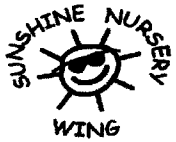
The evening concluded with the pumpkin judging competition, at which Andy Digby won with a pumpkin measured to have a circumference of 36 inches, so pushing the writer's 32 inch pumpkin into second place. We losers consoled ourselves with the knowledge that size is not everything! And I hate to be accused of sour grapes, but I did think that putting a seat-belt round his pumpkin for the drive home was a bit over the top. . . !

Peter Shorrock

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# ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**PRESENT** Cllrs C.Higgs (Chair), D.Dicken, R.Clarke, J Farrands and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). 2 members of the public attended. Apologies were received from Peter Shorrocks, Margaret Hinds and Tom Manning

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

## CLERK'S REPORT

- The Parish Council notice board is in a very poor state of repair.
- The gate at the bottom of Lines Hill has been demolished in a car accident. In the absence of the name and address of the car driver the landowner will be written to. Meanwhile the Clerk will arrange for the gatepost to be repaired.
- Correspondence and distance learning materials were distributed

## COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

- District Councillor Peter Cooper reported that the A418 Improvements consultation period is now complete.
- Cllr. Higgs asked why directional road signs have been permitted for a business in Hulcott, while an application for signs to a business in Aston Abbots has been rejected. Peter Cooper will investigate.

## PLANNING

- 06/02236/APP The Orchard, Moat Lane. Three detached dwellings. Resolved to make no objections to this application.

## HIGHWAYS

- To discuss request for more streetlights in Brickstock. Agreed to obtain a quotation for an additional footway light.
- Discuss overhanging hedge on the Royal Oak corner. The matter will be reported to Highways.

## RECREATION GROUND

- Safety check – children's play area. Up to date.
- Official opening of the new children's play area –discussion put off till next meeting.
- Arrangements for bonfire night – police and fire brigade have been notified. The fire will be a 'clean' burn from wood only this year. The Clerk agreed to try to find a first-aider to be on duty.
- Replacement warning notice for gate to children's play area – decide wording. The Clerk was delegated to do this.
- Discuss progress on the S106 agreement for Nash's Farm. No legal papers have been received from BCC yet. District Cllr Peter cooper agreed to follow the matter up on our behalf.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

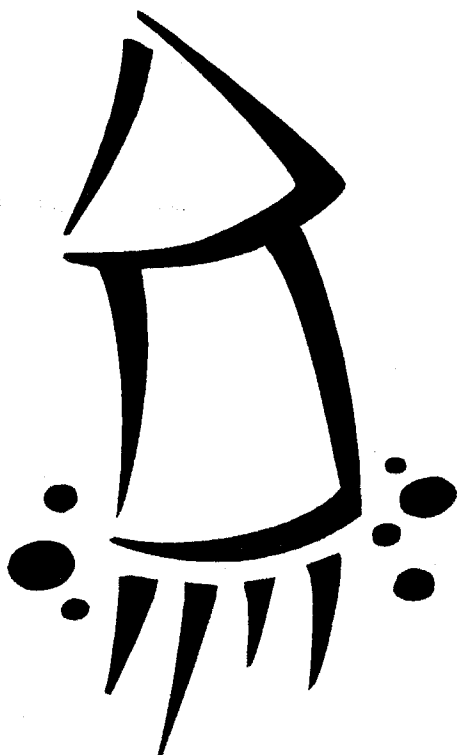
- Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Church Room.

# Wingrave School PTA

## Bonfire & Fireworks Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

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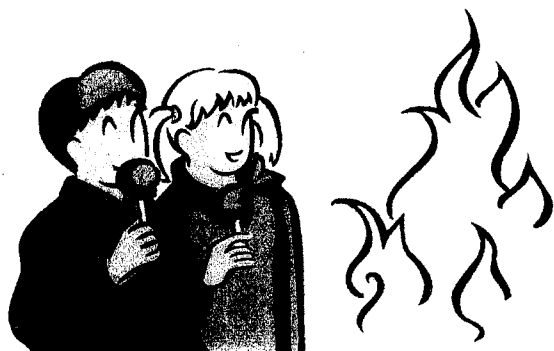
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From Neil Rees

*During the Aston Abbots fete on Saturday 22nd July I met Czech freelance journalist Tomas Mrva and introduced him to people in the village. Tomas Mrva used to work for the BBC Slovak Service, but this was axed during their cost-cutting and he has now become a freelancer to make money. He wanted to write an article about the Czechs and Slovaks in Aston Abbots during the Second World War. He wrote an article that was published by the Slovak national newspaper Pravda (Truth) on 30th August 2006. He kindly sent me this translation from Slovak to English:*

### **President Beneš's Forgotten Sanctuary**

For a village of four hundred people, Aston Abbots has a surprisingly rich history. A famous explorer James Clark Ross, who was the first person to reach the North Magnetic Pole in 1832, lived and is buried there. During the World War II, the Abbey in a village was for almost five years home for the exiled Czechoslovak president Edvard Beneš and his suite. When London was bombed in 1940, the president wanted to stay there but Jan Masaryk, the Foreign Minister, was determined to find a safer place. Aston Abbots was reasonably far from German bombers' targets and there was one more reason why to move there. "Both these statesmen were good friends of the Rotschild family which lived in the nearby Wing, so it is possible that they asked the Rotschilds for some advice where to go. The Rotschilds were the friends of the owners of the Abbey in Aston Abbots, so we can find some link there," says Neil Rees, the author of *The Czech Connection*, a book on the exile government. The then owners of the Abbey, Harold and Beatrice Morton, voluntarily gave up the property in favour of the Czechoslovak president. Dr Beneš moved in in November 1940, accompanied by his wife, nieces, dog, servants and bodyguards. The Czechoslovak soldiers lived in three huts built by Italian prisoners of war.

According to the locals, the soldiers kept a low profile, and their presence had little effect on people's

lives. "They were very nice people. Some of them used to come to the Sunday services to the church," remembers a 93-year-old Nathalie Higgs. Her son Colin recalls that Dr Beneš bought a globe to the local school and children used to sing Christmas carols to the soldiers. Even the war could not distract people from entertaining activities. "There was a lot of snow during the war winters. The soldiers built their own skis and tried to teach us skiing. I was falling most of the time," smiles Victor Scott, who met the president for the first time while opening the gate on the road. Edvard Beneš and his wife started chatting with a boy and their meetings became regular. After the presidential couple had left after the war, Victor sent them a letter with best wishes.

"When I went to Prague, I rang the bell at the Castle and asked if I could talk to the president. I was very pleased that Dr Beneš and his wife remembered me and invited me in," says Victor. One of the favourite stories of the locals is about a young woman who fell in love with a Czech soldier. "He was originally an accountant but his English was not very good, so she understood he had been a count. Excited, she was telling everyone that she would marry a Czech count. It all ended sadly because he disappeared during the Communism," remembers Victor. He adds that villagers still hold a high opinion of the president, his suite and the soldiers who served in Aston Abbots. Victor Scott, who is a respected horticulturalist, also had roses planted in the churchyard, from the Friendship and Peace Park in Lidice. The roses are a symbol of birth and a national symbol of England, and as the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, which led to the Lidice massacre, was probably planned in the Abbey, by planting the roses from Lidice, Victor Scott wanted to close the circle of life and death that started in his village.

*Tomas Mrva*

*[have not corrected his spelling of Rothschild. Ed]*

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**TWO RIDDLES** - Answers on page 35

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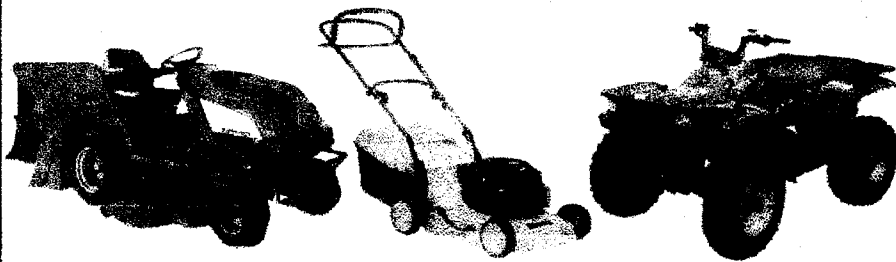
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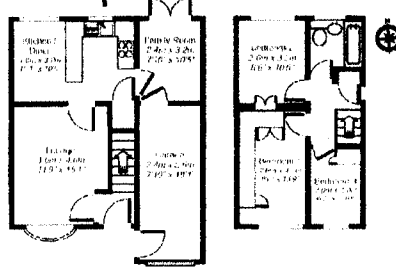
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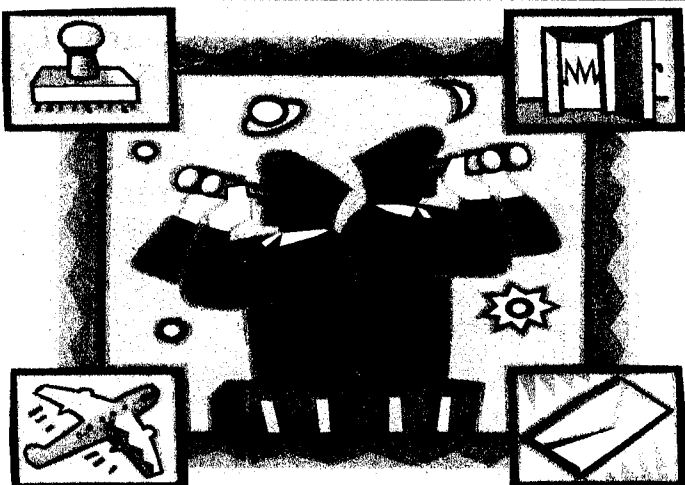
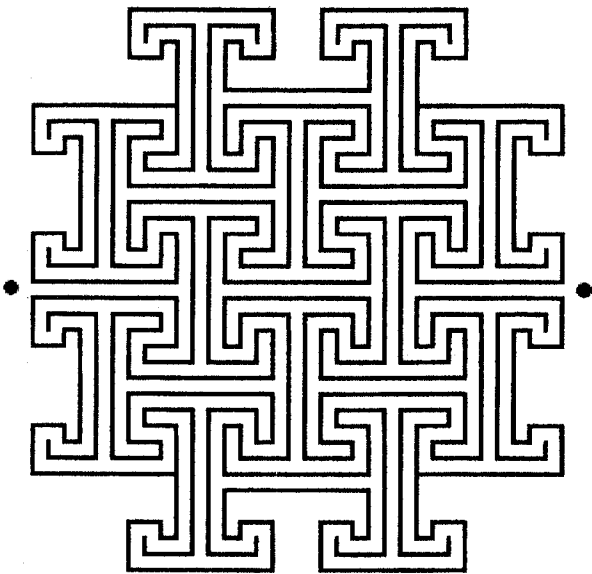
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I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.  
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)  
When they're on the phone and just out of reach,  
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.  
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)  
When they cook dinner and call me to eat,  
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,  
I'll gag on my yoghurt, spill milk on the table,  
And when they get angry...I'll run...if I'm able!  
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I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,  
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.  
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And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!  
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And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,  
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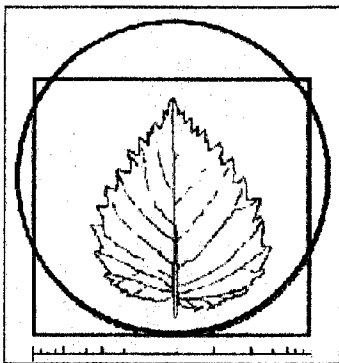
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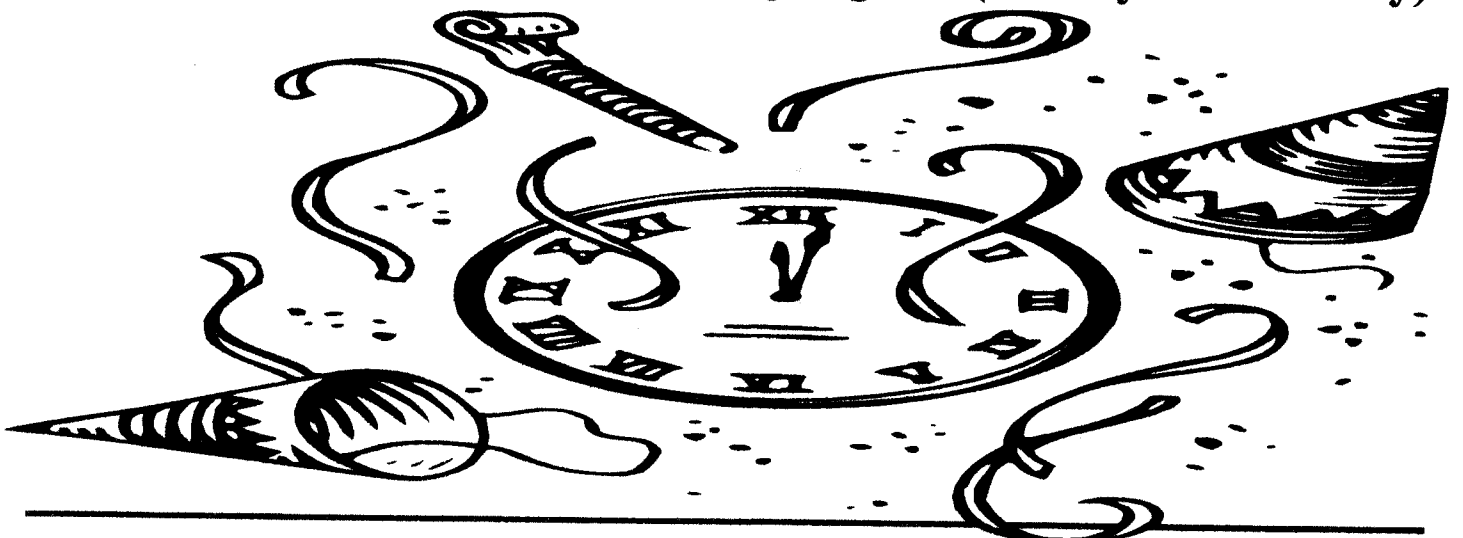
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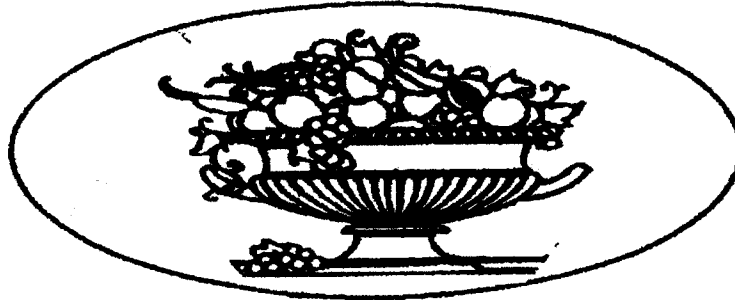
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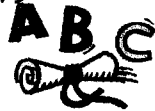


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## SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

It was a pleasure to attend the hour long concert given by Lindsey Stafford Smith and her daughter Rebecca in St James Church on Sunday 22nd October. Some 30 people enthusiastically applauded every number. Charlotte Hill was originally billed to appear with Lindsey and it was to Rebecca's immense credit that she was able to take over from Charlotte at such short notice. I knew most of the songs - my favourite was from the show Evita [don't cry for me Argentina]- but Lindsey also sang songs from lesser known Musicals that she particularly thought should have more public attention.

The concert was concluded with a cup of tea and scones. Who ever made the scones is a culinary goddess. The best scone I have ever tasted! *John Hardcastle*

### Here is an anagram exercise

**PRESBYTERIAN:** becomes BEST IN PRAYER

**ASTRONOMER:** becomes MOON STARER

**THE EYES:** becomes THEY SEE

**THE MORSE CODE :** becomes HERE COME DOTS

**SLOT MACHINES:** becomes CASH LOST IN ME

**ANIMOSITY:** becomes IS NO AMITY

**ELECTION RESULTS:** becomes LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

**SNOOZE ALARMS:** becomes ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

**A DECIMAL POINT:** becomes IM A DOT IN PLACE

**THE EARTHQUAKES:** becomes THAT QUEER SHAKE

**ELEVEN PLUS TWO:** becomes: TWELVE PLUS ONE

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

**MOTHER-IN-LAW:** becomes: WOMAN HITLER

*Contributed by Neil Chesher*

*[aka L Cheese Rhine - unless you can think of someone better. Ed]*

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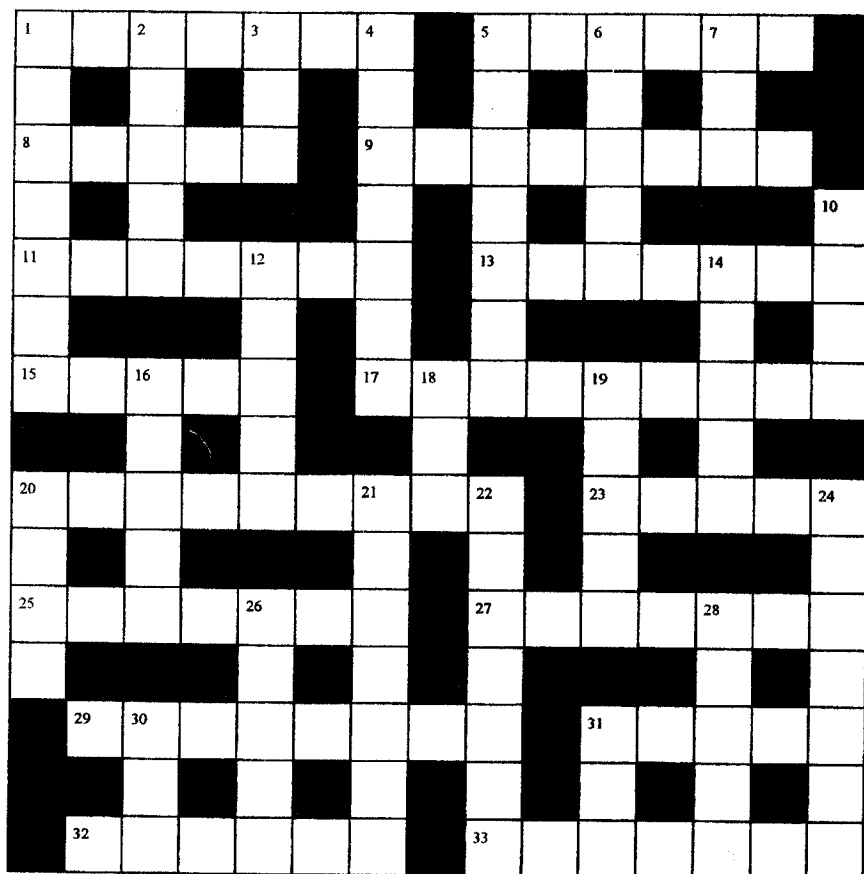


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# The Chronicle Crossword

November 2006



## OCTOBER SOLUTIONS

### ACROSS

- 1 Colonel 5 Really  
 8 Might 9 Relegate  
 11 Essence 13 Narrate  
 15 Trout 17 Yesterday  
 20 Disappear 23 Tests  
 25 Natural 27 Enraged  
 29 New Parts 31 Tonic  
 32 Leslie 33 Nuclear

### DOWN

- 1 Comment 2 Lagos  
 3 Net 4 Largely  
 5 Relents 6 Anger  
 7 Lot 10 Levy  
 12 No Tip 14 Andes  
 16 Onset 18 Eva  
 19 Enter 20 Dine  
 21 Enlarge 22 Reels In  
 24 Seducer 26 Repel  
 28 Genie 30 Eke  
 31 TUC

### ACROSS

- 1 Restricted (7)  
 5 Not Clear (6)  
 8 A style, especially in the arts (5)  
 9 Opposite of leasehold (8)  
 11 Choose new clothes (3-2-2)  
 13 At the top of the stairs (7)  
 15 Used on a baby (5)  
 17 Take the place of (9)  
 20 Getting better (2-3-4)  
 23 The Scilly - - - - - (5)  
 25 Appears (5-2)  
 27 City in Cheshire (7)  
 29 Happy (4-4)  
 31 Girls name (5)  
 32 Balls do this (6)  
 33 Private room (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Become brighter (7)  
 2 We all need this (5)  
 3 Used in golf (3)  
 4 Guards (7)  
 5 Partly cover(7)  
 6 Very pale (5)  
 7 University college London (abbr) (1-1-1)  
 10 Old word for fever (4)  
 12 Herb (5)  
 14 Perfect (5)  
 16 Paved part of the garden (5)  
 18 Container for ashes (3)  
 19 Lift up (5)  
 20 River in York (4)  
 21 Blow up (7)  
 22 Translate coded message (7)  
 24 Hurtful remark (7)  
 26 Chair carried by two people (5)  
 28 Cards used in fortune telling (5)  
 30 Old fashioned washing powder (3)  
 31 Trick (3)

Compiled by Rod Rothero

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| 630 Club               | Andy Bystra              | 681690        | Parish Council Leader | Peter Shorrocks         | 681260         |
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| Hospital               | Stoke Mandeville         | 315000        | Wingrave Post Office  | (PO only)               | 682964         |
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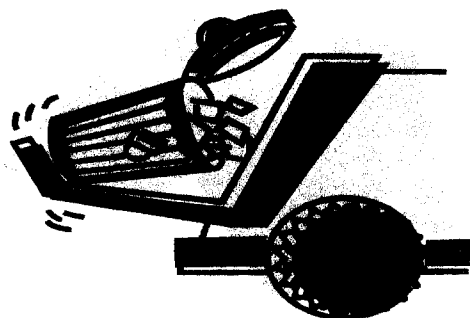
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**Commercial Waste**

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# St James Church

The new Vicar the Reverend Derek Witchell is away until 3rd November.  
His induction is on Wednesday 8th November at Wingrave Church at 7pm.



## DUTY SIDESMAN

5th Mr A Bystra  
12th Mr G Kemp  
+ British Legion  
18th Mrs A Curnow  
26th Mr A Ford

## FLOWER ROTA

4/5 Mrs S Ford  
11/12 Royal British Legion  
17/18 Royal British Legion  
25/26 Mr C Higgs

## ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

### 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.

16 members were present on this damp and dreary afternoon. Joan Alexander welcomed everyone and the minutes were read and signed. Apologies were received from Carol Morris, Irene Lowden, Audrey Stevenson and Siv Tunnicliffe.

Our speaker today was Mrs Jill Carey whose slideshow and talk was entitled 'Red Kites in the Chilterns'. She told the history of Red Kites from medieval times up to today and explained how the Chilterns were chosen to release birds from Spain to reintroduce the Red Kite back into the English countryside. It was a fascinating and well delivered talk which was enjoyed by our members. She was thanked by June Brine who had seen Red Kites flying over Chinnor

Tea was served by Joan Alexander and Mary Morris. The raffle was won by Doreen Liddle.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

18 members were present at today's meeting. Joan Alexander welcomed everyone and the minutes were read and signed. She then introduced our speaker who was Mr Peter Fells, an old friend of the Club, who had come along to show slides of the Lake District. He gave a very interesting talk illustrated by beautiful views of the area. He was thanked by Shirley Ford.

Joan Alexander.

Tea hostesses today were Margaret Hinds and April Curnow.

The raffle was won by Beryl Shone

*Shirley Ford.*

*The Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies Club meets twice a month in the Church Room, Aston Abbots. All ladies from Aston Abbots and Cublington are very welcome. Please contact Shirley Ford on 681865 for more information.*

## CHURCH ROOM BOOKINGS

Please contact Colin Higgs on 681343 if you wish to book the Church Room

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## This month's Events

November 16th 'My life as a furniture restorer'

November 30th 'A Victorian Christmas' songs by Lindsay Stafford Smith

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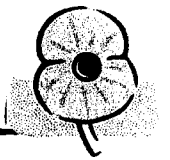
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# What's On In November



|                |  |                                |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Thursday 2nd   | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon<br>Ladies Club 2.15   | Church Room<br>Church Room     |
| Saturday 5th   | Rambling Club meet at Caldecote Lake MK 2pm<br>Bonfire/Fireworks Recreation Ground 6.30pm    |                                |
| Monday 6th     | Parochial Church Council 7pm   | Church Room                    |
| Wednesday 8th  | Whist Drive 7.30pm<br>(not change of day)  | Church Room                    |
| Thursday 9th   | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon<br>Induction of Rev Derek Witchell 7pm                            | Church Room<br>Wingrave Church |
| Saturday 11th  | British Legion Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon   |                                |
| Sunday 12th    | Remembrance Service<br>With British Legion - commence War Memorial<br>10.45am then in Church | St James Church                |
| Monday 13th    | Village Freighter 12noon - 3.30pm  |                                |
| Tuesday 14th   | Aylesbury Transport Meet 2pm<br>Bus/Train queries to Colin Higgs                             | County Hall                    |
| Thursday 16th  | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon<br>Ladies Club 2.15pm   | Church Room<br>Church Room     |
| Saturday 18th  | British Legion Bingo 7.30pm  | Church Room                    |
| Sunday 19th    | Village Footpath Walk 2pm  | The Green                      |
| Tuesday 23rd   | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12 noon<br>Whist Drive 7.30pm  | Church Room<br>Church Room     |
| Friday 24th    | Quiz Evening 7.30pm<br>(teams of 4/6 maximum)  | Church Room                    |
| Sunday 26th    | Ramblers Meet at Albury 2pm<br>Evensong 6pm  | St James Church                |
| Wednesday 29th | Parish Council 8pm   | Church Room                    |
| Thursday 30th  | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon<br>Ladies Club 2.15pm   | Church Room<br>Church Room     |

## Address

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

Email submissions to:

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

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## 630 Club



The 630 Club is now in full training for the Christmas Dinner to be held at The Doghouse on the shortest day. Quantities of beers, salmon and roast beef are being force fed 630 members on an increasing daily incremental scale in order that total repleatness is achieved on the day. Detail feeding sheets are available from Andy Bystra. A vegetarian option - consisting mostly of swede, is available. Rumours that the 630 Club is putting on its own version of Spamalot has been quickly denied by a spokesman.



## Merry Mowers!

Such is the social calendar of Aston Abbots that few of the 'mowers' or their guests were able to make the 4<sup>th</sup> of November date published in last month's Chronicle.

However, we still intend to 'pat ourselves on the back' (particularly as the grass is still having to be cut in October) by having a 'bit of a do'. Arrangements are in hand for this to now be held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb. 2007 and will be at The Royal Oak.

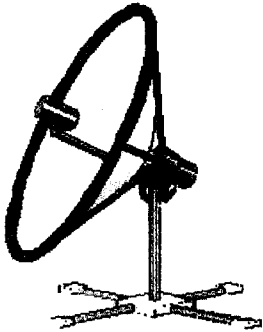
*Andy*

Too wise you are, too wise you be, I see you are too wise for me.

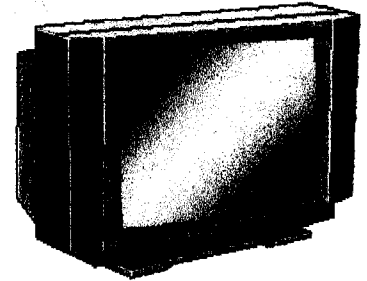
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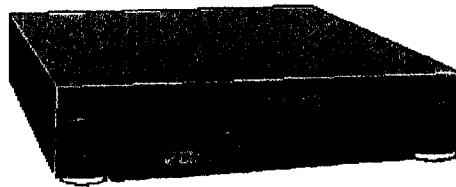


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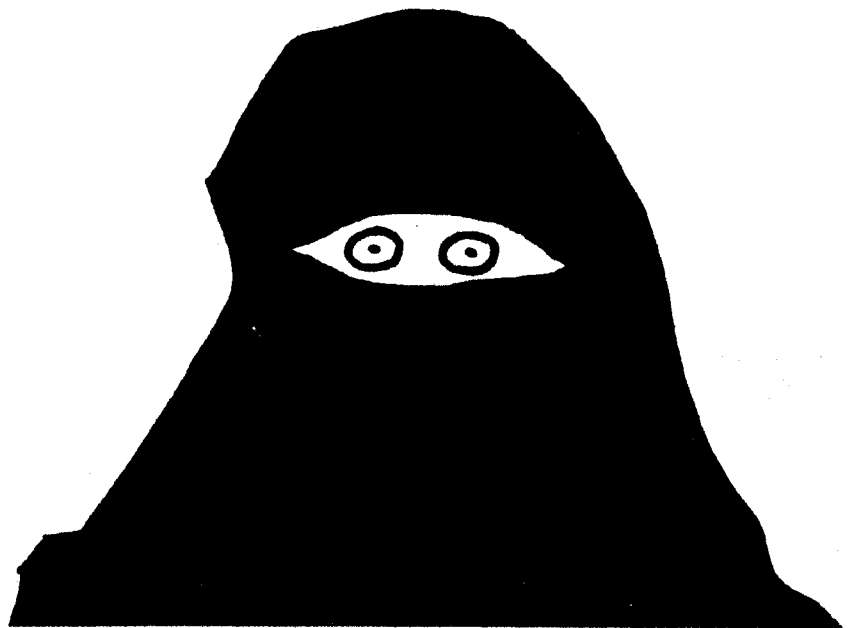


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