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Editorial

First of all I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Congratulations are due to our Parish Council for their dogged fight to get lights reinstated/installed at the Wingrave cross road. It is certainly a great improvement on the 'no lights' experiment imposed by the County Council.

The new footpath out of the village towards Wingrave is of a far better quality than I was expecting. When this is extended down to the Wingrave crossroads I'm sure the people who walk this dangerous section of road will be pleased.

The further sale of small parcels of land on this junction does not bode well for the future. The local authority seem powerless to act. At best they can 'close the stable doors after the horses have bolted' and it will take for ever to get things settled through the courts. In the mean time we will have to put up with the consequences. It seems so one-sided.

I mentioned in my editorial back in January 2007 that I had prostate cancer - the drugs I'm on are beginning not to work so well and it is likely that I will begin a few months of chemotherapy some time in January. One of the consequences will be that I will have even less hair than I do at the moment. So if you spot a baldy you don't recognise it could be me. Judy and I went to see La Cage aux Folles. It's a show we first saw in the mid eighties and one we remembered with affection - and it didn't disappoint second time around.

John

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Alison's Gossip Column

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January

Nicholas Oldfield	2 nd
Jane Plested	7 th
Sarah Plested	7 th
James Clarke	10 th
Judy Hardcastle	12 th
Tony Hinds	13 th
Zoe Hinds	25 th
David Lewis	28 th
Carol Spooner	28 th
Anita Parker	28 th
Richard Plested	29 th
Chloe Oldfield	30 th

The one person I forgot to thank for her contribution to the Chronicle was the Chronicle Censor and proof reader - namely my wife Judy. Thankfully the Chronicle doesn't go in for headlines - some of the following howlers may amuse. *Ed*

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
No, really? Ya think?

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death
No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge
He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
Weren't they fat enough?!

The January cover is sponsored by Liz Barlow.
Photo and layout by Janice Issitt.

A well known local auctioneer, on returning from the local pub, found he'd locked himself out. Being a man, he of course phoned his wife who was partying in deepest Wales. You can imagine the reaction! So this brave man, lips quivering, had to beg for shelter next door. Luckily, there was room at the "Inn" and next day this Gentleman was seen wearing his brother-in-law's cast-offs, pants included I'm reliably informed!

It was announced in Church on 13th December that Rev. Michelle Morton has resigned and will be moving away from the Benefice. The Church Room has been booked on Saturday 2nd January from 3pm to 5.30pm for a Farewell Tea Party for Michelle.

Peter Shorrocks missed the Chronicle deadline to wish his fellow villagers a Happy Christmas. He would instead like to wish them a Happy New Year, and confirm that the money he would otherwise have spent on cards has been given to a cancer charity.

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is...

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Did I read that right?

Normally the Censor spots all my errors - the ones that get through usually get an immediate reaction and go to prove that someone else reads the Chronicle!

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF THE CALENDAR GIRLS - well the Chronicle is going one better!

Hope you were able to try out Alison Lewis's Toss in Fruit Cake.

11 lovely ladies have volunteered to suggest a recipe of the month. This month it's Brigitte Gutierrez's turn. The following month's are by, Francesca Bean, Judy Hardcastle, April Curnow, Jackie Farrands, Anita Parker & Margaret Hinds. see next page overleaf for **Brigitte's January Recipe.**



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Juan's Spanish Omelette - from Brigitte Gutierrez

Very versatile can be served hot, warm or cold.

You need:

600 grs potato

300 grs Spanish onion

4 eggs

75-100 mls olive oil

Salt and pepper

non stick frying pan

large mixing bowl

Peel and slice the potatoes as thinly as you can (potato peeler thickness). Sprinkle with salt and mix. Peel the onion cut in half and finely chop.

Add 75 mls of olive oil in a medium size non stick frying pan. When hot add the potatoes and onion (making sure they do NOT brown). Keep turning until well coated, fry until cooked and soft.

Meanwhile in a large bowl break the eggs and gently mix white and yolk together with a fork. Add salt and pepper.

When the potatoes and onions are cooked (drain off excess oil) add to bowl of eggs and mix.

Add 1 tbs of olive oil to the frying pan and heat to maximum wait until the oil is really hot pour in the egg mixture and lower the heat slightly. When the bottom has set (cook for about 4 mins) turn it over by placing a plate on top of the frying pan turning it upside down and sliding the omelette back into the frying pan. Cook to preference (not too hard) turning the omelette to get an even colour.

To round the edges turn edges inwards with a spatula
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Sale of land alongside Winslow Road and the A418

Aston Abbotts Parish Council and Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council have both been concerned by the sale of plots of land along Winslow Road and by the A418. Though there is no possibility of planning permission being given for development of the sites, the "nightmare scenario" would be one where, over the Christmas/New year holiday period, or at 5.00 p.m. on the Friday afternoon of a Bank Holiday weekend, a succession of mobile homes and trailers enters the land through the existing gateway, and by the end of the holiday there is a sizeable development up and running, or a store of unsightly materials, or a caravan park. Wingrave Council asked AVDC to place an "Article 4" notice on the land – meaning that any development or fencing of the land would require specific planning permission.

However, AVDC's Planning Enforcement Team Leader, Mr Philip Dales, replied saying that he could not issue an Article 4 notice. The following is taken from Mr Dales's response to Wingrave Council:

...As you know we are aware that an area of land at the junction of the Aylesbury Road with the A418 has been subdivided into 21 plots and offered for sale of land and that this has raised local concerns about possible future uses that may take place on the land.

The sale of rural plots is recognised by the Government as an issue but it cannot be prevented. If the land has special sensitivities such as designated Green Belt and within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or is of significant archaeological interest it may be possible to seek agreement from the Secretary of State to issue an Article 4 direction so that the subdivision of the plots by means of an enclosure, such as fencing or walls would require planning permission. Any application or unauthorised development would fall to be dealt with in the normal manner. The case being that the erection of such enclosures would normally comprise permitted development and not need our approval.

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We have successfully issued Article 4 Directions in instances where the land had special sensitivities and where the land was being subdivided into numerous small plots which could have no feasible agricultural use..... In comparison the land at Wingrave is 38 hectares (93 acres) in extent and has been subdivided into parcels ranging from 1500sqm (0.4 acres) to 11 hectares (27 acres) in extent. The second tranche of plots, if not the first are also of a size that they could feasibly be used for agricultural purposes and most probably will be. Whilst it is acknowledged that the land is within an area of attractive landscape defined in the local plan this is not in itself sufficient to warrant a direction, and the enclosure of the land whilst undoubtedly having an impact would not cause serious harm. Accordingly, it is considered that an Article 4 direction would not be appropriate in this instance.

Nevertheless, I must stress that the construction of any new access to the land from either the A418 or Aylesbury Road would require planning permission as would the formation of any new access roadway. The erection of any new building on the site would need permission as would any change of use of the land. Additionally, you mention in your letter the potential removal of hedgerows around the site. Rural hedgerows are protected and unless exempt we have to be given prior notification of any intention to remove a hedgerow. If we object to the work we can issue a hedgerow protection notice and to carryout work without giving notice or in contravention of a notice is an offence.

In conclusion, if unauthorised work takes place on the land it would need to be addressed at the time and any appropriate action taken. We cannot take pre-emptive action unless there is clear evidence that a serious breach of planning control is about to occur. It is therefore important that we work closely with the Parish Council and the local community so that any suspected breach are reported to us at the earliest opportunity.

All parishioners are asked to keep an eye on the plots of land and to let others know if they see any development taking place – this includes any removal of hedging (which may be done to create further access points). The people to tell are: District Councillor Peter Cooper (01296 681250) &/or Philip Dales of AVDC, (01296 585623) or pdales@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk . (Unfortunately both the Parish Clerk, Paul Bruton, and Parish Council Chairman, Peter Shorrock, are both away during the Christmas /New Year holiday period, so will not be contactable, but you could try to notify one of the other parish councillors, whose phone numbers are given in the Chronicle). If you do contact Philip Dales or a parish councillor, could you please also copy any information about development attempts on the plots to Peter Cooper?

Peter Shorrock

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our meeting on 9th December we discussed Sally Palmer's selection 'A Prisoner of Birth' by Jeffrey Archer. The book was enjoyed by all of us - it's a page turner. The plot lines were broadly based on 'The Count of Monte Cristo' by Alexandre Dumas. Jeffrey Archer's time in prison was also evident in the detail.

The next book to read, chosen by Pam Hewitt, is 'Watching the English' by Kate Fox. Meet at Pam's house 8pm 27th January. (The book for February, chosen by Val Smith, is 'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain. Meet at Val's house 8pm 24th February). *Ed*

If you would like to join in the discussion/fun then please let me know.

You will be very welcome.

It was good that Nigel Palmer joined the discussion last month. Surely there are some other men who read books. Please get in touch. Ed

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

A news item that caught my eye recently was the report that a Somerset village called Montecute came top of a league table of life expectancy published a few weeks ago. According to a national study of over 3,000,000 pension records, 65-year old men in Montecute (population 640), near Yeovil can expect to live until they are 90 – and – the reason why I am telling you this – residents attributed their long life to growing their own vegetables! One (nearly) oldest inhabitant, Charlie Northam, aged 89, said he believed the onions he grew on his allotment in particular contributed to his old age and good health. (Why he thought it was his onions rather than, say, his beans or potatoes, I do not know).

It seems that the compilers of this study calculated a score for each postcode, which represented the number of men over 65 expected to die in the following 12 months. I regret I do not know how Aston Abbots performed, but I can tell you that the bottom place was Bootle in Merseyside. I regret I do not know, either, whether vegetable gardening has an equally beneficial effect on women – but if any of my lady readers reckon that their chances of longevity would be enhanced by a spot of gardening, I would be very happy to let them come and dig my plot over!

As you will have suspected there is not a lot of activity on the allotments at the moment. Some of my more zealous neighbours have weeded and dug over their allotments, and spread manure. I am thinking about it. However other things – like the proximity of Christmas, and the consequential need to buy presents, write Christmas cards, etc., keep getting in the way. I have to say that for me at any rate, there is not the same temptation to go down to the allotment as there is in the spring. We have just had our first frosts of the winter, (which I am told is good for Brussels sprouts, so that that part of my Christmas dinner should be OK). If I procrastinate much longer, the ground will become too hard to dig, and I will have a bona fide reason for my inactivity!

I think the time of the year may be coming when I shall start doing my gardening indoors – reading through seed catalogues, looking at gardening suppliers' web-sites on the computer, and generally planning my campaign for next spring.

An American writer once said that there are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter: one is the thaw that comes after a big freeze; the other is the arrival of the seed catalogues!

Finally, some of you probably listen to Gardener's Question Time, and will have heard Bob Flowerdew give advice on it. He is well known as one of Britain's leading organic gardeners, but you may be as interested as I was to learn that in his lifetime he has also been a chicken giblet washer, computer installation engineer, council cleaner, dog impersonator, glass fibre laminator, houseboy & cook in a brothel, security lighting engineer, marine engineer, museum attendant, nude model, official guide in Paris, theatrical gofer, vitreous enamel applicator, arcade mechanic and inventor!

My best wishes to all my readers for the coming year. May all your vegetables flourish, and all your weeds wither & decay!

Peter Shorrock

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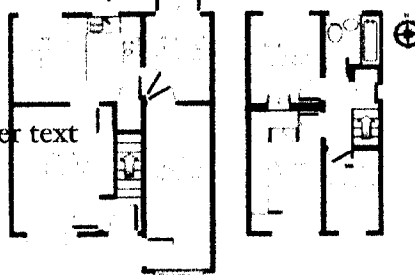
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As Christmas approaches, I hope you have all enjoyed the activities that have been going on – the KS1 performance was certainly a highlight again, and the Church service really sets the atmosphere for the Christmas period. The school is, as always, continuing to develop the children's learning and here is the latest news from the governors – including news of our extremely good KS2 results.

Wishing everybody a peaceful and happy Christmas. *Lynne Roxbee Cox – Chair of Governors*

2009 SATS Results We are delighted to let you know that Wingrave School have come in the **top 10%** nationally in the SATS results in both Maths and Science. English has also shown a considerable improvement. The Daily Telegraph have published league tables – Wingrave came 20th in the whole of Bucks for children achieving level 4 (the expected level) and above in Maths, English and Science. If the schools had been ranked according to progress made then Wingrave would have come 14th in the county in the league table. Well done to the staff and children for this excellent result. Our school improvement partner from Bucks CC has declared the results 'outstanding'.

11+ Results Of the 12 children who sat the 11+ test this year, 3 have been selected for grammar school and a 4th child is going through the appeal process.

Staffing Miss Chandler in Year 1 and Miss Robinson in Year 3 have both settled in extremely well and quickly and are both now established members of the team and seem to be enjoying school life at Wingrave.

Learning and Teaching The focus this term has been on Science and this will continue next term. Another focus has been on developing a more creative curriculum, eg in Years 3 and 4 an African theme has been present throughout most lessons. Lesson observations, assessment analysis, team teaching and monitoring of planning and books, as well as pupil progress meetings with the head teacher, are all continuing. Vigorous monitoring continues of all the changes made and intervention strategies put in place to ensure maximum impact. Future staff training will be looking at 'What is outstanding learning?'

Premises There will soon be changes made to the school office, HT office and entrance area to improve this area of the school (this will be funded from our Devolved Capital budget which can only be used for development of the school premises).

School Reports for Parents/Homework Mrs Gurton has held a focus group meeting to look at how best to deal with reporting to parents and homework. Lots of good ideas have been put forward and another meeting is due to be held one afternoon early next term. One idea is to send home reports to parents a week prior to parents evening to give parents a chance to digest the information and, if necessary, consider any questions they may have for the teacher at parents' evening.

Events There have certainly been plenty of events recently; there was a themed science day when the whole school worked together, with morning activities and experiments generously funded by the PTFA, then in the afternoon there was a science themed theatre production funded by parents. The children very much enjoyed a wonderful production of Beauty and the Beast and another booking has been made with the same company to perform Tom's Midnight Garden next summer term. We have visited church twice recently, once for Harvest Festival and again for Christmas readings and carols – well done to all of the children involved in this. There are normally a number of Governors sitting at the back at any school church service, and we always appreciate the involvement of the children. Also, well done to Year 6 children for escorting visitors round the school at our Open Day – they were great ambassadors for the school. One of the perks of being a school Governor is the invitation to the KS1 Christmas production dress rehearsal, this once again proved to be very entertaining – thanks to the staff involved in putting this performance together and well done to the children for performing so well.

Future events for 2010 include an African Drumming concert and an African dance workshop, a French breakfast to enable children to practice speaking French, Grandparents day for KS1, and a production in the summer term by KS2 children, an open afternoon and also a KS2 visit to the mosque in Aylesbury to promote community cohesion – so lots to look forward to next year.

Finally

Although the school is now starting to settle down after all of the hard work created by OFSTED, please be assured that we are not 'resting on our laurels' and will continue to strive to make improvements to the whole school to ensure Wingrave School gives the best and most enjoyable education possible to our children. Onwards and upwards!! We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and best wishes for a great 2010.

Jackie Farrands
Vice Chair of Governors

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Parish Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Present: - Cllrs. C Higgs, D Dicken, Mrs J Hardcastle, Mrs K Curry, P Shorrock, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk).

County Councillor Ms N Glover was in attendance.

Apologies were received from District Councillor P Cooper

Matters arising - Councillor Clarke requested that Council consider the possibility of supporting a village firework display next year and it was noted to include on an Agenda nearer the time

Non - attendance at meetings - The clerk advised that as Councillor Stefanczyk had not attended nor tendered his apologies for absence for the preceding 6 meetings he had broken the 6 month rule and he was deemed to no longer be a Parish Councillor and there is now a Casual vacancy on Council. The situation was regretted and Councillors would consider the placing of a Notice of Vacancy at the next meeting. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Stefanczyk advising him of the situation

Streetlights at Wingrave Crossroads - The Clerk reported that the pedestrian lights were now installed at the Wingrave Crossroads and we should now review the impact and obtain feedback from Villagers over the next 3 months.

County & District matters - County Councillor Glover gave an overview of items that she felt were of interest to Parishioners, this included:

A Government initiative to change the way Care budgets are managed is about to come into force, aimed at Self Directed Support. More information will be presented at future Local Area Forums, and the meeting dates are posted on the Parish Notice Board.

Road safety officers will be carrying out roadside checks during December, the aim is to educate drivers about the need to maintain their vehicles especially during winter.

Village Plan - Cllr Dicken reported the plan was now progressing and a meeting to discuss the conclusions was expected in February 2010.

Land Sale A418 - The auction of the plots of land alongside the A418 was discussed and County Councillor Glover advised that although this type of sale is recognised by the Government as an issue it cannot be prevented. We were unable to obtain an Article 4 direction as the land did not meet the necessary criteria. As result there was no pre-emptive action that could be taken unless there is clear evidence that a breach of Planning Control is to occur. It is important that any suspected breach is reported to the Planning Enforcement Team at AVDC at the earliest opportunity. Councillors expressed their extreme concern over this issue and although the Land was not in our Parish, any development would impact upon the Village. Councillor Shorrock would attend if possible the next Wingrave Parish Council meeting or suggest a meeting between the Parishes to explore how we might assist in any potential action.

Footpath to Wingrave Crossroads - The Clerk reported that work was anticipated to start shortly on the 1st phase of the footpath and the Contribution to the works was signed off. The Clerk confirmed we had submitted our application for Phase 2 as part of next year's Delegated Budget Scheme via the Local Area Forum.

Planning - Nothing to report

Recreation Ground - The monthly inspections had been carried out and there was nothing to report. Councillor Clarke reported gave details of the quotations received in respect of the work required on the damaged fencing around the play area. It was felt this was a safety issue and it was RESOLVED to proceed with the works and accept the quotation from Buckland Landscapes. Councillor Dicken with the Clerk would make an application for a Grant from the Community Chest Scheme, however this should not delay the works.

Parish Precept - The budget for 2010/11 was reviewed and discussed. It was RESOLVED to set the Parish Precept at £9,650 for 2010/11, no increase from last year.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 20.00 in the Church Rooms.



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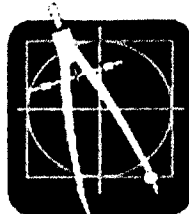
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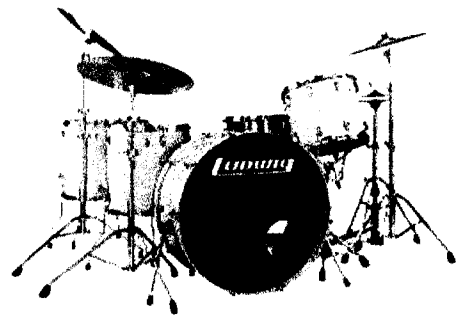
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News from Wingrave CE Combined School

Autumn 2009 has been a very successful term at Wingrave. We were taken out of Special Measures in July and have been moving rapidly forward since then. Earlier this month we received some excellent news when the Daily Telegraph published league tables for the 2009 KS2 results. These are based on the percentage of children achieving level 4 and above in English, Maths and Science. Judged on this criterion Wingrave came 20th in the whole of Bucks. This is a great achievement as Buckinghamshire is one of the highest achieving Local Authorities nationally. This is only part of the story however. They also published figures for progress. These are based on the number of children who make at least two levels on progress during KS2. If the league table had used this criterion Wingrave would have been 14th in the whole of the county as many of our pupils achieved more than two levels progress during KS2.

Early this month I met with our School Improvement Adviser; she judged our 2009 KS2 results to be **outstanding**. We looked at the progress our Year 5 and 6 children are making and found every reason to be very optimistic that this dramatic upward trend will continue.

Of course December has been a particularly busy month with the run up to Christmas. Our PTFA have organised our annual Christmas Fair and the children's discos which raise much needed funds for the school. Our Reception and KS1 children put on a lovely Christmas production – a Space Age Christmas last week. 43 of our children took part in the Christingle Service at Wingrave Church last Sunday and the whole school will be attending our annual Christmas Service on the last day of term (held in school due to the adverse weather). In November our Midday Supervisors held a Bingo evening; the money raised by them paid for the children's Christmas parties enjoyed by our children this week in school. We are all looking forward now to our Christmas break and to returning with renewed vigour and enthusiasm for learning in 2010.

If you would like to come and see our school in action, then please make an appointment. We would love to welcome you to Wingrave School. Phone the office on 01296 681436.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Patricia Gurton Headteacher

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS - from Netta Glover

Self Directed Care

A government inspired initiative to change the way care budgets are managed is about to come into force. It is geared towards making it possible for people to stay independent for as long as possible. It is quite a complicated project to sit here and explain but idea is to allow people to decide on the sort of care they want rather than have it imposed upon them from on high as it were. If you would like I will send you copies of the presentation we attended this morning. It is proposed that the officers will come to a future LAF to explain how things work. I will leave you a folder to peruse at your leisure.

Horse & Jockey Junction: Work to improve this busy junction and reduce congestion will commence on January 11th and will finish in April. Weedon Road and the Elmhurst Road will have phased road closures across the period of the works but Buckingham Road will remain open and have traffic management in place at certain times. A press release will be issued nearer the time.

Update on the Sale of Rural Plots

The sale of rural plots is recognised by the Government as an issue but it cannot be prevented. If the land has special sensitivities such as designated Green Belt and within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or is of significant archaeological interest it may be possible to seek agreement from the Secretary of State to issue an Article 4 direction to prevent the plots being subdivided by a means of enclosure such as fencing or walls.

In other cases we cannot take pre-emptive action unless there is clear evidence that a breach of Planning control is to occur. It is therefore important that in cases such as this we work closely with the local community so that any suspected breach is reported to the Planning Enforcement Team at the earliest opportunity.

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Motorists will be stopped if their vehicles have defective lights, and warned about driving with defective lights at night or in dull daytime conditions - an offence carrying a £30 fine. Drivers won't be fined this time but will be given a breath test and winter vehicle safety advice.

The checks are part of a joint campaign by the Transport for Buckinghamshire road safety team, Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership, and Thames Valley Police. Their message to motorists is about preparing their vehicles for safe winter driving, making sure regular checks are made and that they are well maintained.

Last year 71 people in Buckinghamshire were injured in collisions involving a vehicle on frost, ice or snow.

The campaign supports the Department of Transport's drink drive messages: there is no failsafe guide for staying under the legal limit, or for how much you can drink and drive safely. If you are drinking alcohol this Christmas, do not drive.

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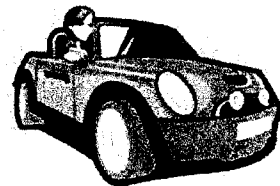
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Please Note:

- This year the Council is providing a Christmas tree recycling service for residents who don't have brown garden waste bins.
- Residents are invited to bring their real Christmas trees for shredding/Chipping. Residents can also take away bags of chippings to use as mulch on their gardens if they want.
- The compost made from the Christmas trees is used to keep AVDC parks and gardens looking great.
- Remove all decorations baubles and tinsel and also the twinkly lights from your Christmas tree
- If possible, cut into your tree into 2 pieces if it is over 7 feet tall
- Please do not place your tree in plastic bags.
- Residents with brown garden waste bins can cut up their trees and place them in the brown bin. These will be collected on your next scheduled collection day. Check the calendar which you should have been sent for details.
- If you have an artificial tree then package it away carefully and save it for re-use next Christmas along with all you decorations, tinsel and lights.

Any questions, please let me know. Thanking you for your support in advance. *Isabel Edgar*
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Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club

The club arranges for speakers to give talks at most of their fortnightly meetings. They cover a very wide range of topics as can be seen from the list I've published below.

The invitation is not restricted to just ladies!!

So!! - If you feel you might be interested in any of these, why not 'get out of the house for a while and come along and enjoy a n interesting and convivial hour or so.

A small charge of £2.00 is made to help with the cost of speakers but this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

PROGRAMME FOR EARLY 2010

- Jan. 7th John & Juliet "Riyadh 1407"
Jan. 21st Peter Wenham "Handling history"
Feb. 4th Jill Carey "Island Odyssey"
Feb. 18th Dr. Tony Maisey "Spare Parts"
March 4th Alison Lewis "The role of a Magistrate"
March 11th Coffee morning
March 18th Jackie Green 'Modern poetry made fun & easy'.
April 1st Valerie Carroll ' Behind the scenes of a Royal Footman'
April 15th Spring Lunch.
April 29th Rosemary Wakeman 'No phones on Saturdays'

THE 3 F's

Come and join the '3 F's' for fun, friendship and fellowship for ladies. We meet in the Wingrave Methodist Hall between 9 – 10.30am and enjoy a breakfast of tea, coffee, croissants and cake'

We meet on a Saturday morning every two months to discuss a variety of subjects.

The dates for 2010 are;- Jan. 9th, March 20th, May 9th, July 10th, Sept. 11th, Nov. 13th, and Dec. 4th.

On Jan. 9th our guest speaker, Mrs. Janis Anderson will speak on the subject of 'Home Care'. Other subject which will be discussed in 2010 will include

Is marriage outdated? And The situation of the homeless.

We are a lively group of middle aged and older ladies who enjoy good discussion. If you are interested, contact Shirley Ford on 681 865.

10th Dec.

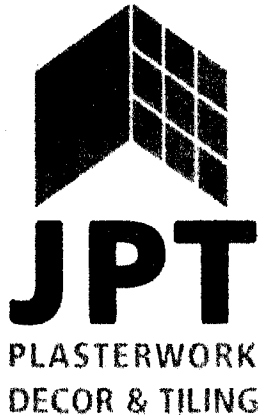
16 members met at the home of our Chairman, June Brine for our annual carol service taken by the Rev. Siv Tunnicliffe. The four readings were read by Shirley Ford, Daphne Rogers, Margaret Hinds and June Brine. We sang five carols.

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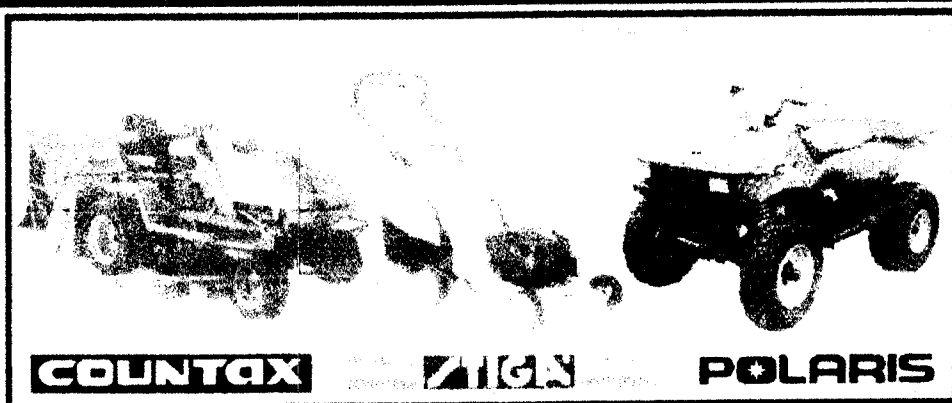
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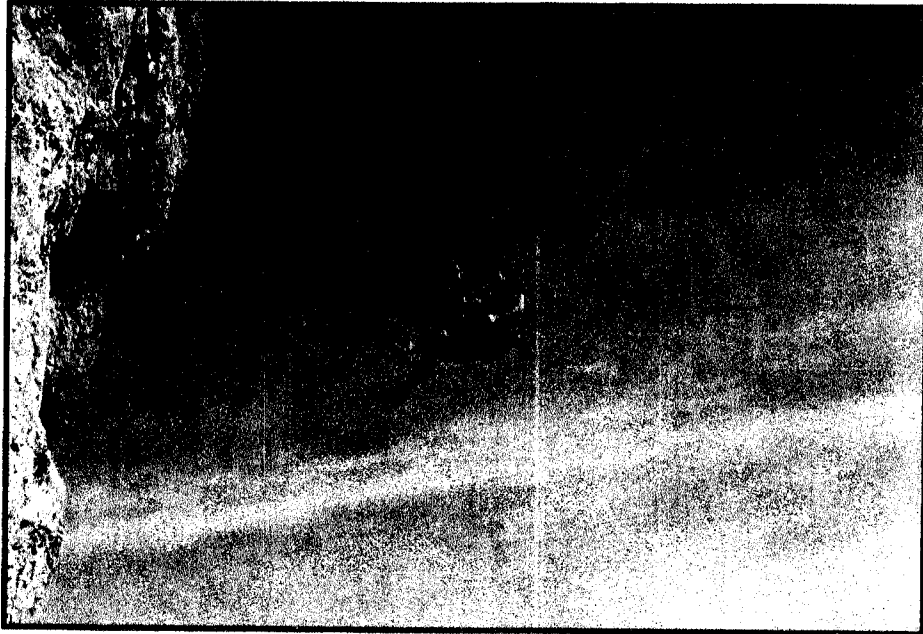


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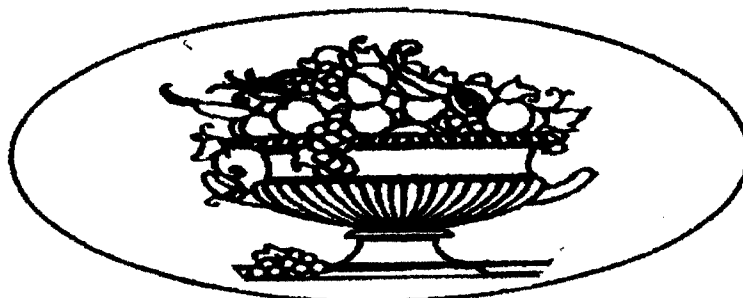
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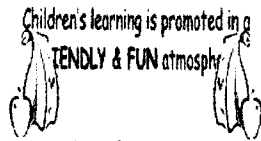
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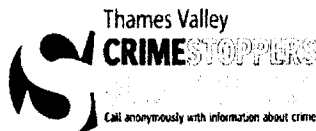
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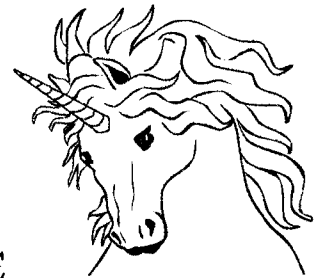
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Please come along.

3/1 6pm Evensong - Ian Ogilvie (IO)

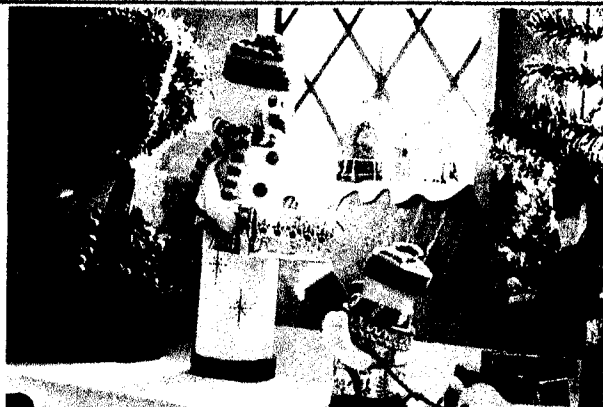
10/1 10am Holy Communion - P Binns

17/1 10am Holy Communion - visiting priest

24/1 10am Holy Communion - R Hale

31/1 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Stewkley - IO

SIDESPERSION	CLEANERS	FLOWERS
3rd Andrew	Colin/Caroline L	
10th April	Ann/Gordon	Colin
17th Caroline L	Shirley/Andrew	Ann Dicken
24th Gordon	TBA	
31st Benefice at Stewkley		



Janice Issitt took these pictures of the Christmas trees on show on Saturday 19th December at the church. The credits are: Snowman - Andy Bystra. Bells - The Bell Ringers and the Hearts and Flags is by April for the Gnomes for Hope For Heroes.

A local 'Adult Social Care Surgery'

will be held at Barkham Close sheltered housing scheme Cheddington on 13th January 2010 between 10am - 11.30am.

This will enable residents of the local area a chance to "drop in" for advice and guidance on services provided by Adults and Family Well-being.

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Sunday 3rd	Rambling Club meet at 3 Locks 2pm	
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Tuesday 5th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50am
Thursday 7th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 13th	Village Footpath Walk	The Green 2pm
Thursday 14th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 19th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50am
Wednesday 20th	Parish Council	Church Room 10-12noon
Thursday 21st	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Thursday 28th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Friday 29th	Vic's Quiz Evening	Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 30th	Allotment Rents	
	Please pay at Church Room 10.30-12noon	
Monday 1st Feb	PCC Meeting	Church Room 7.30pm
Tuesday 2nd	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50

Address

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

Email submissions to: editor@aachronicle.co.uk

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

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630 Club - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.

GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry) meet, usually in the Royal Oak, every Tuesday 8 pm onwards - all Ladies very welcome - GNOMES specialises in intelligent conversation over a glass of something.

the Top Ten New Year Resolutions. Here's the list.

1. Stop smoking
2. Get Fit
3. Lose Weight
4. Enjoy Life More
5. Quit Drinking
6. Get Organised
7. Learn Something New
8. Get Out of Debt
9. Spend more time with the Family
10. Help Others - any more?

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**Saturday 24th &
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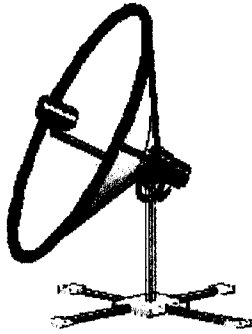
Allotment RENTS
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Saturday 30th January
Church Room
10.30 - 12 noon

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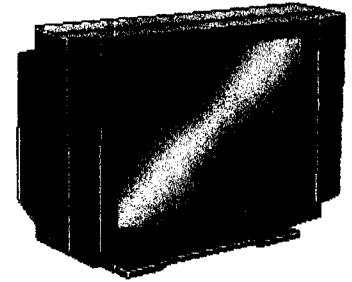
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New Year Resolutions for Pets

15. I will not eat other animals' poop.
 14. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
 13. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
 12. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
 11. I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.
 10. Cats: Circulate a petition that sleeping become a juried competition in major animal shows.
 9. Come to understand that cats are from Venus; dogs are from Mars.
 8. Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.
 7. Hamster: Don't let them figure out I'm just a rat on steroids, or they'll flush me!
 6. Get a bite in on that freak who gives me that shot every year.
 5. Break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is 100 much.
 4. Cats: Use new living room sofa as scratching post.
 3. January 1st: Kill the sock! Must kill the sock! January 2nd - December 31: Re-live victory over the sock.
 2. The rubbish man is NOT stealing our stuff.
- AND the Number 1 New Year's Resolutions
Made by Pets...
1. I will NOT chase the stick until I see it
LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND

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