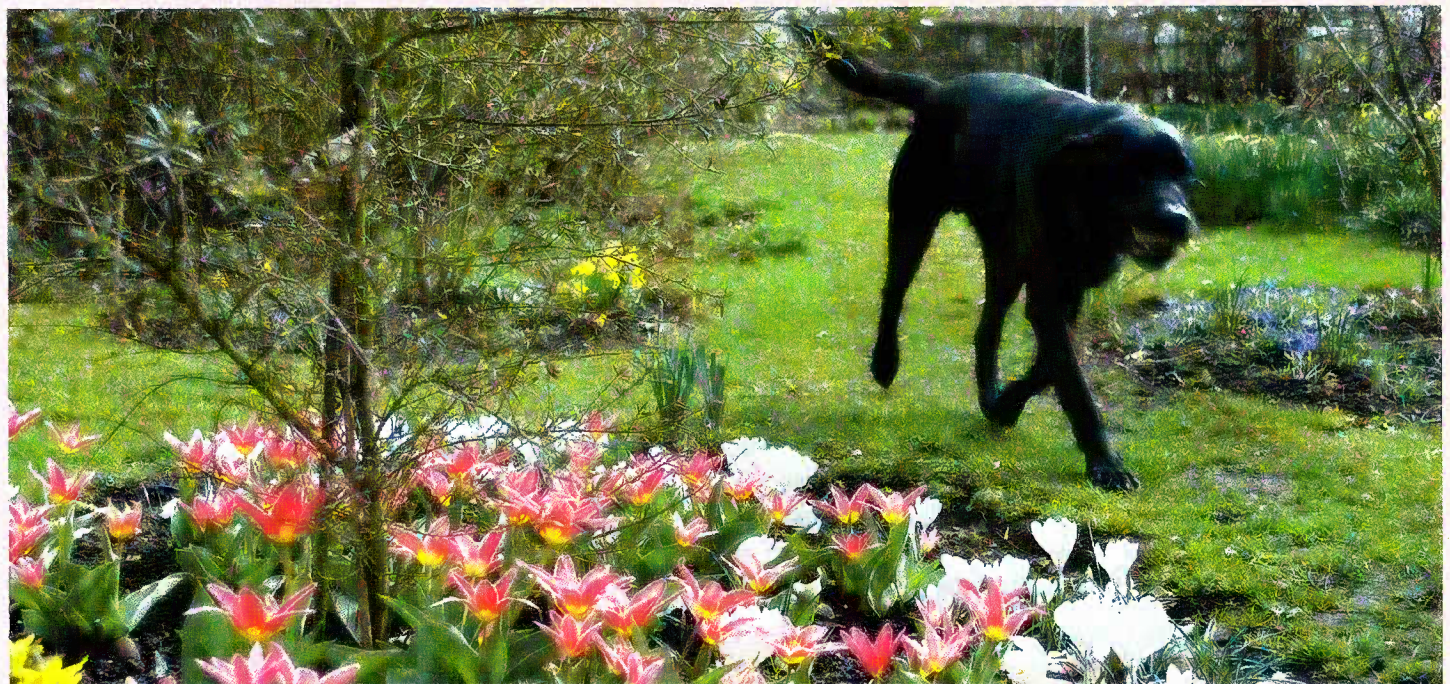


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**ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE**

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# Editorial

I got a charming Valentine's card from Anoni Mouse addressed to Mr Editor; 'In case Judy forgets to buy you one!' is the bit I can quote - Judy's excuse was that the one she had bought for me got lost in a recipe book - I'd made a sudden appearance and she'd had to hide it away. Of all the excuses you could invent I think that one would be close to winning first prize.

As it 'appens it's Judy's turn to conjure Recipe of the Month (see page 4). I can personally endorse the pud as 'brilliant'! It certainly made up for the lack of a card.

I've been the Chronicle's editor since January 2006 and intend to make the May edition my last. It will be issue number 300 and it will be nearly my 50th edition. Janice Issitt and her partner Ian Roberts have agreed to edit the June edition and I'm pleased to advise that they are happy to continue for the next few months at least. Janice has a background in publishing and Ian is very computer literate. Janice has been instrumental in the production of the colour front covers that I know have been so well received.

I consider the Chronicle to be a vital part of our community and am very happy that it will be continuing; I'm confident that Janice and Ian will be an excellent team.

There is a meeting in the Church Room on Wednesday 24th March 8pm to discuss the Village Fete. If you can't attend then please contact Vanessa and Tracy - details on page 5.

It's not getting any warmer - the potholes are getting bigger - they say we are in for a spectacular Spring. Bring it on!

*John*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

### March

Isobel Hall	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Andy Bystra	8 <sup>th</sup>
James McManus	8 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Williams	9 <sup>th</sup>
Andrew Dutton	10 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Worrall	12 <sup>th</sup>
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Val Rothero	20 <sup>th</sup>
Charlotte Ellis	26 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Roberts	28 <sup>th</sup>
Amber McManus	28 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Rust	28 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Bean	30 <sup>th</sup>
John Hardcastle	30 <sup>th</sup>
George Brandon	31 <sup>st</sup>

BRITISH SUMMER TIME begins

### Sunday 28th March

This month's front cover is kindly sponsored by Pam Dixon and Sheila Ford on behalf of the Bingo Club - *photographs by Janice Issett.*

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

Hope you were able to try out Francesca Bean's Jambalaya.

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

Our condolences to Kate Waite whose son Peter died suddenly on 8<sup>th</sup> February, aged 56. His funeral was held on 19<sup>th</sup> at St James'.

Potholes have become quite a talking point. I don't think I've ever seen the roads this bad. My mother hit the enormous pothole between Oxleys and West End farm and did £140 worth of damage to her car. When we went to take a photo, there was a man there who'd damaged 2 alloy wheels the night before, costing him £1000 damage. A claim has gone in to BCC but we're not holding our breath.

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE Aston Abbots

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

This is to be a 'Family Service' followed by Communion and will be conducted by the Rev. Roger Hale.

Easter eggs for all children

### Waite

Cath & family wish to thank friends neighbours and everyone who sent cards flowers and donations in memory of Peter who sadly passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> February; your support was greatly appreciated by all of us.

The **Mothering Sunday Islands** is a group of atolls in the Great Southern Pelagic Ocean. The most significant of these is the island and country known as Nation. Before the last ice age the area was home to an advanced civilisation which was washed away by the rising ocean.

If the name strikes you as odd, consider all the islands named after the holiday or feast on which they were discovered by European explorers. The discovery of the Mothering Sunday Islands just happened to coincide with one of the lesser festivals.

## MOTHER'S DAY 14th MARCH



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featuring the Recipe  
Girls

**Lime Meringue Roulade**  
*by Judy Hardcastle*

Quick and easy to make freezes well.  
*Makes 8 – 10 Slices*

5 egg whites  
275g caster sugar  
50g flaked almond

Filling

300 ml double cream  
grated rind and juice of small lime  
2 generous tablespoons lime or lemon  
curd (lime curd is difficult to find)

1. Line a 33 x 23 cm Swiss roll tin with greased non-stick baker paper.
2. Whisk egg whites until stiff. Gradually add sugar. Whisk until very, very stiff and shiny.
3. Spread meringue mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle with almonds.
4. Cook in oven preheated to 220C/425F gas mark 7 for 12 mins until golden. Then lower to 160C/325F/Gas mark 3 and bake for about 15 mins until firm to touch.
5. Remove from oven and turn almond side down on to a sheet of non-stick baking paper. Remove paper from the base and allow to cool for about 10 mins.
6. Lightly whip cream and, add lime rind and juice, and fold in the lime or lemon curd. Spread over the meringue. Make indentation 1 cm in on the long side with a knife, and roll up the meringue fairly tightly from the long end to form a roulade, allowing the paper to help you roll. It is essential to roll tightly and firmly at the beginning. A few cracks in the roulade are part of the charm.
7. Wrap in non-stick baking paper and chill before serving – with fruit to decorate.

Complete and wrap in foil to freeze. Thaw for 8 hours in fridge.

*(I can vouch for the deliciousness - Ed)*

# FETE AND FESTIVAL WEEKEND

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### Here we go again Aston Abbots!!

We need to start thinking about the fete and finding new ways of making lots of money to support our village needs. The Church Room has been booked for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm for a meeting to discuss the planning of the fete. Please come and join us if you feel you can be involved in any way or just if you have any suggestions or ideas. Some of you may know that Tracy and I are the novice organisers this year and will certainly need all the help we can get. April has very kindly given us a head start by booking all the usual attractions but some new ideas would be very welcome. There is always a lot to do even before fete day so if you are not around for the actual day maybe you could help collect items the week before or deliver some raffle tickets 2 or 3 weeks ahead. We will be calling on the people who made last years fete such a success in the hope that they are willing to help again, alternatively you can contact us on 688429 (Vanessa) or 688479 (Tracy) to offer your services.

**Whatever you can do will be much appreciated.**  
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**  
**ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - Church Room 8pm**

Vanessa and Tracy

### Summer Classes for Men

at

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## COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

I am very glad to hear that new food labelling rules have received the backing of the pig industry. They shall require the animals' county of origin, a great step forward for animal welfare, where the animal was born, reared and slaughtered, not just where it was processed. English pig farmers have long fought for clearer labelling to provide consumers choice and confidence. Hopefully in the not to distant future no more Eastern block pork will be sold as British. They must have read the Communiqué [*for the Chronicle - Ed!*]

Like it or not the rat is the most successful mammal on earth, next to us humans. Thank goodness for a hard winter. The UK rat population is currently estimated at 81 million an increase of 200% since 2007.!! Rats thrive in damp conditions encouraged by fly tipping, and the incredible amount of fast food remnants, such as Mac Donald's etc. thrown from cars into the countryside ditches. The Leighton road out of Wingrave village to Ledburn being a prime example of this. Bird feeding tables, unfortunately, also encourage rats into gardens and outbuildings, as do once a fortnight waste collection which does not help. The brown rat became established in the 18<sup>th</sup> century pushing out the earlier black rat, known as the "Ships rat" nowadays confined to a few dock areas with the rare sightings elsewhere. It is hardly surprising that rat damage is estimated on UK farms at £30 million a year. A female rat can produce five litters, averaging seven young each, however a litter can number up to 14 and the gestation period is only 21 days. So the message is clear, treat any infestation rapidly to diffuse the rodent time bomb and hope the Council pick up the bill but I fear in the future that shall become a forlorn hope.

Sir Paul McCartney is generally considered to be a pretty good person, his ex wife however is a very different case and has begun a campaign influencing young children into vegetarianism and is turning out to be no friend of the livestock farmer, oh and by the way I have no problem with people who chose to be vegetarians. Why was Sir Paul recently given a platform in the European Parliament to air his view on the anti meat campaign? Maybe when some of the 188,000 livestock farmers, stockmen, hauliers, slaughter men, milk tanker drivers, auctioneers, vets, milkmen, Butchers, shepherders, cowmen and shearers have all lost their jobs maybe they can all retrain as pop stars.

*James Henderson*

## ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

At our meeting on 24th January we rigorously discussed Val Smith's selection 'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain. 'Testament of Youth' is one of the most famous and well loved autobiographies of the First World War. An elegaic portrait of a young girl's life in pre-1914 and a heartbreaking record of the holocaust which followed but most of all, a love story.

Opinions varied on this book from, too long, wordy, elaborate speech, fascinating to wonderful but all agreed that this is one book that all should read at some time in their lives.

A lively and jolly discussion followed helped along by Val's generous hospitality. So generous that many of us didn't get home until after midnight!! The next book to read, chosen by Sam Crawley, is 'French Leave' by Fidelma Cook. Meet at Sam's house 8pm 24th March. (The book for March, selected by Anita Parker, is "Two Caravans" by Marina Lewycka)

*If you would like to join in the discussion/fun then please let me know. You will be very welcome.*

*If your a man who reads books please get in touch. There are two of us at the moment. Ed*

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## Village Hall Progress February 2010

Obtaining a Lease for the Church Hall has been a long and protracted process, but there are signs that we might at last have succeeded in negotiating the labyrinth of legal procedures and the year 2010 might just be the year when we obtain the Lease. Our solicitor has reviewed the draft Lease and made a number of non contentious amendments and these have been submitted to the Church Solicitors for approval. However, there are a number of hurdles that will still have to be negotiated.

First, there is one more legal item to be resolved by the Church solicitor and this involves a little known article called the Albermarle Scheme: legislation dictates that this is operated by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Commissioners. In essence, because the nature of the trusts of a village hall is clearly different from the explicitly ecclesiastical nature of the church hall, it is not possible for the church hall simply to operate as a village hall. However, the Commissioners are able to authorise the use of the church hall for use as a village hall under what is known as an 'Albermarle' Scheme. Such a scheme will authorise a lease of the property to a village hall charity, but with user rights reserved to the church hall charity. The village hall charity will normally be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the property under the lease and the rent payable will be reduced to reflect this. Phew!

With the Lease finally in our hands, accompanied by the authority of the Albermarle Scheme, we will then have to address the terms of the Lease. This requires us to renew the electrics of the building and also repair the damage to the southern wall that has been caused by subsidence and these will cost in the order of £7500. Although we have sufficient funds to pay for these works, the available funds are held in a charitable trust and the rules of this account preclude the payment for the works until the Lease is granted. So although there is progress in obtaining the lease, there will still be a considerable amount of administrative work to be done in the immediate future, not least, the setting up of a management committee for the day to day running of the Hall.

In the medium term, we hope to extend the Hall to accommodate toilets, improve access for the disabled, refurbish the kitchen and renew the floor. To this end, we will apply for grants to pay for the major works, but we shall continue to need locally generated funds principally from the Village Fete proceeds. As a matter of interest, we cannot apply for grants until we have the lease. For those who have a keen, or even a passing, interest in the Village Hall, you should make every effort to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April to question the Hall Trustees for any clarification you might need and to add your support for funds.

*Dickie Dicken*

*As a recently appointed Trustee I would like to acknowledge the huge often mind numbing persistence that my fellow trustees have had to display in reaching thus far. Peter Shorrocks's file stretches back 10 years or more - he should write an Ecclesiastical Whodunit. Ed  
The Trustees are Dickie Dicken (Chairman), Peter Shorrocks, Caroline Lane, Nigel Palmer, Liz Hall, John Hardcastle.*

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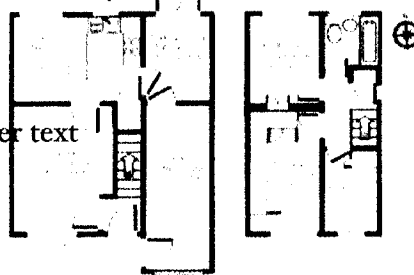
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## St George's Night Dinner

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

*Quite a few villagers have suggested it might be nice to resurrect the celebration of our Patron Saint, St George.*

*To this end, and to raise some much need cash to carry out essential repairs to our church, arrangements are in hand to hold a dinner on the Saturday following St George's Day.*

*A hot, four course meal is planned and will be prepared and served by those wonderful ladies who's 'Harvest Suppers' are legendary!! Final menu to be agreed but the main course will include best English beef supplied by Tony Hinds; all for £12.00 pp.*

*To avoid overcrowding, places will be strictly limited to 46 so we suggest you book early. Further details will be published in the April issue of the Chronicle but if you wish to reserve places now, please ring Andy Bystra on 681690*

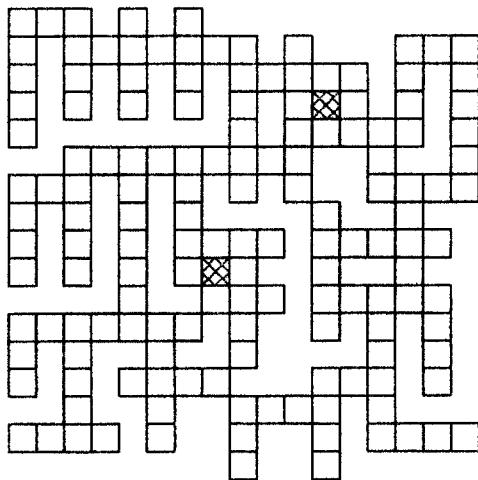


## **Gnomes Annual Dinner**

The gnomes celebrated yet another anniversary with a night out at the Queens Head in Wing. There were 19 of us and we enjoyed good food, a few drinks and plenty of laughter. Sorry to the people in the corner trying to have a quiet night out.

Many 'thank yous' to Carol Spooner for organizing the evening.

*Judy Hardcastle*



### **Fill in the crossword with these words**

*3 letter words* BEE BUS CAR FLY FOG IVY SEA SKY SUN

*4 letter words* BUGS DIRT DOCK FERN FISH GATE KITE LAKE MOSS RAIN ROAD SNOW YARD

*5 letter words* BENCH GRASS OCEAN RIVER ROCKS STARS STONE SWING TRAIL TREES TRUCK WEEDS

*6 letter words* GROUND ISLAND PEBBLE STREAM

*7 letter words* ANIMALS INSECTS TRAFFIC

*9 letter word* WATERFALL

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### **Gnome Gnatter** (genuine snippets overheard at Gnomes)

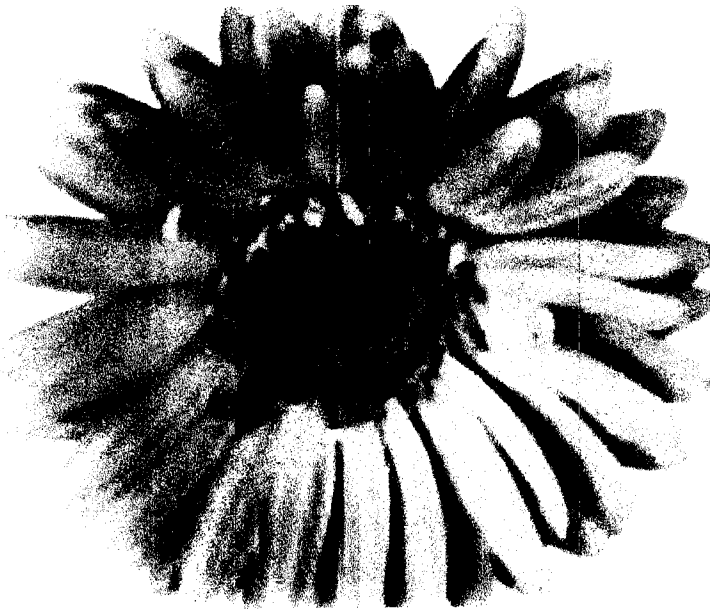
A well known Gnome of Northern extraction, announced (without any thought of the double meaning), "It's all Tracy's fault, I only went into Wicks for a screw, and came out with a shower!"

Another Gnome, also of Northern extraction (strange that...) told us a true story of a conversation at a hospital that went like this. Several ladies were recovering from hysterectomies, and were being counselled very seriously as to marital relations post surgery. It went like this.

" You can have sex 6 weeks after your surgery" Not much enthusiasm from the assembled ladies, just a few titters. Then one lady piped up in all seriousness " Oh that's fantastic, I haven't had sex in 3 years, isn't it marvellous what the NHS can do for you these days"

We do have a laugh at Gnomes, but serious matters are also discussed!

*Carol Spooner*



### **Mother's Day (Mothering Sunday) 14th March**

A day honouring mothers, in the UK, Mothering Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent, and was historically a holiday when people would return to their mother church and see their family.

#### **'Nip garden crime in the bud this Spring'**

Thames Valley Police and Aylesbury Vale District Council are asking residents to spare a thought for home security when they head out into their gardens this spring.

The value of property stored in outbuildings is often much more than people realise and what is valuable to you will also be valuable to a thief.

Defensive planting provides an additional security measure for your home and can be very successful as gardens are often the first line of defence against crime.

Prickly bushes can enhance the security of boundaries, around drainpipes or beneath ground floor windows, making forced entry more difficult and less attractive to would be burglars as well as being a simple, inexpensive and environmentally friendly crime prevention tool.

For more information, please drop into one of the following garden centres across Aylesbury Vale, where you can pick up a defensive planting leaflet or speak to a member of staff.

Alternatively, if you are unable to travel due to a disability, please contact the Council on 01296 585615 and we can arrange to post the leaflet.

- **Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre**, Tingewick Road, Buckingham, MK18 4AE
- **Haddenham Garden Centre**, Stanbridge Road, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8HN
- **Tring Garden Centre** (Wyevale), Bulbourne Road, Tring, HP23 5HF
- **Worlds End Garden Centre** (Wyevale), Aylesbury Road, Wendover, Aylesbury, HP22 6BD

**Council and Police working together to reduce crime and disorder.**

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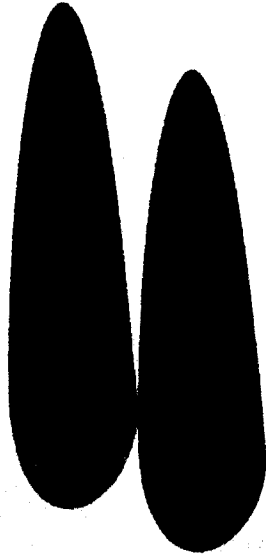
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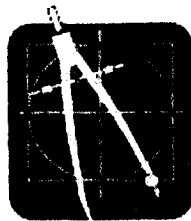
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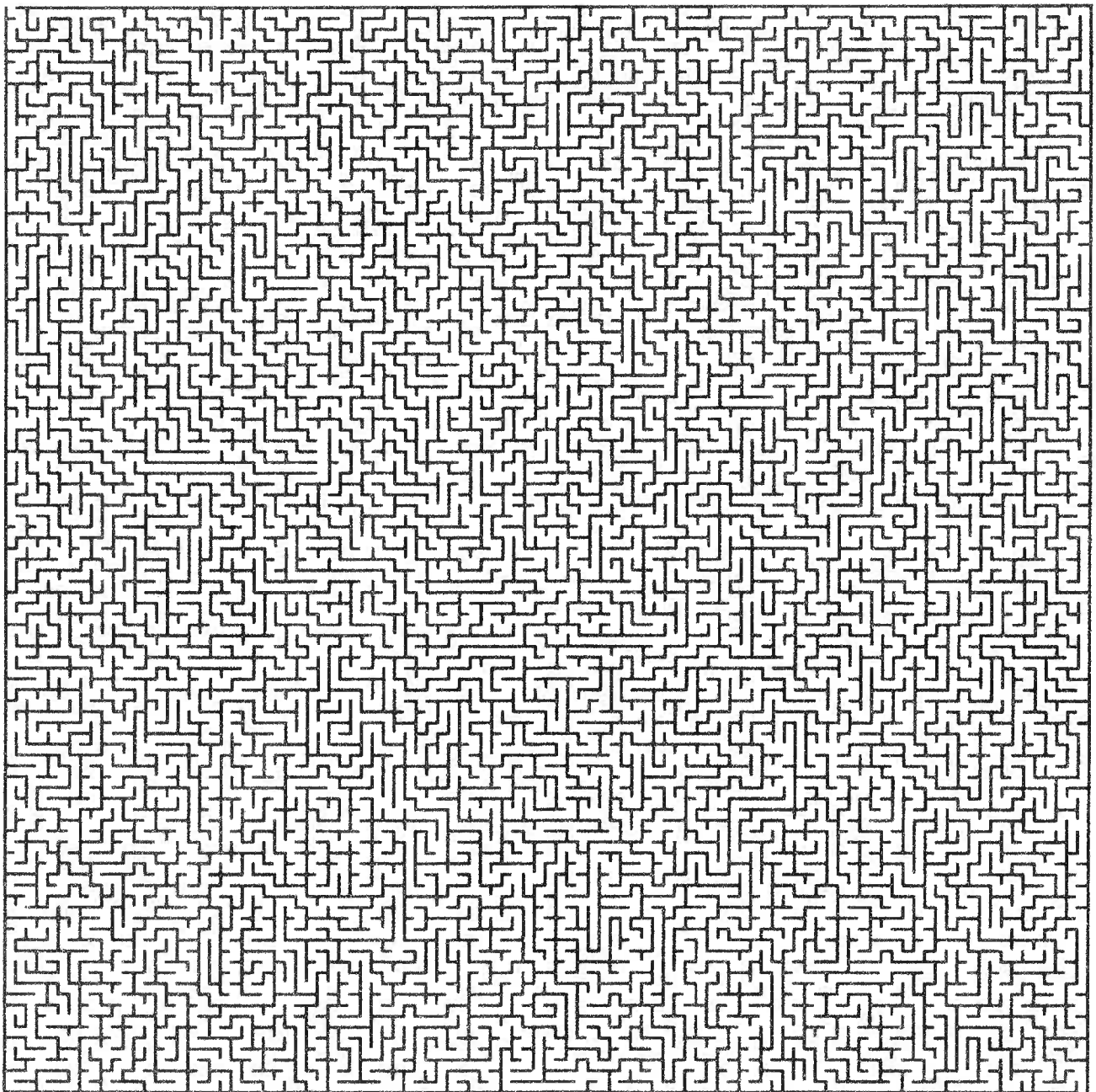


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*PARSONS FEE* - a fee was a piece of land held as part or whole of a feudal tenure, records also mention others such as Bands Fee Castle Fee and Brands Fee, but the only is Parsons Fee and houses the historic St Osyth's House.

*PITCHES HILL* - Now called Rickfords Hill (pitches was an old Aylesbury name, William Rickford owned the local bank and eventually became MP for Aylesbury.

*THE TEMPLES* - There is an old reference to a building called 'The Temples', but unlikely a temple existed - a more likely explanation is that Temple Street and Square were named as a compliment to the Temple/Greenvilles of Stowe who strove to gain political support in Aylesbury in the 1840's. Temple Street was formerly known as Cobblers Row (or Coldwainer Street) after the number of shoemakers residing there.

*HOG LANE* - Now called George Street. The original name implies a congregation of piggeries.

*CHURCH STREET* - Once called Broad Street where doctors solicitors and moneyed people lived, including Thomas Hickman, founder of the Hickman Trust that provides Alms Houses.

*GALLOWS CORNER* - Now called Bicester Road but was once the site of the Common Gallows, prior to the new drop at the County Hall

*LONG LIONEL* - No record why this was named so, it runs from Townhall Arches to High Street.

*Colin Higgs*

found this on a web site. No author acknowledged - do you recognise? Ed

## **Aston Abbots Today**

Aston Abbots today is a far cry from the self-supporting agricultural community described on the history page of this website. Although much of the surrounding land is still farmed, the growth of mechanised farming methods has left few people directly involved within the industry. A modern-day Astonian could still be a farmer, but more likely might be a commuter travelling to Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard or even London. People from all walks of life live in Aston Abbots.

Although modern-day Aston Abbots has a rich cosmopolitan mix of people there are signs of its farming roots everywhere. Many of the farms still exist, though absentee landlords now hold some of the land. Other farms have long since been lost, with only their names remaining: Nash's Farm is now a small courtyard development of modern houses built in the 1990s. Home Farm is now a sympathetically restored farmhouse home, but separated from its original lands. Longmoor Farm is residential, with the old barns also having undergone residential conversion. Church Farm has a helipad.

The growth of car ownership in the last century coupled with a desire of professional townspeople to escape the hurly-burly of town life for a real or imagined rural idyll have caused many commuters to swell the population of Bucks villages. Some of these have settled in Aston Abbots. As described on the history page the village has changed dramatically in the last century but never more so than in the last few decades. These saw a gradual but relentless erosion of traditional rural village life, with farms being sold, land being redeveloped for residential purposes and village facilities like the bakery and Post Office closing.

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# ALLOTMENT DIARY

One of the things that caught my eye in the paper recently was an item about a restaurant proprietor who has a restaurant near a football club – Chelsea, I think – who has started giving his customers the option of having blue potato chips with their meals, to demonstrate their allegiance to their club (who, for the benefit of non-footballing readers, play in blue). This sounded an interesting idea, and while there are few clubs I would be less likely to support than Chelsea, the idea of a blue potato rather tickled my fancy. I therefore scanned the Thompson & Morgan catalogue which has recently landed on my doormat, to see what they had to offer.

Sure enough they had a potato called “Blue Danube”, which indeed has a striking coloured skin; although to my eye the colour is purple rather than blue. However, the description makes it plain that the flesh of the tubers is white, so that it could not be these that the restaurant was serving. I therefore searched the internet. Sutton Seeds also had an allegedly blue potato called Edzell Blue. Again, the potatoes in the picture looked to be purple rather than blue, and again the flesh was white.

However, I then discovered several sources of a potato which, although being a purplish colour, indeed had blue flesh: a variety called “All Blue”. Unfortunately the suppliers were all in the USA or the Phillipines, and they were a bit pricey – \$18.95 for 10 tubers (whereas I normally do not expect to pay more than £4.00 for 20 tubers – or perhaps a bit more if it is an unusual variety). I think I may perhaps wait until All Blue is established here before buying any (while I like the idea of blue potatoes, I don’t like it that much!); and for the time being will try out Blue Danube.

This blue/purple conflict has irritated me before; whenever I have read that growers have produced a blue rose, the bloom in the photographs has always looked purple to me, and purple is not a sort of blue: it is the result of mixing blue (which is a primary colour), with red (another primary colour). Is it an “emperor’s new clothes” problem: if you say often enough that a colour is blue, even though it is not, the public believe it?

I had a few days’ holiday in Rome recently, and hoped to be able to tell you about allotment activity there. However, all I can report is that there isn’t any! – at least in the parts that I saw. Indeed, there were very few gardens, but a large number of houses had roof gardens; far more than in any other city I have visited.

As you may have gathered, nothing much is happening allotment-wise at the moment: I am coming to the end of my Brussels sprouts, and am about to start on my remaining crop from last year, my leeks. Next month I hope to do more to justify the title of this article!

*Peter Shorrock*

## **A HEART WARMING POEM for someone you love.**

Cabbage always has heart - Green beans string along - You’re such a cute tomato. Will you peas to me belong?  
You’ve been the apple of my eye, You know how much I care; So lettuce get together, We’d make a perfect pear.  
Now, something’s sure to turnip - to prove you can’t be beet; So, if you carrot all for me - let’s let our tulips meet.  
Don’t squash my hopes and dreams now, Bee my honey, dear; Or tears will fill potato’s eyes, While sweet corn lends an ear.  
I’ll cauliflower shop and say, Your dreams are parsley mine. I’ll work and share my celery, So be my Valentine. *Jeanne Losey*  
*published in last month’s Cublington Crier*

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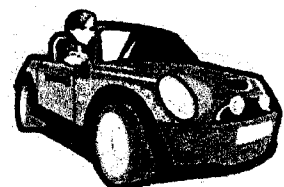
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## **Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club**

*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 2010**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** Alison Lewis "The role of a Magistrate"

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Coffee morning

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Jackie Green 'Modern poetry made fun & easy'.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Valerie Carroll ' Behind the scenes of a Royal Footman'

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** Spring Lunch.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** Rosemary Wakeman 'No phones on Saturdays'

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Sue Cato 'Fundraising can be such fun'

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Peter Knight 'A talk on various subjects with humour'

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** Ann Severn 'More readings to make you smile'

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** Edwin Rye 'Colour and David Austin Roses'

#### **Ladies Club – Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

14 members were present at today's meeting in the church room Aston Abbots.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and the minutes were read and approved.

Our speakers, Mrs Jill Carey and her husband were introduced and gave us an illustrated talk about past holidays they had spent on various islands around the globe. They showed us a fascinating selection of slides showing many of the wonderful landscapes, birds and flowers they had seen. They were thanked by Carol Maurice.

Our tea hostesses today were Avril Bradley Davis and Audrey Stephenson and the raffle was won by Kim White.

#### **Ladies Club – Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

14 members and one guest were present at today's meeting in the church room. After welcoming our members and guests, the the Chairman, read the minutes of our previous meeting which were duly signed..

It was announced that the summer outing on Thurs. July the 8<sup>th</sup> would be to Kelmscat House in Gloucestershire. Audrey Stephenson has kindly agreed to hold a coffee morning at her house on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Members were advised there would be a bring & Buy Raffle in aid of club funds.

Our speaker today was Dr. Tony Maisey who gave a highly amusing talk about medical 'spare parts'. He was thanked by April Curnow..

Tea hostesses were June Brine and Kim White and the raffle winner was June Brine.

*Shirley Ford*

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# Aston Abbots Parish Council

## Parish Meeting

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**Present: -** Cllrs. C Higgs, Mrs J Hardcastle, Mrs K Curry, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk).  
Apologies were received from Councillors P Shorrocks and D Dicken.

### Planning:

**09/02484/APP** (Longmoor Bungalow, Cublington Road, Aston Abbots.)  
Removal of agricultural occupancy condition.

The above application was discussed in detail and the Acorus report, together with letters attached to the planning application, were reviewed. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** to oppose this application on the following grounds:

The circumstances since the original application that was refused have not changed. The building and land had been purchased for £230k, the structure of the building had been modified detrimentally by removing fixtures & fittings, the plot size reduced and then marketed at a significantly higher price. The comparable properties identified in the Acorus report did not appear to be representative and an independent valuation commissioned by uninterested 3<sup>rd</sup> parties should be obtained.

The letters of objection received indicated there was a need for this type of property with an agricultural condition and interest had been registered, however the condition and size of the property did not justify the current vendor's valuation. Offers had been made but negotiations were not even considered by the vendors.

There was concern that the report commissioned and paid for by the vendors is not, nor can be interpreted as being, independent and unbiased.

**10/00069/APP** (Farm House, Longmoor Farm, Cublington Road, Aston Abbots)  
Detached three bay garage with games room above.

**RESOLVED** to raise no objections to this application.

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Did you notice anything? It's always the same numbers moving along as if on a ribbon... simply amazing, huh?

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Many of you will have seen the photo in the Bucks Herald reporting the Year 6 girls' fundraising efforts for Haiti. The girls organised this fundraising day themselves and raised just over £300.

If you would like to see our school in action we would love to show you around. Please contact the school office on 681436 to make an appointment.

Yours

*Patricia Gurton Headteacher*

**History Workshop**

*This morning I have been learning about castles. First I made flour. The flour was tiring. After that I cooked food. Then I squished cream to make butter. Next I tried on the medieval clothes. The clothes did not fit me. Then I looked at the armour and I tried on the armour. The armour was heavy. I made medicine.*

*By Caitlin McGinty, Class 1*

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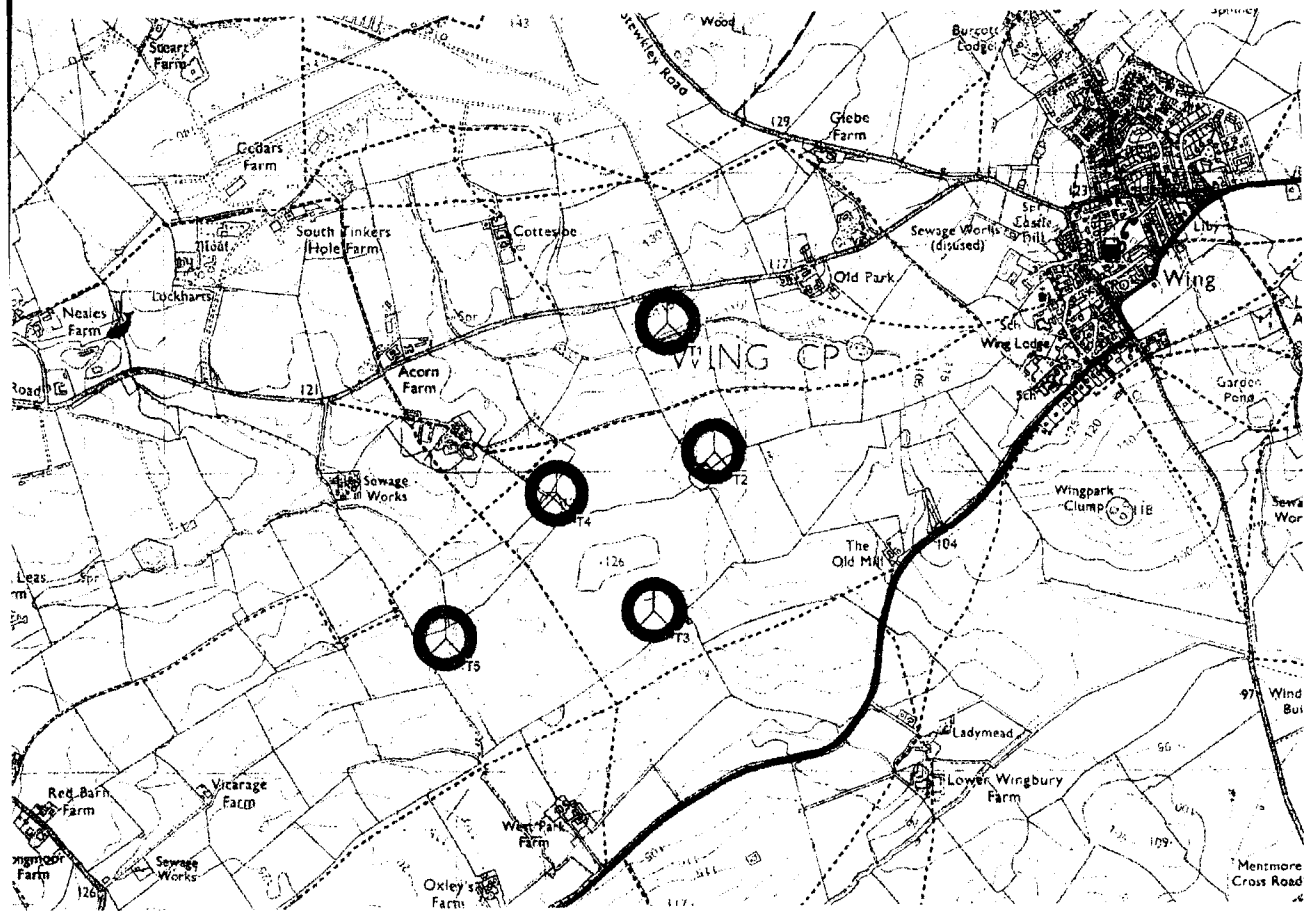
Enertrag UK Ltd. is proposing to apply for planning consent to construct 5 wind turbines at a site to the West of the village of Wing in the district of Aylesbury Vale, Buckinghamshire (see enclosed drawing). A request for a Scoping Opinion has today been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Following receipt of a Scoping Opinion from Aylesbury Vale District Council, Enertrag UK will begin the process of conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment to assess the effects of the proposed wind farm on the environment. This includes surveys on birds, ecology, landscape, noise, geology and archaeology. This process will take around one year and only after its completion will the final planning application be submitted.

Both Enertrag UK and the District Council will keep you informed of progress and will contact you again in due course to discuss the proposal and your involvement in the consultation process. For your information we have included a copy of our consultation document 'Information and Frequently Asked Questions', which you may find of interest. Councillors and local parish councils are invited to visit our existing North Pickenham Wind Farm and if this is of interest please contact the office to arrange a tour.

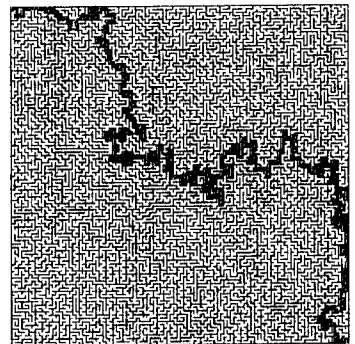
Above is an extract from a letter sent to Cublington Parish Council in December last year from Enertrag UK Ltd regarding their proposal to apply for planning consent to construct 5 wind turbines on the outskirts of Wing


**Proposed Turbine Layout for Wing**



A new monk arrived at the monastery. He was assigned to help the other monks in copying the old texts by hand. He noticed, however, that they were copying copies, not the original books. The new monk went to the head monk to ask him about this. He pointed out that if there were an error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all of the other copies. The head monk said, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son." The head monk went down into the cellar with one of the copies to check it against the original. Hours later, nobody had seen him, so one of the monks went downstairs to look for him. He heard a sobbing coming from the back of the cellar and found the old monk leaning over one of the original books, crying. He asked what was wrong. "The word is 'celebrate'," said the head monk.

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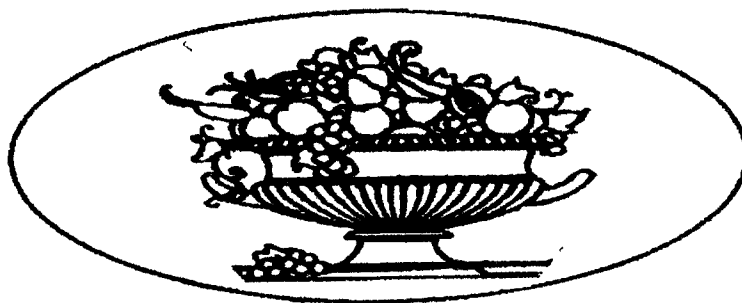
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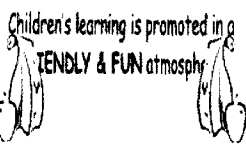
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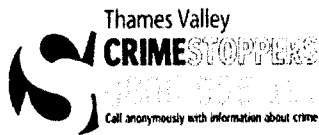


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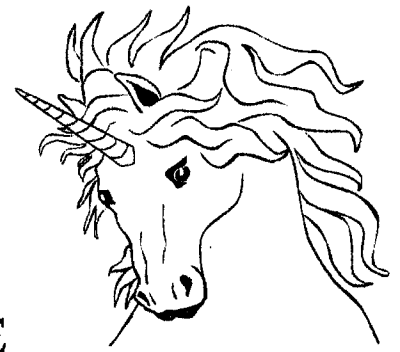
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#### March 5th

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#### Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th

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#### Sunday 14th Mother's Day

*Treat your Mum to an unforgettable Mothers Day Meal and we'll do the washing up!*

#### 17th St Patricks Day

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#### Saturday 20th

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#### Friday 26th

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#### Tuesday 30th

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# St James Church

Times are as follows:-

**1st Sunday of month Evensong 6pm**  
**2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion 10am**  
**3rd Sunday Said Communion 8am**  
**5th Sunday Benefice AA/Cub./Soul./Stew. in rotation**

The Church is OPEN every Thursday morning at 9.30 am for anyone who wishes to reflect, meditate or pray for a few minutes or longer.

It is anticipated that the Church will be open for around half an hour or so and people may come and go as they wish. Usually Shirley Ford will be present to start with a religious reading or prayer.

Please come along.

7/3 6pm Evensong - IO (Ian Ogilvie)  
 14/3 3pm Mothering Sunday Service  
 21/3 10am Holy Communion - visiting priest  
 28/3 10am Holy Communion - R Hale

SIDESPERSION	CLEANERS	FLOWERS
7th Andrew	Colin/Caroline L	No
14th Gordon	Ann/Gordon	flowers
21st April	Shirley/Andrew	in Lent
28th Caroline L	April/Anita	

A minister was completing a Temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River"

**ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH MEETING**

This years meeting will be held on  
**WED. 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Commencing  
**7.30 pm.**

in  
**The Church Room Aston Abbotts.**

*The election of Church Wardens will take place at 7.30 followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.*

*All villagers are welcome to attend.*

**Hey;  
 Better not forget!!!**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY  
 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

*Let your Mum (and Grandmother) know how much she means to you. Make it a special day and bring her along to the Family Service being held especially*  
 at  
**St James church Aston Abbotts  
 3.00 pm.**

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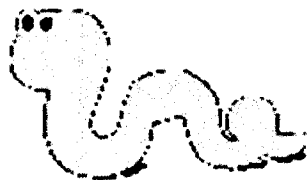
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# What's On In March

Tuesday 2nd	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50am
Thursday 4th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Lent Meeting	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 7th	Rambling Club meet Cublington X roads 2pm	
	Evensong	St James Church 6pm
Thursday 11th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Bingo	Church Room 7.30pm
Sunday 14th	Mothering Sunday Service	St James Church 3pm
	Bring Mum and Grandma <i>note the time change</i>	
	Valentines Day	
	Village Footpath Walk	The Green 2pm
Tuesday 16th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50am
Wednesday 17th	Ash Wednesday Service	St James Church 10am
Thursday 18th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 24th	Fete Meeting	Church Room 8pm
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
Saturday 27th	CLOCKS GO ON 1 hour Summer Time	
Sunday 28th	Rambling Club meet at Ashridge 2pm	
Tuesday 30th	Mobile Library	The Green 10.50am
Thursday 1st April	Coffee Shop	Church Room 10-12noon
	Ladies Club	Church Room 2.15pm
	Whist Drive	Church Room 7.30pm

## 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:  
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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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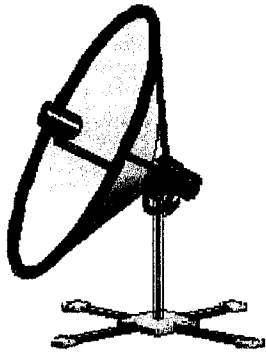
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Sunday 25th July -  
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*do you still have a New Year's Resolution you're keeping? Ed*

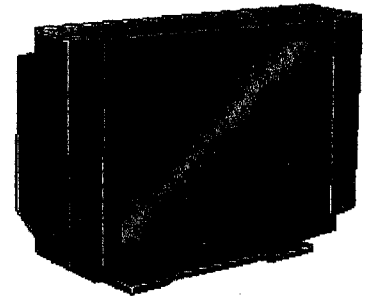
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## Imponderables

1. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
2. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
3. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
4. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
5. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
6. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
7. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
8. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
9. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
10. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
11. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
12. 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language; could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
13. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
14. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered if Chinese mothers use toothpicks?
15. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
16. No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
17. Ever wonder about those people who spend two pounds apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards.
18. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one enjoys it?
19. Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?
20. If a convenience store is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the door?

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