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ASTONBURY JULY 17TH

SUMMER BALL AND

THE FETE JULY 24TH

FIRST WORDS

I hope you enjoyed our first issue, thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support. I hope we can improve as time goes on and we see what works and what doesn't. Speaking of which, I have to say that I give up trying to reproduce photos suitable for the black and white photocopier. I will probably avoid any more photos of people on inside pages in black and white and will instead be adding colour pages from time to time.

One will be my 'advert', a colour feature on a local business. The first is the Littlecote Soap Co. which comes highly recommended. by me, your guinea pig (well someone has to do it). I have a bee in my bonnet about supporting artisans and sole traders having been one myself. I hope you find it interesting .

There have been some computer related glitches with e-mails sent to the old editor@aachronicle address. Please copy anything you send to chronicle8@btinternet.com. Sorry if this means we have lost any copy as a result.

The hot topic around the village over the last few weeks seems to be regarding dog fouling, thank you to those of you who have brought it to our attention. Also reports came in of cyclists using the bus shelter as a public convenience, I wrote to the organisers of the Tour de Vale and they were very apologetic, they will make a plea to the cyclists next year for better behaviour.

Please keep sending me your articles, I really love 'Allotment Diary and now we have 'Nature Watch'. Having seen various allotments around the village it puts my sickly looking tomatoe plants to shame. I hope to learn from the wealth of experienced allotmenters around us. We need a greenhouse it seems, does anyone have one they no longer require?

Lastly, a green woodpecker landed in the garden this week, seeing it reminded me of all the wonderful things we have experienced since moving here from London two years ago. It's important not to take these things for granted as we become more familiar with country life. We had never in our lives seen before the great spotted woodpecker, or his larger green cousin, nor had we seen a live badger, a fish and chip van, men driving tractors to parties, horses in our front garden, alpacas walking down the road on a lead, herons, escapee peacocks, bonfires, red kites.... the list goes on and on.

How lucky we are in Aston Abbots. As Peter Shorrocks has quoted 'The Beatles I will join him with a quote from someone late of this parish - Mr. Ian Dury and say "REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL"

STOP PRESS..... ASTON ABBOTTS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW IN FULL PRODUCTION AND WILL BE READY IN TIME FOR THE FETE. THESE WILL BE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH ROOM, ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE RESTORATION COSTS AT ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

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Alison's Gossip Column

JULY BIRTHDAYS

George Fox	2 nd
Margaret Hinds	6 th
Nigel Palmer	6 th
Vic Scott	13 th
Gordon Smith	15 th
Andrew Plested	19 th
Ellie Williams	19 th
Daniel Smith	24 th
Christy Oldfield	24 th
Deirdre Whyte	27 th
Lawrence Hinds	29 th

Huge Congratulations to John Whyte, aka Whytie, who has received an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours list. Until his recent retirement, John was the Director of the Central Region for the UK Border Agency.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Liz Barlow	4 th
Christine Fox	10 th
Janice Issitt	13 th
Louise McManus	17 th
Zoe Williams	19 th
Zoe Oldfield	24 th
Andrew Peacock	24 th



Congratulations to Dean and Jane Wiggett who became parents for the second time on 16th June. Abigail Dorothy weighed in at a hefty 9lbs 7ozs.

THE RECIPE GIRLS ... and boys Aston Abbotts Kitchens have produced two recipes this month, as promised Margaret Hinds no fat cake for those of us watching our waist lines.

We were delighted to receive a recipe from the first of the young men in the village, namely, Denis Knight who has a great recipe handed down from his Mother-in-Law which was served at shooting parties.

Future culinary delights include a bread and butter pudding recipe from a Country Estate of some note by a lady who was taught to roller skate by a Rolling Stone. That should keep you all guessing

Christian Aid Week - 9th to 15th May

A total of £110.54 was raised by a house to house collection on the Cublington Road, The Green and Church Row. Last year £75 was collected). Thank you to all who gave so generously. Anita Parker

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SEW AND SEW?

Numbers are swelling in the Aston Abbotts craft and sewing group, they now have some knitting needles clacking away, the group is open to anyone, its every other Thursday at either 3pm or 4pm at alternating houses. (Its the opposite Thursday to Ladies Club). Phone Janice for venue and date : 680 464 or e-mail editor@aachronicle. They often have cake and scones but it is not compulsory to eat them.

Sadly, Bob Higgs died on the 24th May, aged 90. His funeral was at Weedon on 11th June and burial at Aston Abbotts.

TWO REPORTS THIS MONTH REGARDING SWARMS OF BEES, SO LOUD THEY SOUNDED LIKE A HELICOPTER. THE BEES WERE ON THE MOVE LOOKING FOR NEW ACCOMMODATION. A RESIDENT BEE EXPERT WAS CALLED IN TO RE-LOCATE THEM.

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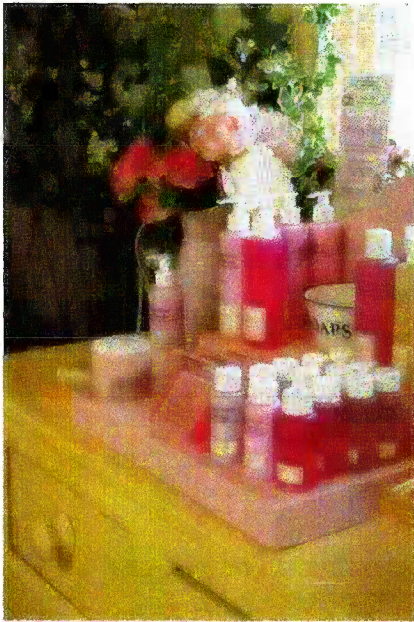
8.30am–6.30pm

Saturday 8.30am –

4.00pm

We have created a kitchen garden so we can use freshly picked vegetables and herbs for our soups and salads.





The Littlecote Soap Co.

Littlecote Farm Shop, Littlecote,
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I simply couldn't believe my luck when I stumbled on this little gem just outside of Stewkley. This beautiful quaint little vintage apothecary style shop sits in a small barn on the edge of a farm, yet behind the scenes is a hive of fragrant activity. The Littlecote Soap company make all their products on the farm from natural ingredients, you can see them at the back of the shop laying out soaps and bath bombs containing only the finest of oils, herbs and botanics.

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The company founder, Elaine is expanding now into the wholesale side so we are very lucky to be able to still buy direct from her at this shop, after many years of retailing direct to the public at farmers markets and county shows, Elaine has moved on a pace with interest being shown from major buyers. Country Homes recently ran a feature which you can read at www.littlecotesoap.co.uk. But hey, don't sit on the computer get on down there and check it out, head for Cublington and follow your nose.

Gentlemen of Aston Abbots, don't think this is just a ladies shop, they do have ranges for gardeners and a manly smelling range of soap and bath salts, yes and while you are there, you can pick up a present for the one you love..... because they also do grooming products for Dogs and Horses.

ED.



TEST YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE !!

Can you work out which of these adorable pets belongs to who? OK to help you along the owners are ...

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Sally and Nigel Palmer

Fran and Bob Bean

Janice Issitt and Ian Roberts

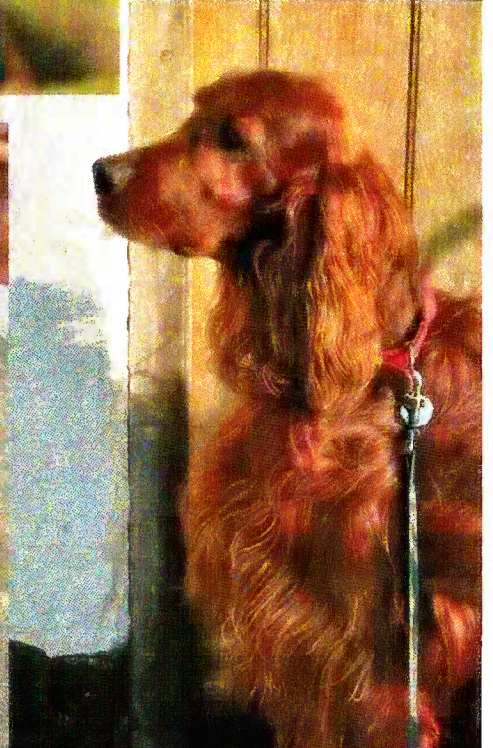
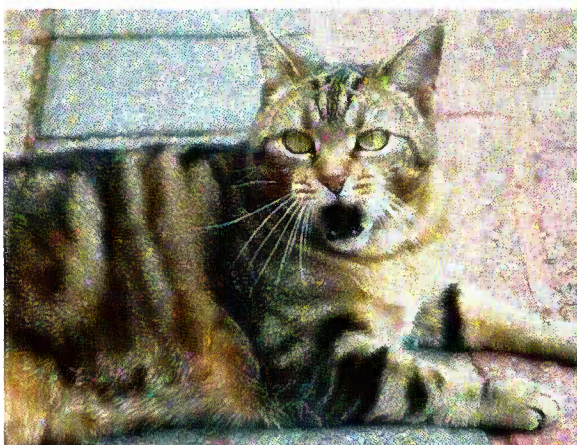
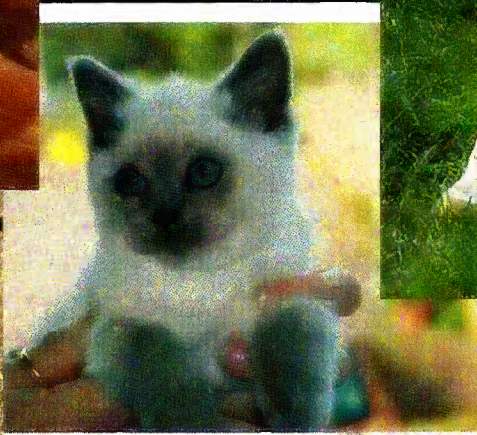
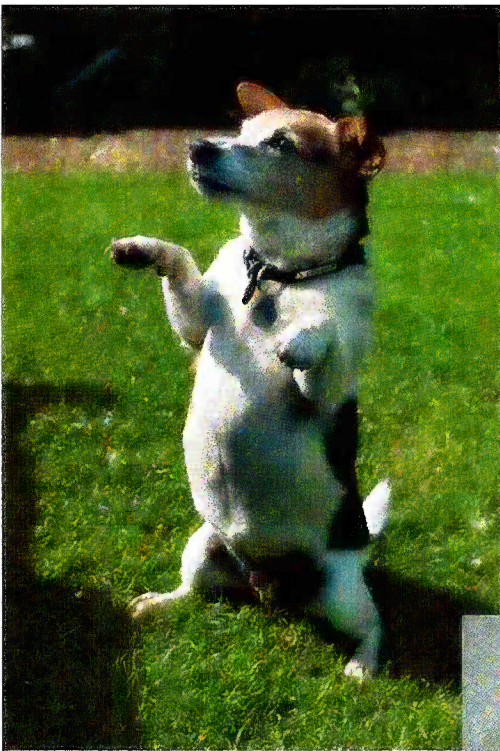
Val and Les Smith

Carole and Phil Spooner

John and Judy Hardcastle

April and Geoff Curnow

if you would like a photo session with your pet by Janice then you can bid for it at The Summer Ball



**THE ASTON ABBOTTS
FULL COLOUR 'SUMMER SOUVENIR' 2010**

As there is no Chronicle in August due to the school holidays affecting printing, we have arranged for a special treat this year. Janice will be putting together a full colour souvenir of the summers events which will be delivered free to all the villagers.

The 'SUMMER SOUVENIR' will feature full colour photos of the summers outstanding events which include - The Fete, Astonbury, Weddings and The Ball. The organisers of all these events have agreed to sponsor their pages and the whole issue will be also sponsored by 'Cartridge World' who will be printing it.

The Aston Abbots 'SUMMER SOUVENIR' will not contain any adverts, and probably not much in the way of text either, just lovely colour photos as a keepsake. If anyone can help with deliveries that would be great.

wot I've learnt this week or 'notes and queries on local history'

Its funny how one thing leads to another. After seeing the mention of Augustis Lines on a memorial tablet we started searching for him on the internet, nothing came up regarding this mysterious gentleman however we did discover that the Freemantle family were from Aston Abbots, the many members of this family all made their mark in society and history, including having Fremantle Australia named after them. I thought about writing a piece about the family but believe this may have already been done in a previous edition.

I assumed that they must have lived in The Abbey, where else? It was then that I found for sale a book regarding the sale of contents of The Abbey from 1989. This was an enormous auction many of you will remember and may even have bought pieces from. The book cataloguing the contents sale is sizeable and it's interesting to see how some antiques have gained in value but others not. Victoriana was very reasonably priced then but large oak furniture has wained in popularity.

The most startling of all items in the auction, has to be "Chi-Chi and Pooh two stuffed Pekinese dogs" guide priced at £50 - £100, the two stuffed dogs are 'sleeping' curled up on silk cushions. Really did anyone buy them? It's a sad fact that Beatrice Morton took to her bed towards the end of her life and I am told she loved to do word searches, so I have compiled one in her honour.



Another search regarding the Abbey led me to a very different sale indeed. That of the house itself, currently on the market with Knight Frank this really is a beautiful and stunning house. The estate agents details are a little incorrect regarding the villages facilities but the "amazing Grade II listed

Georgian country house in a parkland setting" boasts 8 bedrooms, 6 reception rooms, 7 bathrooms, 42.9 acres, secondary accommodation, swimming pool, tennis court, two stuffed dogs and all for a jaw dropping £6,500,000 guide price.

We have also just seen that July 25th is the feast day of St. James The Great. It made us realise that our bible history isn't what it should be so did a bit of research on him. His remains are said to be in Santiago de Compostela in Spain and he is the patron Saint of Spain. The city where his remains are held is considered the third most holy town within Roman Catholicism (after Jerusalem and Rome). The traditional pilgrimage to the grave of the Saint is known as the "Way Of St. James". I think we have just found a legitimate excuse for a trip to Spain, not that we need one !

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WORD SEARCH

This puzzle has been compiled in honour of Beatrice Morton (1893-1988) late of this parish and once Lady of The Abbey. We have it on good authority that in the later part of her life Beatrice loved to do these puzzles.

35 words are hidden all pertaining to this village

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Words Used

buckinghamshire, astonbury, fremantle, aylesbury, chronicle, pekinese, signpost, festival, beatrice, country, abbotts, village, wedding, alpacas, cottage, summer, estate, horses, abbey, house, aston, saint, james, royal, green, music, lady, dogs, lake, fete, ball, farm, cats, oak, pub,

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Across

- 1. Schematic drawing
- 5. Thick cushion used as a seat
- 6. Captivate
- 7. Voter

Down

- 1. Jurisdiction of a bishop
- 2. Presenter's visual aid
- 3. Oddment
- 4. Fiend

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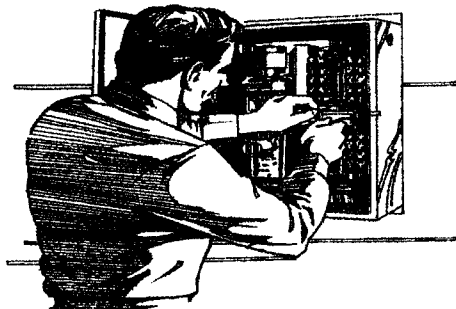
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

"Development" is the key word on the allotments since I last penned a piece for the Chronicle. Not, I'm happy to say, that anyone is trying to erect a housing estate on it, but an unusual amount of building work has been taking place. The first thing was that the gatepost supporting our smaller gate gave up the ghost and keeled over terminally; and Colin has had a very smart new gate erected – with a self-closing latch, so that we do not have to stop and tie a chain round the gate and gate post, as we have done since time immemorial.

The second thing was a piece of déjà vu for me. Some years ago, when Geoff & April arrived next door, they asked if Clare & I would like to have their greenhouse, since they did not want one, and it spoiled their view. We did want it, and question then arose as to how to get it from their garden to ours. The way we did it was to take all the glass out, and then man-handle the frame across to the boundary fence between their garden and what was then the car park of the Bull & Butcher. Tom Manning then drove his fork-lift tractor right up to the boundary, and lifted over the fence; before driving it round into our garden. After this it was a relatively simple job to move it manually into position. You can imagine my thoughts, therefore when a few Sundays ago I saw a fork-lift tractor parked on the grass verge, by the side of the highest hedge along the allotment boundary, together with a wooden garden shed, which it was clearly proposed should be lifted over the fence into the allotments. No sooner had I thought "Good Lord, that's just what Tom Manning did for us all those years ago", when the driver got out of the cab, and came to talk to me: and I discovered it was Tom Manning himself! He is clearly becoming a specialist (or can't resist a challenge – or more likely, is too good natured to refuse requests like this). Because they were having to lift over the highest point of the hedge it was, as fork-lift drivers say, a bit of a bugger; but ultimately Tom and those helping him managed it, and Darren now has his very handsome wooden shed on his allotment, rather than, as it had been, in his garden.

The third people who have been building things are Simon and Mike, who have just constructed a very sturdy fruit cage, made of wood and chicken wire, in which they are keeping their strawberries, a gooseberry, a red currant and a gojiberry (very trendy – according to my seed catalogue, a "nutrient-rich superfruit from the Himalayas"). They have also, flushed with success, also built an equally substantial frame for the netting to cover their brassicas. I am very envious. I built my cage to cover my brassicas (in my vegetable garden, not the allotment) out of bamboo canes, and every time Adam does any mowing he knocks it down, and I have to re-build it.

Otherwise, everything in the allotments is lovely: the rain at the end of May and in early June is making things grow nicely: unfortunately weeds in particular. Our new allotmentee, Chris Farrands, had had a fairly tough introduction to the pleasures of allotment gardening, by going away for two weeks' holiday at the end of May and beginning of June. He laboured manfully before he went, and left his allotment a mass of weed-free brown earth. By the time he got back, you would have thought it was covered by a thick, shaggy, lawn, the weeds were so thick and verdant.

Gordon has been toiling away to some effect, and his allotment is looking very fine, especially his strawberry patch, which seems to producing enough strawberries to feed Wimbledon.

Finally, I'll leave you with two quotations from those well-known gardeners, the Beatles. First from "I am the Walrus"

"Sitting in an English garden, waiting for the sun

If the sun don't come, you get a tan

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Next one from "When I'm Sixty-four"

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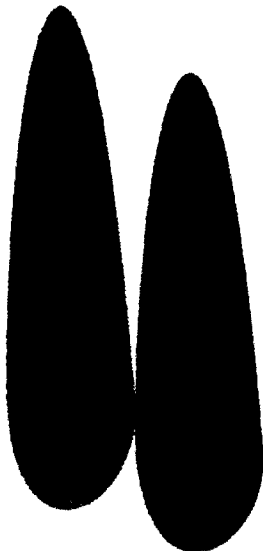
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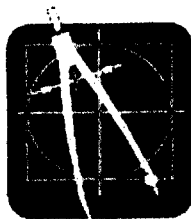
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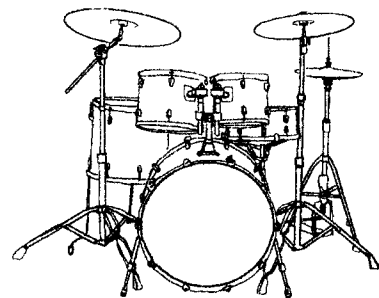
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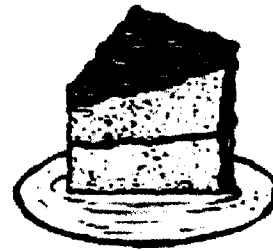
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One feathered bird
1.5 level tsp. ground cumin
1.5 level tsp. coriander
half level tsp. turmeric
half level tsp. ginger
10 oz yogurt
2 tablespoons lemon juice
8 oz sliced onions
3 tbsp veg oil
3 tbsp dessicated coconut
2 oz flour
half pint (or more) chicken stock.



Method

1. Mix spices
 2. Add lemon juice, yogurt and mix well
 3. cover bird to marinade for 24 hours
 4. Slightly brown onion, add coconut and flour and fry for one minute.
 5. Remove from heat and stir in stock and pour over bird
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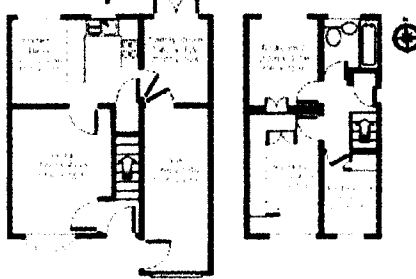
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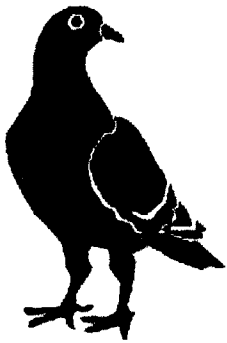
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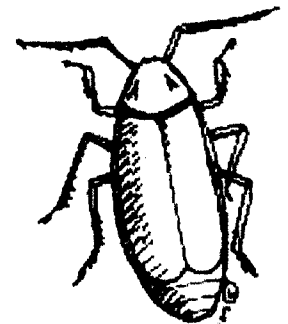
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Aston Abbots Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th May 2010

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrock (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs J Hardcastle, J Perkins, and P Bruton (Clerk).
District Councillor P Cooper, and one member were in attendance.
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs K Curry and Mr. R Clarke and County Councillor N Glover.

Elect a Chairman and sign acceptance of office: Cllr Shorrock was unanimously voted Chairman and the acceptance of office papers were signed.

Elect a Vice Chairman: Cllr Higgs was unanimously voted Vice Chairman.

Elect Members to Committees: The Committee members were elected as follows:

Street Lighting Officer: Cllr Higgs.

Planning Committee: Cllr Shorrock, Cllr Hardcastle, Cllr Dicken and Cllr Perkins.

Transport: Cllr Higgs.

Highways: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Curry, Cllr Higgs.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Clarke and Cllr Curry.

LAF Representatives: Cllr Curry and Cllr Clarke.

Matters arising not on the Agenda - Cllr. Perkins asked the Clerk the current status of the proposed High Speed rail link. The Clerk advised the meeting that due to the uncertainty of BCC and AVDC on a preferred route he had yet to write to give unconditional support. Council would review its position at the next meeting.

Chairman's report

Cllr Shorrock referred to his report to the Annual Parish meeting where he felt the year had seen a number of successes for the Council although we had a number of setbacks, particularly in relation to some planning matters. He thanked Councillors for their contribution during the year.

Correspondence to note – The Clerk reported he had received a letter from BCC advising that they were introducing a Parish Consultation Portal to reduce the burden of the large quantity of papers they send out. It was AGREED that the Parish Clerk should be the contact point for this new system and he would respond accordingly. County and District Council matters - District Councillor Cooper updated the meeting on the issue of the High Speed rail link. At the moment we were unsure of the new Government's view on the link and following recent meetings it was the view of AVDC that they were opposed to all 4 routes proposed. However the view of Bucks County Council was that they were in favour of using the West coast line referred to as HS4, this would impact on villages in the area, around Wing, Mentmore and Cheddington. At the moment as mentioned everyone was waiting to hear what the new Government's plans were.

Following a question from Councillor Hardcastle, District Councillor Cooper advised that AVDC had been granted an Article 4 direction in respect of the Land for sale on the A418, however this had been issued after the erection of the recent fencing. The effect of this direction is that planning permission has to be granted for anything the owners wish to erect on the land and this will include any future fencing etc. However it still does not prevent travellers from setting up a site on the land, the enforcement process for this type of offence remains the same.

Village Plan – Cllr Shorrock reported that the display at the Annual Parish Meeting had been a success and the updated results had been analysed and he anticipated being able to indicate a timescale for completion of the plan in time for the next Parish Council meeting.

Notice Board- Bus Stop - C The Clerk gave details of an estimate received for the cost of a replacement Notice Board attached to the Bus stop on the Green and it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation.
matter further. In the meantime the Clerk would contact County to obtain the information pack on Traffic Calming measures.

Overgrown hedgerow: Councillor Hardcastle raised the matter of the overgrown hedgerow along Moat Lane and felt it was becoming extremely dangerous and a hazard. The person who had regularly cut back the hedge was no longer willing to do so. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the owners of the Abbey requesting they attend to the matter at the appropriate time, and advise BCC if they fail to do so.

Traffic Calming Measures: The matter of speeding in the village (particularly the entrances and exits) had been raised at the Annual Parish meeting and Council discussed the various options we had to address the matter. It was noted that there had been speed checks recently by the Police in response to our requests. It was felt that as the 30mph limits were being extended in the near future we would have to wait to assess the impact of those changes before taking the matter further. In the meantime the Clerk would contact County to obtain the information pack on Traffic Calming measures.

Local Area Forum – We had applied a grant from the Delegated Budget Scheme for the 2nd stage of the footpath at the recent LAF meeting. Unfortunately we had been unsuccessful but were 2nd in line and therefore if further monies became available we would be eligible and should be 1st in line when we apply next year providing funds are allocated in the current economic climate.

It was RESOLVED to allow the use of the Recreation Ground to the organisers of Astonbury.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2010 at 19:30 in the Church Rooms.



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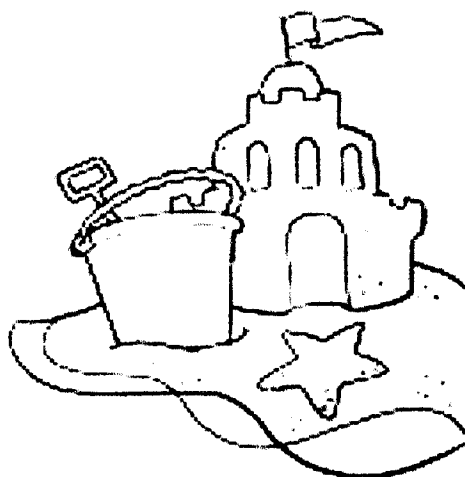
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Aston Abbots Summer Ball 2010

Saturday 24th July 2010

****SOLD OUT****

It's hard to believe that when I first committed to organising this event we would end up with nearly 200 people coming. It is a testimony to the great village we live in that events which are put on are supported so well.

A number of us have been working our socks off to ensure the building blocks are in place. You never can appreciate the level of work involved until you start something like this but I am glad to report that we are very much on course to deliver you something special.

I would like to thank everyone who has paid their money so far and would ask that anyone who hasn't paid and has committed to come to the Ball to pay as soon as possible. Due to the size of the event and the rather tight budget we are working too it is imperative that we get all the money together sooner rather than later. Believe me you do not want April on your door step demanding you to pay up! Ha ha

A big thank you also goes to those people who have made donations to the promise auction. We have some quite amazing promises which are sure to raise a great amount for the village.

As the ticket states the doors to the marquee will open at 7.30pm, I'm hoping for a nice summers evening so that people can enjoy a drink overlooking our wonderful countryside before we serve the food. On the subject of food if you know anyone who owns a refrigeration van/lorry I would be grateful if you could contact me.

To confirm the dress code for the evening is Black Tie and Tiara. Roughly translated that is normally dinner jacket and bow tie for the chaps and ball gown/dress for the ladies. It's not going to be hugely enforced but the Ball is a great opportunity for people to get dressed up to enjoy their evening.

It all sounds a bit serious this month and I guess that's an insight into the responsibility I feel. We have some hard work ahead of us but I know when I see you guys enjoying the food, drink, music and atmosphere we will have done our job.

See you on the dance floor!

James

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Children's Tour of the House. 7 & 8 August.

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NATURE WATCH

Well the longest day of the year has been and gone and the nights are drawing in!! The dawn chorus is not quite as loud as it was five or six weeks ago but the birds are still very busy and the breeding season is still in full swing.

Here in our garden our blackbirds which have deemed to call this home are no longer about as much. During the winter months and into spring we had several blackbirds at a time but there was always a "bit of bover" when this happened and one female was a real bully driving all comers away from any food and the bird bath. It would appear that this was not just her feeding station but earmarked as her breeding territory. Using principles gleaned from the great Victorian engineers such as Brunel they built a nest suspended on one side from a fence and a bush on the other. It was almost invisible and impossible to look inside. We did discover they had four fledglings and watched in awe as the feeding ritual began.

We awoke one morning to find that the birds had flown and to our horror a tell-tale scattering of feathers confirmed that one of them had become breakfast for somebody! That's nature however and if you look for it you will see it every day; life and death struggle. Ants v. green woodpeckers. It doesn't matter its only ants you say. Not so if you're an ant!!

We have had a robin's nest in one our nesting boxes which produced four fledglings but flew off quite early in the season but just recently a pair of wood pigeons have taken residence in an old nest in the tree outside our house. I say nest but really it was just a platform of old sticks which had survived the winter. Visible from our bedroom window they produced two squabs (young wood pigeons) and the feeding ritual began again.

One morning we found the youngsters dead!! The next day the remains were gone and the nest was ready for another try. That's nature too!

In the middle of all this life and death struggle a swarm of bees invaded the garden. It was an amazing sight. They settled on our neighbour's redcurrant bush which gave us time to call in the experts for advice!! Many thanks go to Peter and Alex who appeared in no time like the "Bee busters" and very efficiently captured them. They have now gone to live in one of their hives.

How lucky we are to have so much local knowledge here and also to have all this wildlife on our doorstep. Over the last few days I have seen a barn owl, a short eared owl, a red kite, a greater spotted woodpecker feeding her young, a green woodpecker and on my walk with Bart this morning a big dog fox sunning itself !

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We had problems and regrets. The former when I was recalled to the Army (Korean War), two or three weeks after our first child was born, and when we were about to move into our new house, the latter, and my greatest regret was that my brother and I (he lived in New Zealand and was married the same year as us), we had hoped to have both families celebrating together in NZ but sadly he died last August.

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Aston Abbots – Wingrave Road
Monday 17 May, between 5pm and 6pm
86 vehicles passed the check point travelling from Wingrave to Aston Abbots.
8 were under the 30 limit
22 were travelling between 30 – 34mph
26 were travelling between 35 – 40mph
30 were travelling over 40mph, eight of these were over 45mph with 51mph being the top speed in this 30mph limit.

Tuesday 18 May, between 5.18pm and 6.20pm
107 vehicles passed the check point travelling from Wingrave to Aston Abbots
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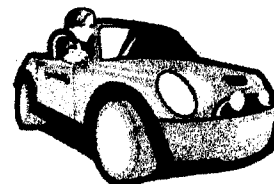
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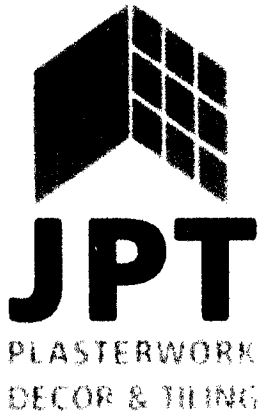
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News from Wingrave CE Combined School

The second half of the Summer term is always a very busy time and we have lots of exciting activities and events planned. They are too numerous for me to mention all of them but here are a few to give you an idea of the range of opportunities and activities available to our pupils.

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been on a residential visit to a PGL Centre in Wiltshire where they had the opportunity to take part in lots of different adventurous activities. A big thank you to Mrs Britnell, Mrs V Perkins and Miss Hogg for accompanying the party.

While they have been away the rest of KS2 had an "off normal timetable" week with each day having a different curriculum focus, eg literacy day, maths day, ICT and day science day. Miss Robinson planned interesting and challenging learning for them with an emphasis on group work and collaboration.

Our Year 3 and 4 drummers will be performing at the Mad about Waddesdon festival and at the Wingrave Village fete. These classes recently took part in an art workshop round the theme of Roald Dahl and will also be taking part in the Roald Dahl Festival in Aylesbury next month.

Later in the month we will be having a Cross Curricular Week around the theme of the World Cup and Global Citizenship. KS1 are visiting College Lake environmental centre to learn about wildlife and habitats. Children will be taking part in various interschool sporting events and of course we will be holding our annual sports day. KS2 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year musical production. Some children are also preparing for our Annual Speech Competition when we look forward to welcoming back Mr and Mrs McCellan (both former headteachers at Wingrave) and Mrs Dominique Moat as judges. We will end the Summer term with a Church service.

At the end of this term children in Year 6 will be moving on to their new secondary schools (Cottesloe School, Aylesbury Grammar School, Aylesbury High School and Tring School) and we wish them every success in their future lives.

If you would like to visit the school to see the improvements we are continuing to make and to see our well behaved and well motivated children as they learn, then please contact the school office to make an appointment on 681436. We would love to show you around. Our weekly newsletter is also posted every week on our website www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk.

Patricia Gurton Headteacher

POLITE NOTICE

"The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 allows the local authority to prosecute irresponsible dog owners, if they do not clear up after their dog, after allowing it to foul in a designated area. Owners can be fined up to £1,000 if they fail to comply."

With the above in mind could I politely ask dog walkers in the village, particularly those who use the footpath through Chapmans Lea and down to the fields, to please pick up their dog's mess and take it home with them.

There appears to be an increase in the amount of dog faeces being left along the grass verges in Chapmans Lea and in the area leading down to the fields. Parts of these areas are privately owned. If you don't like picking it up and taking it home then consider that we don't like it being left behind!

We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the county and as a number of children in the village, and local walkers, like to take this path down to the fields it makes the whole experience a lot less pleasurable when you're worried about what you might step in. Cow pats can be avoided and are part of the countryside. Dog faeces can cause toxocariasis (which can lead to serious illness and blindness) and there really is no excuse to leave it where it's deposited.

Finally, there have also been a number of occasions when dog's mess has been left in our bins after the rubbish collection. It's not always in a bag either! I'd be grateful if you could take your own dog's mess home rather than dump it for us to deal with.

If you have a good argument as to why dog owners should not clean up after their dogs I would welcome the discussion. Thank you for considering your neighbours. Dawn James Chapmans Lea

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THE STIR, SIP AND DUNK TEA PARTY

Friday 30th July, 2pm. at 1 Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots



On the 7th of August I will be taking part in my first triathlon. For those of you who are unsure as to what a triathlon is, well, as in the name (TRI) it's three disciplines. The one I'm taking part in is Swim, Bike and Run. I have chosen a sprint which consists of a 750m swim, a 20 km bike ride and a 5km run.



As fun as this sounds (I'm obviously being sarcastic) I'm going through this pain for charity. Like last years Marathon I am proud to say that I will be swimming, cycling and running for the Motor Neurone Disease association. My dad passed away from MND in 1998 and seeing him so ill is something that will haunt me forever. On a more positive note, MND is a remarkably deserving charity with money going towards helping people with MND and towards research that will hopefully lead to a world without this disease.

In aid of my Triathlon, Mummy P (Jo Perkins) has been kind enough to suggest a tea party to help me raise money and awareness. The tea party will be at 1 Wingrave Rd on Friday 30th July from 2pm.

You can expect a tea party with all the trimmings - Tea, Coffee, cake and sandwiches with all proceeds going into the sponsorship pot.

We do hope you can join us for a cuppa and a chat and we thank you in advance for your kind support.

Cheers, Alex P x

P.S For those of you who unfortunately cannot make the tea party but would still like to show your support then donations can be made @ justgiving.com/swimbikerun2010



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 an interesting and convivial hour or so.

Ladies Club – Thurs. 13th May

11 members were present at today's meeting, which, as

June Brine was unwell. was chaired by April Curnow. The minutes were read and signed after which April informed the meeting that the coach for the summer outing was 'filling' well. She then introduced today's speaker, Mrs Sue Cato who spoke about her eleven years as a fundraiser for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Hinds.

Our tea hostesses today were Christine Scott and Carol Morris and the raffle winner was June Loader

Shirley Ford

Ladies Club – Thurs. 10th June

11 members were present at today's meeting. The minutes were read and as there were no matters arising, they were signed. The Chairman then introduced today's speaker, Ann Severn who's talk was called 'More readings to make you smile and laugh'. Among the many humorous readings given were those from Dylan Thomas, John Betjeman and D. H. Lawrence. She was thanked by June Brine.

Our tea hostesses today were Avril Bradley Davis and Dianne Smart and the raffle winner was April Curnow.

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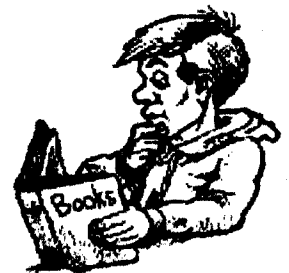
They would have access to a library, gym, spiritual counseling, pool, and education. Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, P.J.'s and legal aid would be free, on request. Private, secure rooms for all, with an exercise yard and gardens. Each senior could have a P.C. a T.V. radio, and daily phone calls. There would be a Board of Directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct, that would be monitored by Parliament and strictly adhered to.

The "criminals," on the other hand would get cold food, and be left all alone for long periods unsupervised. Their lighting and heating would be turned off by 8pm. to save electricity, and they would be restricted to one shower a week. "Live" in a tiny room, and pay £2000.00 per month and have no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all!! 

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on 7th July when we will discuss Alan Jones's selection 'To War with Whitaker' The wartime diaries of the Countess of Ranfurly 1939-45. Meet at Alan's house 8pm - if the weather's nice it could be our first outdoor meeting. The next book we will be reading is 'The Testament of Gideon Mack' selected by Kate Curry - meeting date to be agreed.



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

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE COLLECTION

We will be calling to collect your kind donations for the Aston Abbots Fete on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July.

Please donate Cakes, Books, Nearly New Toys, Groceries, Plants, Bric-a-Brac and some bottles for the Tombola if you haven't done so already.

Please deliver plants to Caroline Abel-Smith at The Vicarage. Leave them by the garage in the week prior to the fete or to the plant stall by 11am on fete day. Cakes to the stall on the day. Sorry - no clothes or electrical items.

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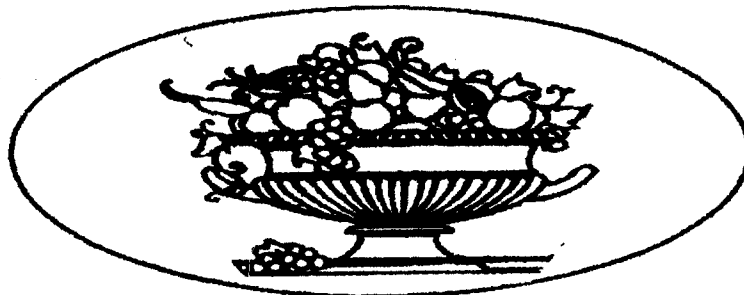
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THE LEASE FOR THE CHURCH ROOM IS NIGH

Within the next few months, the Lease of the Church Room will be ours, but then a legal device known as the Albermarle Scheme will need to be arranged before the formal handing over of the keys can take place. On first inspection this Scheme appears to be a formality, but the granting of this will be in the hands of the Church solicitor and it is impossible to guess how long she will take to set this up. However, looking on the bright side the whole issue might be resolved by the autumn. then our work will begin in earnest.

The first objective will be to hold a village meeting at a date towards the end of September to decide just how we wish the Room to be run. This meeting should involve all those village organisations that do, or might in future, benefit from this facility. I envisage that representatives from the following will attend:

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. -LADIES CLUB. -
THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE. -BINGO/WHIST
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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

The success of the Room will rest solely on good management and to this end a team will need to be formed and elected led by a co-ordinator/President and backed by a Secretary, House Member, Treasurer and PR member. Draft terms of Reference and Rules for the Team have been drafted and these will be available at the Village Meeting for discussion, amendment if necessary, and agreement. The date for the meeting will be in the September Chronicle.

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JULY

4th Evensong 6pm Rev. Ogilvie

11th Communion Rev. Peter Binns 10.15 am

18th Communion Rev. Ogilvie 10.00 am

24th Songs of Praise 6.00pm Rev Ogilvie

SIDESPERSION	CLEANERS	FLOWERS	MOWERS
4th Andrew	3rd Colin/Caroline	Mrs. Bean	3rd Geoff Curnow
11th Gordon	10th Ann/Gordon	Mrs. Ford	10th Geiff Curnow
18th Caroline L	17th Shirley/Andrew	Colin	17th Marcus

Thursday 1st	Coffee Shop Church Room 10 - 12 noon Bingo Church Room 7.30
Saturday 3rd	British Legion outing, coach leaves for Eastbourne on the Green at 7am
Sunday 4th	Evensong St James Church 6pm
Monday 5th	PCC Meeting Church Room 7.30 pm
Tuesday 6th	Mobile Library, The Green 10.30
Thursday 8th	Ladies Club outing to Capel Manor Gardens Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
Thursday 15th	Coffee Shop Church Room 10 - 12 noon Village Quiz - around the village -meet on The Green 7pm (50p)
Saturday 17th	Astonbury
Tuesday 20th	Mobile Library The Green 10.30 am
Thursday 22nd	Coffee Shop Church Room 10-12noon Ladies Club Garden Party Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm
Saturday 24th	Village Fete / Festival Opens at 1.00pm The Green, The Grove , Floral Displays in The Church, Teas in Church Room
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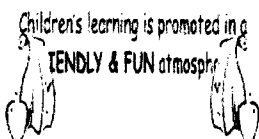
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