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FIRST WORDS

The Autumnal Equinox falls on 23rd September so we can officially wave goodbye to Summer. The front cover this issue features some images to remind us of August, the butterflies which we have in abundance here and a sunflower, grown by Margaret Hinds. The Royal Oak have sponsored the cover and I would like to thank them very much not only for that

but also for their hospitality to this village, we are very lucky to have them, a village isn't a village without a thatched pub!

The 'advert' this issue is keeping it in the Moulton family as, coincidentally, the chosen business is Trendz run by the Moulton daughters Kerry and Kim from Manor Farm Courtyard Rowsham. The Salon is not visible from the main road, which doesn't seem to bother their regular clients as it is very popular. Having visited them a few times now, I can understand why.

Kerry is having a break as her first baby is due very soon, so good luck to her and judging by the baby shower that was thrown by Terri, he is going to be one very spoilt boy.

Many thanks as always to the contributors this issue, I must credit Alan Jones for his Nature Watch, very entertaining. We also have several articles regarding the villages main events from participants and organisers. Thanks to all those who gave us a full diary of fun.

Two charities which will benefit from our fundraising are 'Help For Heroes' and the Pakistan Flood Appeal. On Friday 4th June the sun shone for what has to be the most momentous day in the 'Help For Heroes' history - the opening of the H4H Rehabilitation Complex at Headley Court. It was opened by Prince William. The Aston Abbots sewing and crafty ladies who meet every other Thursday are now making bed quilts for the injured servicemen. Once out of hospital the first part of a soldier's re-hab is to be presented with a quilt to personalise his, or hers, sleeping area. Now with new quarters being built for the servicemen's families, the quilt making may extend to the servicemen's children. If you can sew and would like to help please tell me (Janice).

It is hoped that the Harvest Supper will also be able to make a contribution to the Pakistan Flood Appeal, although, don't quote me on that. I met a wonderful family at a car boot sale last week who own a newsagents in Leighton Buzzard. They are collecting and selling old furniture to raise enough money for the father to go to Pakistan and build a house for a family. If I manage to keep in touch I will let you know how he gets on.

Ed.

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We are pleased to announce the arrival of Kitty Clarke in the early hours of Tuesday morning Tuesday 13th July, 3.47am!. We all made it back to Aston Abbots Tuesday evening. Healthy and very very happy!

Kitty weighed in at 7lbs 3oz.

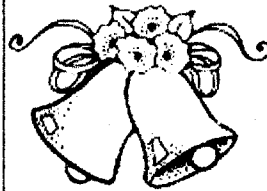
Thank you to everyone who has made us feel so at home with a warm welcome to the village over the last three months. A special place for Kitty to grow up.

Dan and Aja. x.



Wedding of Pam and David Gray

Pam and David would like to thank everyone in the village for their beautiful cards, best wishes and support at their wedding in St James Church on June 26th. They would also like to give a big 'Thank you' to everyone who made donations to Oxfam. It was an extremely happy day for both Pam and David and they were delighted to be able to share it with so many friends in the village as well as with their families.



Dr. John Lilley from Wing Surgery will be retiring on 30th Sept. after more than 25 years at the surgery. For those who wish to say goodbye there will be an open house between 3 - 5 pm on thursday 30th Sept. at the surgery.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS

Alex and Xandy Ayres and their son Toby who recently moved into 15 The Green.



From Sharon Wilkinson.

Just to say a big big thank you to everyone who gave me cards, presents and flowers and thank you so much to the helpers who gave their time to make my party special. Thank you once again.

and also to : Chris and Jenny Looker who have moved into the Old Masters, now known as The Old School.

Letter from Margaret Hinds.....

I think Colin deserves a very big thank you for all his hard work and dedication over the last 20 or more years in keeping the church room clean and tidy for anyone who wishes to use it.

Single handedly he has given it an annual spring clean washing everything down, polishing the floor and doing any minor repairs when needed. He has also taken the bookings for a number of years but has now decided to call it a day.

So many thanks Colin



Victoria and Ben at 2 Nashs Farm, have become engaged. Congratulations. They plan to marry in July next year.

Carole Maurice has moved on to Hastings, we all send our wishes of good luck and happiness.

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soups and salads.



Wot I've learnt this week Simon Guy, our resident Sherlock has done some digging and googling and found out more about the mysterious Augustus Lines whose wife's tombstone we discovered recently.

Further to your article on Augustus Lines in the June Chronicle I've done some digging and have come up with the following:

Augustus Lines was born in Buckinghamshire in 1781 and married Jane Duncomb in St Martins, Dunton, Buckinghamshire on the 8th November 1802.

Jane was born in Dunton on 13th Aug 1778 the 2nd eldest of 7 children the daughter of William Duncomb (1746 - 1826) and Rebecca Blick (b 1752).

Augustus married again (after Jane died in 1826) to another Jane and they appear on the 1841 census living in the hamlet of Burston (Part of Aston Abbots as far as the census is concerned) he is listed as a Farmer. As Burston lies at the bottom of 'Lines Hill' (perhaps it should be Line's Hill!) it is not too far fetched to presume it was named after him.

Augustus died in 1847 in Aston Abbots.

He & his first wife Jane had 3 children that I can find:

1. Augustus Lines born 1806 Woburn, Bedfordshire, Baptised 16 Aug 1806 Independent Chapel, Woburn.
2. William Lines b 1811
3. Jane Duncombe Lines b 1813 Aston Abbots, Married John Goodman (Timber Merchant) in Aston Abbots in 1840 (3 known children) d 1907

The eldest son Augustus married Zilpah Biggs in St Nicholas', Cublington on 3rd May 1831. (The Biggs family was, and is, well known in Cublington hence the cricket pavilion is called the Biggs Pavilion)
<http://www.cublington.com/biggs.html>

They had 2 children:

1. William Duncombe Lines b. 1833 Aylesbury
2. Edward Lines b. 1834 Haddenham

In 1851 they had moved to Marylebone, London and Augustus is listed as an 'Omnibus Proprietor' (William a student at veterinary college)

William married Emma Web in 1859 in London & went on to become a veterinary surgeon but died at the early age of 33 in 1865 leaving a widow & 3 daughters.

Edward married Emma Pontis in 1861 and is listed as a 'Jobmaster & Livery stable keeper employing 17 men. (A jobmaster "Supplied horses, carriages and drivers for hire"). <http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/i-k.html#1>

They had 7 children including the splendidly named Augusta Zilpah Lines.

If you would like any more details on the descendants of Augustus Lines please let me know.

Simon Guy

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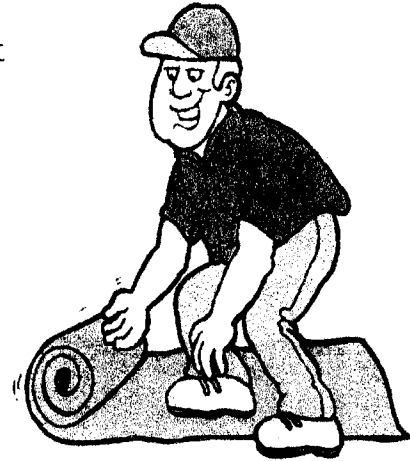
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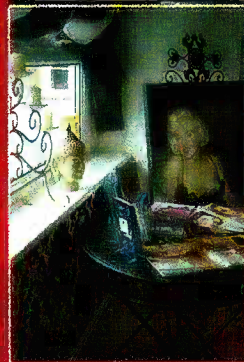
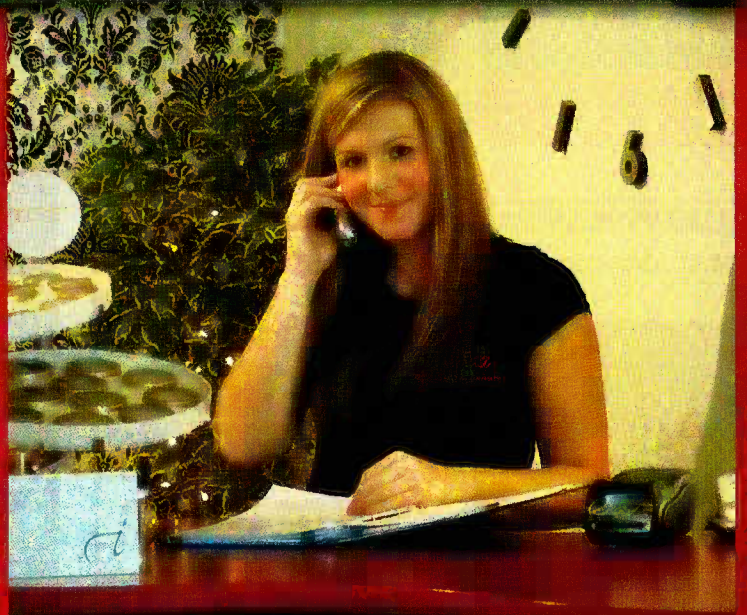
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As always, I try out before I recommend and recently went to see Kim for help with my knotted shoulder. She spent several hours with me working out and tailoring her skills to my personal needs and once there I couldn't resist having an Environ facial at the same time. The beauty treatments were better than many salons in London at a much more reasonable price, highly recommended. Also very popular these days is 'eyelash extensions' - I am intrigued to try this out for myself. Give them a visit, they can take years off you !!

Trendz





Congratulations to Zoe Williams who won a silver medal in 'Year 6 Long Jump' at the ISA National Athletics Championships held at Bedford International Athletics Stadium in June with a jump of 3.88 metres. Prior to this event she finished 1st at the London North Area Championships in May. Incidentally the women's British long jump record is 6.93 metres and the women's world record is an incredible 7.52 metres (yep a Russian and allegedly a woman). But hey Zoe is only 11! Zoe is pictured here on the podium wearing the yellow top.

JO and ALANS TEA PARTY FOR MOTOR NEURON DISEASE - from Alex Perkins .: Lots of lovely people helped her out and after a sunny afternoon drinking tea and eating cake the good tea drinkers of Aston Abbots raised £150.for more of Alex Perkins story see further on in this issue.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Aston Abbots Christmas Cards are now available, all proceeds go to the Church Restoration. St. James the Great is pictured on the front, it is blank inside for your own greeting. Cards are priced at £4 for five. We hope to have them on display in The Church and at various events. Plans are afoot for a Christmas Bazaar every thursday morning in November at Coffee Morning



where other produce and gifts will also be on sale, so if you can make cakes, drinks, preserves, or christmas gifts please let Janice know.

FRED AND MOLLY POULTER CELEBRATED THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON 26TH AUGUST WITH THEIR FAMILY AND RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM THE QUEEN.

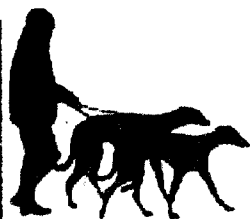


AND SEW ON AND SEW FORTH

The Aston Abbots crafty ladies have made a start on their first group project and would very much love others to join in or contribute fabrics. The first project is quilts for the injured servicemen at Headley Court. We need fabrics in cotton; nothing too flowery as its for soldiers. We can re-cycle mens shirts, duvet covers, table cloths etc. if they are in reasonable condition. Each of us will be making 12 inch square blocks of patchwork which will be joined together in a quilt. If you would like to work on one at home thats no problem. Meet every other Thursday. You can phone Janice for details 01296 680464.



The Curious Incident of the Dog and the Bird



On a recent holiday in Shropshire I was taking my dogs along a bridlepath when I saw a crow hopping about in front of us flapping its wings ineffectually, clearly unable to fly. At the same time my Saluki/lurcher cross dog, Bella, spotted it. As chasing birds is one of her favourite pastimes, she was off after it in an instant. Having bounded to the bird she stopped over it looking mystified. On arriving at the scene I found the bird was laid on its side with eyes blinking and beak opening and closing. I assumed the dog had injured it, though could see no sign of this. I considered finishing it off, convinced that the dog liked the chase but lacked a killer instinct, but decided to leave it to expire on its own. We continued on our way and then turned back to return to our cottage for breakfast. Arriving back at the same spot some 10 minutes later I was amazed to discover the bird once more hopping about on the path apparently none the worse for its recent encounter. This time I got the dog on the lead and proceeded towards the bird. I watched as it spotted us and laid down again with wings spreadeagled on the ground looking mortally wounded or dead as before. I would never have credited a bird with the intelligence to play dead. Perhaps it was just the result of fright. I would be interested to know if anyone else has had a similar experience or can explain this event.

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

We held our first open air meeting (8th July) in Alan Jones's garden to discuss 'To War with Whitaker – the wartime diaries of the Countess of Ranfurly 1939-45'.

We were all impressed with Hermione (the Countess) who defied all authority by following her husband to the war being fought in the Middle East. She lists and endless parade of all the important military and political figures of the time. She must have been a very industrious secretary and hostess.

It's written in a very clipped manner, there are no elaborations and one is left feeling there was so much else that could have been mentioned. Some of us couldn't get through the book because it was so matter of fact. The Countess was a remarkable woman in a man's world.

Last month's meeting (2nd August) was also held outside. We discussed Kate Curry's choice 'The testament of Gideon Mack' by James Robertson. Everyone enjoyed this book. It deals with the troubled faith of a Scottish minister who is 'saved' by Satan. A rattling good read.

The next book to read is 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' by Mark Haddon', chosen by Sally Clarke.

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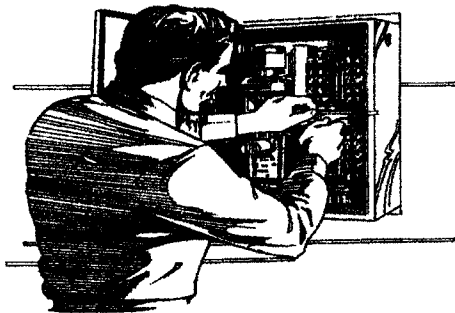
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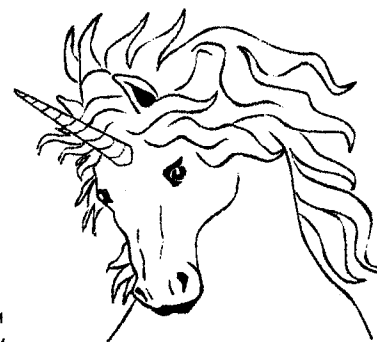
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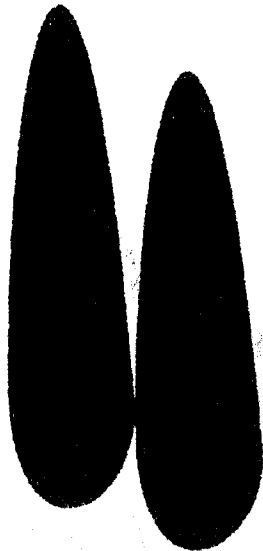
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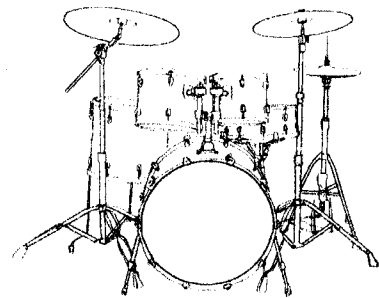
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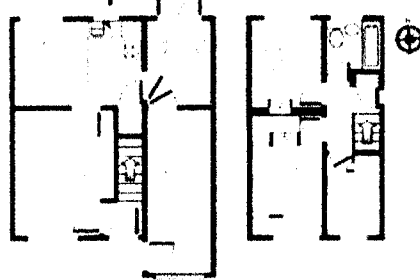
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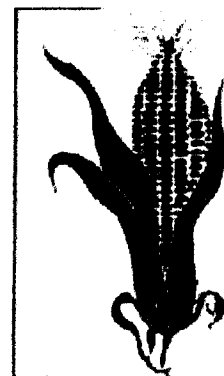
ALLOTMENT DIARY - JULY

I returned to my allotment at the end of July, after two weeks in Canada, with some trepidation, from past experience, and having seen what happened to Chris Farrands' patch after his two week holiday earlier this year. But I need not have worried. Whether because someone up there likes me, or because while I was away you had a prolonged drought, I do not know; but in the six years I have had an allotment, I have never returned from a holiday to find so few weeds. Instead of a day or more of back-breaking labour, I had got rid of most of the few weeds there were in 2 or 3 hours. And, in the temperatures we were experiencing while I was doing this, once the weeds were pulled up, they stayed pulled up: within an hour or so they were shrivelled and dead.

Meanwhile, everything on my patch was thriving: the corn was not quite as high as an elephant's eye, but some of the plants were up to my eye level; the potatoes were all doing well, and I have now dug up my first earlies; the courgette plants are all flourishing and between them producing several courgettes a day; onions and carrots doing well; and the few dwarf beans that germinated cropping well. Unhappily my mangetout were now over ripe, and I am going to freeze them and see if the peas inside them can be eaten as ordinary peas. Back home my blackcurrants and gooseberries were now ripe and have been picked; and my plums, greengages and apples all seem to be producing a good crop. (As does my Morello cherry tree, but I have discovered it is waste of time growing unprotected cherries: the birds eat all of them before they are ripe, and leave none for me. I am now experimenting with a dwarf cherry in a fruit cage).

I kept my eyes open while I was in Canada for signs of allotment activity; and while I never saw any allotments, I did see a number a very impressive vegetable gardens. Heaven knows how they do it: I was in the main residential area – Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal & Quebec – and during each of the first 5 days I was there, the afternoon temperature was around 35 degrees. We then had a small storm and the temperatures dropped, but still remained in the high 20's. Rainfall was virtually non-existent during my two weeks, and most days the sun shone all day. However, in the winter the average minimum & maximum temperatures in Montreal, for example, are minus 5° and minus 13°, and the garden will be covered in thick snow for weeks on end. I presume that seed merchants in Canada must develop and stock special breeds of vegetables able to cope with these extremes – and clearly in the summer one will need a good watering system – or a lot of time on ones hands to do the watering manually.

Well, that's about it for this month; I'm just off again, this time to look at allotments in Greece (it's a pity I don't get paid for these trips)– although I must admit my survey of these will be handicapped by the fact that for most of the time I shall be on the Ionian sea, aboard Neil's boat.



ALLOTMENT DIARY – AUGUST

Well, I'm becoming convinced that somebody up there must like me: I've just returned from my second spell away, and the weeds are still negligible. The other good news is that in my absence my sweet-corn has ripened, and is tasting delicious: the bad news is that some of our feathered friends think so too, and my crop is fast being decimated. I do not know what species is the culprit, but my allotment neighbours (who are also suffering in the same way) are pointing the finger at the local pigeons and magpies, with pheasants being another possibility.

As indicated in my last diary, I kept my eyes open in Greece for any sign of allotment activity, but saw none. The only item of horticultural interest I can report, is that a large number of yachts there had a pot with some herb growing in it in the stern area, where the crew would sit to relax and have meals. I am fairly certain that these must have been brought on board, not because there were a large number of gastronomic sailors in the Ionian Sea, but to keep insects away; and the plant is likely to have been some form of mint – perhaps *menthe piperita* (from which menthol is distilled) – which is said to repel flies and other insects. (It is also said that if you rub the leaves on your skin, it will give a delicious cooling feeling).

Finally, a question for those of my readers who know more about horticulture than me (which isn't difficult). Why is it that, when you have a bare patch on your lawn (caused, for example, by your stupidity in thinking that if you use an incinerator on your lawn on bricks, all the heat will go upwards, and none will go down and burn the grass), and you sow grass seed, it does not germinate and grow into grass, despite regular watering – whereas grass will happily grow between paving stones or in gravel, where there is next to no earth for its roots to get any sustenance, and it never gets watered?

Peter Shorrock



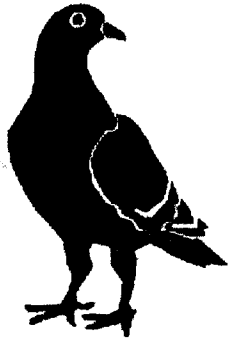
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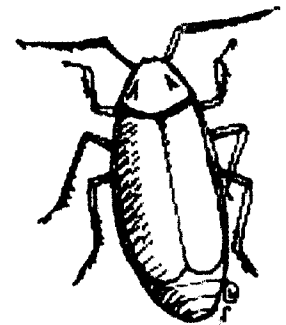
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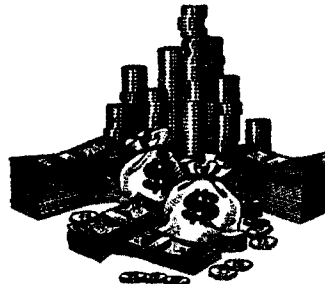
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Dear Ed. Just a note to thank all the people who helped in the Tea Room on fete day: Jan, Mary, Linda, Alison, Shirley and Carol as well as Colin (tea pot duties) and Phil Spooner who helped clear up at the end. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Also of course a big thank you to all who made cakes and scones. The teas made £354 profit on the day.
Sally Palmer

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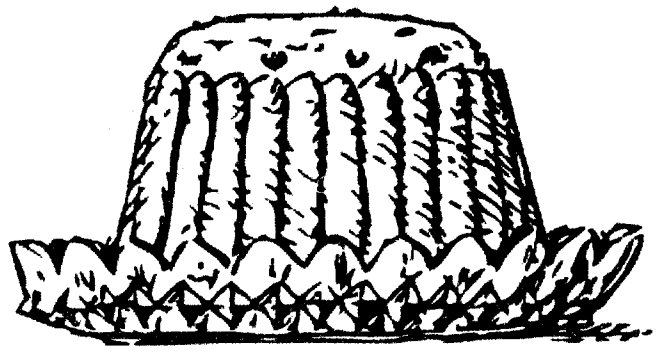
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Recipe from Dorothy Lee SPICED BREAD PUDDING

8ozs Stale (or at least day old) bread, crust removed
2 teaspoons mixed spice
whole nutmeg
4ozs sultanas
1oz currants
1oz raisins
3 tbspoons brandy
10 fluid ozs milk
2ozs butter melted, plus a little extra for greasing dish
3ozs dark soft brown sugar
1 large beaten egg
(optional) grated zest of half orange and a lemon (but does make a difference)
1 tbspoon demarara sugar



METHOD

1. Put sultanas, currants and raisins into a bowl, pour over the brandy and leave to marinate for at least 4 hours.
2. In a large bowl break bread into small pieces (I have used a food processor on occasion) add the milk and stir the mixture, leave to soak for at least 30 minutes, all the bread must be soaked.
3. Mix the melted butter, sugar, mixed spice and beaten egg together and add to bread bowl. Using a fork beat the mixture making sure there are no lumps, stir in marinated fruits including any brandy remaining plus the citrus zests.
Pour the mixture into a baking tin (square) and spread to even out, sprinkle with demarara sugar and grated nutmeg.

Place in the centre of the oven for approx one and a quarter hours, gas 4, 180c.

The pudding should be springy to the touch, and I promise tastes wonderful. If serving it warm, a nice creamy brandy sauce or ice cream works well, when served cold it is just like a very moist fruit cake.

SLOE GIN (after much nagging we have convinced Colin Higgs to give us his recipes for Sloe Gin and chutney)

1 pint of Sloes (best picked mid October)
2 bottles of Gin (plus one empty bottle) cheap gin from Aldi is ideal

Prick Sloes (Colin uses a steel knitting needle), Pour equal amounts of Gin into each of the 3 bottles, then divide up the Sloes and put equal amounts of Sloes into each bottle.

Add 4 - 6 ozs sugar to each bottle. Cork up.

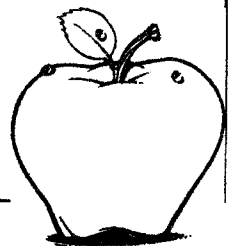
Shake every day for a week to ensure juice is extracted from the Sloes.

Strain in early December. Re-cork and leave for Christmas.

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1lb onions
1lb cooking apples
1lb raisins or sultanas
1lb dem. sugar
1 teaspoon salt/pepper
1 dessert spoon dry mustard

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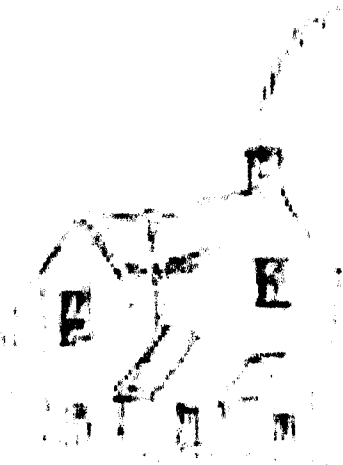
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Aston Abbots Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th May 2010

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (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 Shorrocks 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 Shorrocks, 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 Shorrocks 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 Shorrocks 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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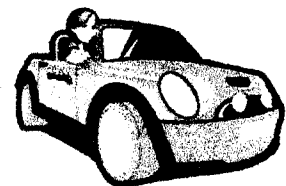
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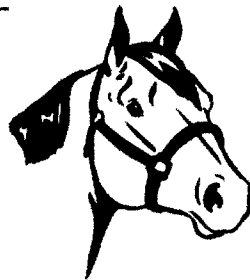
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20 August 2010: Visitors to The Horse Trust in Speen, Buckinghamshire are now able to meet four colts that were rescued from Spindles Farm in January 2008.



For the last 18 months, the colts - Ben, Dazzle, Star and Walt - could not be brought into the main yard as they had not been gelded, so had to be kept separate from the mares. However, when the Gray family lost its appeal against the RSPCA in May 2010, and the ownership of the colts was signed over to the charity, The Horse Trust was finally able to get the colts gelded.

The colts have now fully recovered from the operation and are enjoying getting some well-deserved attention from visitors to the sanctuary. The Horse Trust's Home of Rest for Horses is open every day of the week between 2pm and 4pm. Entrance to the sanctuary is free, but donations are welcomed to enable the charity to meet its running costs. To donate to the charity, visit www.horsetrust.org.uk <<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>>

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Food and drink will be available from 12:30 with music on stage and the community bar open. We will be showing videos on aspects of sustainability as well as various stalls with "Green" products on sale. We are also holding a surplus produce stall and a swap-shop for unwanted tabletop items - no electrical please.

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Astonbury 2010

It was one of those nights again. I just want to thank all who took part, those that did the organisation and every body else for turning up and making it a great night.

The weather was kind to us and both Martin Audio and Shillingford Scaffolding had done us proud, as well as our band of helpers.

We held true to our original principles of encouraging local talent.

We saw the return of Lynn Manning, the new voice of Gemima and sensationally, Simon Longman, whose two numbers were really outstanding. Of course, we had Nigel 'Fingers' Palmer to open the show with the Star Wars medley not to mention the world famous Chunkees. I did hear audience disappointment that they did not close the show. Next year they will! Somewhere behind a mass of drums and cymbals lurked Ian Roberts and his Funk. Simon Gresswell used to live in the village and produced two flawless numbers. It was when at the end of their equally meritorious set that the Spoke singer said " Follow that!" that I knew we were OK. When Haley Wilkinson came on stage with my instruction to " Knock 'em dead"... which she proceeded to do so , ending with a great Etta James number. Then of course the show climaxed with Squid and Rachel Sutton producing a great set There were other professional performances from Nigel Meddelmann and Tony Rees Such a range of performances and styles but all adding up to a feast of music

Next year will be held on 16th July. It will be the 10th Astonbury. We have decided as an organising team it will be our last.

That means 2 things. First, if you want Astonbury to continue then we will help and give you the formula Secondly, since it will be our last we will be going out with a bang. Already bands and singers have been booked to play. So space is going to be short

Again thanks to the team of Dave, Phil, John, Bob, Phil and Nigel and the excellent compere James Perkins (Next time I will keep him sober all night)

Neil Chesher

SWIM, BIKE, RUN 2010

On Saturday 7th August at the Excel Centre London I completed the Mazda Triathlon and it was AMAZING! It was really good fun to do and I can now understand why people get hooked. I honestly think that anyone, no really ANYONE could complete a triathlon. There are lots of different types of triathlons covering different distances so you can choose the one which is most suitable. The training is great cardiovascular exercise and a great way to stay in shape. So if I can give you anything from this experience it would be that I think you who are able should consider taking part in a swim, bike, run event!!

As you know I did the event not only for the fun of it but also for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and have now completed a marathon and triathlon for this very worthy cause. I do find the sponsorship side of things quite stressful as I don't really like asking for money but I am proud and happy to report that I reached well over my target of £500 and the final amount is going to be nearer £800 which is fantastic. I could not have raised this amount without the help of friends and family and it is them who deserve the praise in helping to reach my sponsorship goal.

The beautiful people at the Summer Ball gave very generously when I whipped out my collection bucket and after some serious rattling managed to collect £130.!

My company (Abundant Media) were kind enough to sponsor me so they bought my wet suit in return for having the company logo on my running top.

For the people who gave personal donations and to everyone who helped me achieve my goal I am eternally thankful and in this present economic climate it is fantastic how generous you all have been.

The actual race went really well and I swam 750m in 17 minutes; I cycled 20km in 40 minutes and ran 5km in 26 minutes. Along with the quick transitions I completed my first triathlon in 1 hour 32 minutes and brought home a position of 430th out of 1500.

Big thanks also to the cool people who came on the day to watch and support me and special thanks to Papa Jones for making a wicked "skin tight" banner.

Peace and Love and I'll be in touch when I decide what challenge to take on next!

Alex Perkins

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Astonbury - View from the sound desk (aka From Glastonbury to Astonbury)

My Astonbury experience tends to be different from the rest of the Astonbury team. For them the three preceding months are spent in frenzied planning and preparation whilst the day itself evaporates in a happy alcoholic haze. In my case, the reverse happens. The three preceding months are spent in a happy alcoholic haze whilst the big day is spent in frenzied planning and preparation...

Seriously though, I have been happy, proud and privileged to be a part of the Astonbury festival for the last five years. It is staged by a very special and dedicated team of good friends who expend an enormous amount of time and effort to try and ensure that everybody has a good time. This team is supported by a number of fantastic volunteers.

On the Wednesday before Astonbury, Shillingford Scaffolding - Martin Shillingford, Tony, Ell, Nelly, Mark, Darren - arrives to construct our wonderful stage. Over the next two days the stage is boarded, with most of the team and several staunch helpers taking all day Friday to ensure it is ready. This year the stage was even carpeted (although most performers refused to wear slippers).

Saturday is a furious hive of activity. From early on the team is decorating the stage whilst lighting man Donnie Douglas runs the power distribution from the hired 100kVA generator and Dave Lewis wires the stage.

Soon a huge van of PA equipment arrives, accompanied by Nigel Meddemmen and Jerry Judd from Martin Audio who generously loaned the system. The four huge subwoofers are dusty - genuine Glastonbury dust from their last outing on the Pyramid Stage I am assured. Also kindly loaned is an amazing digital mixing desk from Digico. Whilst this is being connected and tested Ian Roberts sets up his amazing Roland V-Drums, which will be used by all the acts that require drums.

By 2pm the stage is mainly decorated, the lights are tested, and the PA system is up and running. The sound system is, as my American nephew would say, "awesome!" Now the first artists turn up to do their sound checks. Yours truly is really getting really busy now as I try to attend to the multiple requests of 'more bass in the monitors' and 'less bass in the monitors'. Meanwhile the lights are being tested and Dave Lewis is frantically running audio and power cables as fast as you can say "choc-block" or "gaffer-tape".

Around six I take the car home, but I have to come straight back. It's now 6.30 - but there's no audience! 6.35... 6.40... is nobody going to come this year??? Suddenly huge numbers of people start arriving and before you know it we are nearly full. Fantastic, but it's time to start....

Elsewhere in this issue Neil will detail the various musicians who played. We had over a dozen wonderful acts some of who had not performed before, or had not performed to such a large audience.

I'd like to tell you there were no hitches, but of course there were... one act didn't turn up, the running order was changed 'on the fly', and a loud pop when a bass guitar was plugged into an un-muted input tripped the current fuse on the PA system. Fortunately the audience was making so much noise that most of them didn't notice the inadvertent minute's silence. But the hitches didn't matter, the music flowed, the atmosphere was great, and everybody seemed to be having a fantastic time.

By the time Lol's fireworks died away I was ready for the pub, but it took another hour to de-rig and get the equipment into secure storage. However, the beer, when I finally got it, tasted so, so sweet....

A donation has been made to Help For Heroes from the proceeds. Next year - 2011 - will be the tenth and last Astonbury. The organising team is already thinking about how they can make it special, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

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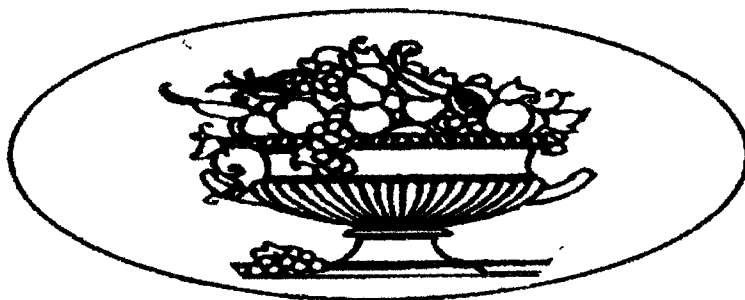
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NATURE WATCH

Midsummer day is now long gone and the days are noticeably shorter. We have had a real mixed bag of weather with long periods of hot sunny days in July followed by a wet August.

Inevitably there are changes from year to year and all we can do is take what comes. For instance I have not heard a cuckoo for two years now – why? Is it weather or is there another reason. For the last three years at least there have been two song thrushes resident in the fields and hedges rather than in gardens at this end of the village. Not so this year. What is worrying is that more species of birds and animals are apparently in decline than on the increase. There are a few success stories and the Red Kite is one of those but that had a strong helping hand from humankind. Is there a lesson here?

Our countryside is very much man made. If we were not here the country would be covered with dense forest and the animals and birds would be very different. Wolf and bear would be common. Given that our landscape is man made we can assume that the population balance of wild fauna and flora if not entirely controlled by man, are very nearly so. We need to be very careful.

What we can't control is the seasons and in three weeks or so the swallows and house martins will have set off on their journey to sub-Saharan Africa. Such little birds, such a long flight.

Alan Jones



Link Romania Shoebox Appeal.

Last year, many of you enjoyed the opportunity of sending Christmas shoeboxes filled with modestly priced yet useful items to desperately poor Romanian families through 'Link Romania'.

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Wrapped, filled shoeboxes will need to be ready and passed to Shirley Ford by **Fri. Oct. 15th**

Shirley, who can be contacted on **681865**, has leaflets explaining in detail what can and cannot be included and forms on which the contents of each box needs to be listed for customs purposes.

Recently, the Romanian Government passed a law forbidding any company to employ people with less than 8 years education. If you were able to finish school and get an education then the law hopes to improve the standard of the workforce. If however you are one of the poor or marginalised groups, and you didn't either go to school or finish it, then the story is very different. It now means that in these communities some people (often fathers) will never be able to find a regular job.

These people grew up in the Ceausescu era where children often did not complete their schooling, and children especially in rural areas were required to help their families survive. They dropped out before Year 8 and have worked to provide for their families ever since.

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NEW MANAGEMENT FOR CHURCH ROOM

Although we still do not have the lease for the Church Room from the church solicitor, and as Colin Higgs is retiring from half a lifetime as manager of the Room, a new management team will take over the administration from 1st September. Instead of a single person being responsible for the management, a small team will assume the responsibility led by Tracy Hinds. Janice has intimated that she would take over the PR duties and the new committee therefore requires additional members to lighten the load.

With this in mind there will be a meeting in the Church Room on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 p.m. to thrash out the organisation and allocate terms of reference for the committee.

Those who are interested in helping to run the Church Room or have an interest in how it should be run are invited to attend and offer their suggestions. The following organisations have shown an interest in using the Room in the past and therefore would wish to be represented at the meeting:

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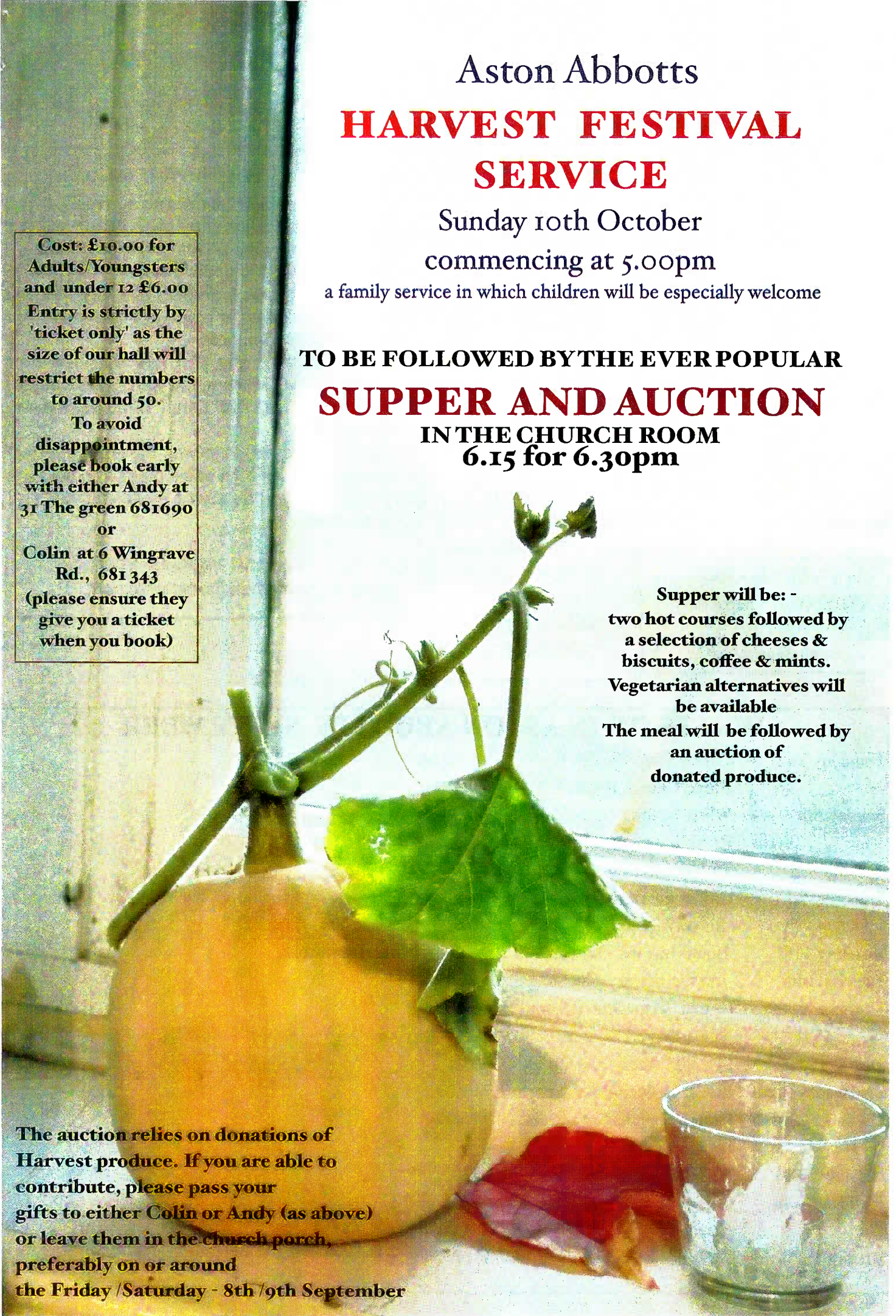
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On Sunday, 12th of September 2010 the House doors will be opened to the public in a rare opportunity to see inside this lasting reminder of Victorian decorative style. Our team of guides, many of them serving RAF personnel, will be on hand to elaborate on the history of the House both in the Rothschild era and in RAF hands. A shuttle bus will run between the House and the Station's Trenchard Museum, where visitors can learn more about the history of the Station and the RAF's Apprentice Scheme. St George's Church will also be open where there are over 100 stained glass windows and other memorabilia commemorating the RAF Halton Apprentices.

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We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month, between 7.30- 9.30pm at the Methodist Church schoolroom in Nup End Lane. £2.00 per meeting.

If you are interested in joining the club whether on a regular or occasional basis please contact me and I can give you details or email you the programme.

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St James Church September

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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.

JULY

5th Evensong 6pm T.B.A.

12th Communion Rev. Peter Binns 10.15 am

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12th Gordon	11th/12 Ann/Gordon	11th Ann Goodman	11th Adam
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MINE'S BIGGER THAN YOUR'S!!!

Over the last few months, early Friday night discussions at the Royal Oak have inevitably got round to the subject of who could grow the biggest vegetables. Initially, this bragging just involved Mike Bush & Simon Guy but soon others were claiming the ones they were growing were even bigger. I'm not sure who it was that suggested a competition, but I do know it was immediately after some particularly outrageous claims being made about the size of beans being grown on the allotment. And so it was that the great Aston Abbotts Bean competition was born.

Much 'leg pulling' boasting, secrecy and taunts increased tension right up to the day set for judging, Sat. August the 28th at 7.00 pm.

The official Judge, Tim Peacock, selected for his sobriety and total impartiality, was to travel up from Wiltshire and to be assisted by his 'certified' measurer Andy Shillingford. A very ancient brass rule, calibrated to within the smallest part of a gnats private anatomy was supplied by myself and, after much debate, rules were drawn up. Thus the 'stage' was set.

On the day, packages measuring upwards of a yard long and allegedly containing huge specimen of the Legume family (mostly of course *Phaseolus vulgaris*) appeared, increasing speculation. As the clock neared 7.00, tensions rose. Much ale was quaffed and at least one contestant's entry was snapped in two by a rival when he overheard it was the longest one he could find in 'Tesco's'. It was only when the Judges donned their white coats that the gravitas demanded of the occasion was restored and order returned.

With dozens of 630 members crowding round as witnesses, the packages were examined, and it quickly became clear that all was not as it had seemed!! Many revealed beans of very little merit; others just had beans sticking out each end of a package intending rather to naively, to fool the Judges. Perhaps the most ingenious was Lol. Hind's submission, which comprised several pieces of bean carefully held together with cocktail sticks!! However, the Judges were not fooled and despite being copiously plied with ale, their resolve remained firm and focused, and results were declared as follows.

Tony Hinds has long claimed to have the longest and this was confirmed as being fourteen and seven sixteenths of an inch.

Simon Guy's was second at thirteen and thirteen sixteenths of an inch.

Ray Wilkinson came a credible third with twelve and three sixteenths of an inch.

Tim had generously supplied a bottle of wine for the winner but this was sportingly shared with Mike & Simon by Tony since they had submitted the four best matched beans.

The consensus was that it had been a very enjoyable event and should be repeated Many claimed how easy it would be to grow sixteen inch bean and vowed they would compete next year.. However, there was considerable trepidation when names like Clark, Shorrocks, Scott, Bystra and Higgs were mentioned as being possible contenders!!!



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Summer Ball

I would like to thank James for a fantastic evening at the Ball the organisation was great, food delicious, music loud and enjoyed by most.

Unfortunately there were a few people who decided to take home the table decorations which were beautiful and very tempting. Maybe these people did not realise that they containers had been generously loaned for the evening and it would be appreciated if those responsible would return the buckets and glass fish bowl to April Curnow or James Perkins. Just leave them on the doorstep if you don't want to own up to a drunken moment.

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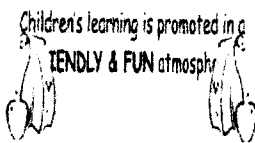
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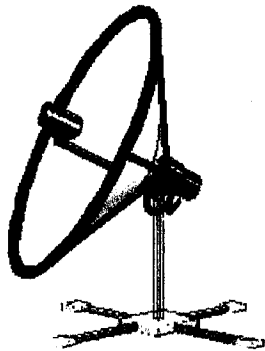
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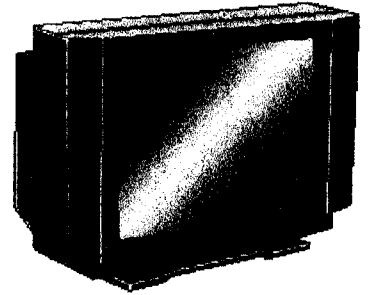
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Things to Ponder...

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Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Have you noticed since everyone has a cell phone that takes pictures these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant...

The easiest way to find something lost around the house or shop is to buy a replacement.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Sad News...

We are deeply saddened to report the loss of a well-known and dearly loved village fingernail. Its recent manicuring, lamination and a two-hour painting session failed to prevent the tragic and traumatic loss, which occurred whilst its owner was helping her husband put the cover on his aircraft.

The fingernail was brought back to Aston Abbotts by air and, as a mark of respect, the owner's friends will hold a wake at the wailing wall on the north face of St James' Church on September 1st.

Our sincerest condolences to the bereaved.

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