

# THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine - September 2011



# Editorial

The weather on the morning of Astonbury X was dreadful. Huge credit to the team who finalised the set-up of the stage and equipment in all that rain. And what a fantastic evening it was! For me the stars of the show were the lady songsters and Simon Longman and mega drummer Ian Roberts. The three 'groupies' supporting the Chunkies had the paparazzi crawling all over them for shots of their specially printed t-shirts. The morning after you would not have known it had happened despite the spoiling tactics of some youths throwing rubbish and bottles about the village late at night. Well done everyone for a great night out.

The weather was kind for the fete. With my three grand children and their attendants it proved very difficult to get passed the bouncy castle, the tea cups and the face painting. I had a go at getting Dave Lewis soaked but my aim was poor and I got myself wetter than him. Well done Tracy and Vanessa, and all your willing helpers, for a fabulous afternoon. On behalf of the Chronicle I would wish to express a big thank you for the Festival Committee's payment of £600 towards the cost of printing without which our village magazine could not continue.

With a house full of family Judy and I couldn't go to the Ball. I gather it was a very enjoyable evening - well done James Perkins and his team for another wonderful village event.

Judy and I spent two weeks in France on Cap Ferret (about one hour south of Bordeaux). It's a narrow peninsular with the Atlantic one side and an inland sea the other. All our children and grandchildren spent some time with us which was great. We hired bicycles and ventured out onto the dedicated network of cycle tracks - very busy, you had to keep to the right - cycling is taken very seriously and the more proficient travel at high speed.

We had a visit from a police constable at lunchtime on Sunday 4th September asking if we heard or saw anything unusual as there had been an attempted break-in the previous day at The Gables (the house being extensively renovated, next to the gate on Lines Hill). As we had only got home at 8.30pm on Saturday we couldn't help with any information - if you saw anything then let the police know.

*John*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

### September

Vannessa Worrall	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Piers Parker	4 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher Fox	6 <sup>th</sup>
Fiona Whyte	6 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Smith	8 <sup>th</sup>
Claire Gresswell	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Palmer	18 <sup>th</sup>
Louise Palmer	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Ellis	20 <sup>th</sup>
Halisi Drysdale	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Stephen Oldfield	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mel Smith	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Anna Picking	24 <sup>th</sup>
Alex Dutton	25 <sup>th</sup>
Liz Hall	25 <sup>th</sup>
Lynne Maguire	26 <sup>th</sup>
Adrian Dixon	30 <sup>th</sup>

### MOBILE LIBRARY 13th & 27th September 10.30am The Green

The Mobile Library is one of the few resources we have coming into the village and it's free!!!! At the moment there are only three people using this service! We are so lucky to have it still and it would be a shame to loose it. So please do 'USE IT' or we are in danger of 'LOOSING IT'!

Congratulations to Ben and Victoria Sim from Nashs Farm who were married on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and then enjoyed a honeymoon on safari in Kenya.

Congratulations and best wishes to Chris & Sarah Phillips of Ross Road who are expecting another child.

A warm welcome to Michael (Mick) Allum who has moved into Jeff & Sam's bungalow. Mick has been living in Oz for the last 23 years. Mick's son Sean (Cheffy) *who is engaged to Laura Chapman* used to run the Jug in Hardwick and now lives in Brill.

I saw a weird thing in my orchard. A crow was beating to death a baby rabbit that had just popped out of it's hole. The mother then came along and chased the crow off but it was too late. Has anyone else seen this happen?

We just wanted to say a big "thank you" to all those people who helped to make Astonbury a very special occasion this year! We had a terrific time and it really was a night to remember!

Our Norwegian friends made the journey from Oslo to join us at Astonbury and couldn't believe that our small village could put on such a brilliant night and we felt very proud to be part of it all!

I know it has been said before but how lucky we are to live in such a place where people are willing to put in so much effort to make these occasions so special!

Astonbury followed by the Village Fete and Summer Ball! A July to remember!

Huge thanks to all involved! *Jo Perkins and Alan Jones*

I think you speak for the whole village *Ed*

### ANDY & DIANA SHILLINGFORD

This is to say au revoir and Good Luck to Andy and Diana Shillingford who are moving to Cyprus to live. Diana Frances Kent was born in Aston Abbots and attended the village school – then Wingrave and on to Wing. Andy was brought up in Cheddington with his brothers and sister and also attended Wing School. After leaving school their paths didn't cross for many years. Diana moved to Wing to the house she has lived in for 21 years. Eventually they met up again, fell in love and were married in Cyprus in 2004. It was a wonderful occasion that many of their family and friends attended – including Diana's Aunt and Uncle from New Zealand. They settled in Wing but it has long been their ambition to live and work in Cyprus that they know pretty well as Andy's parents moved out there some years ago, and they have taken Andy's boys out there most years. They are regular visitors to the Royal Oak and Andy is a member of the 630 Club and goes on Tony's race outings, and they always attend the village fete and Astonbury.

We will miss them! They are both extremely hard workers and very versatile so we are certain they will make a success of their new life. We are sure they will both be back on visits; so Good Luck and lots of love from, *Mum, Tony, Stephen and Carol* P.S. Guess where our holiday will be next year.....?

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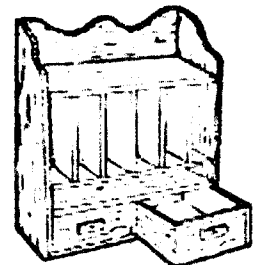
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## Church Room Reception Cheese & Wine

12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm

Why not drop in for a few minutes to give us your views about future building, planning and development in the village?

In preparation for the coming Localism Bill, expected to be passed by Parliament within the next 12 months, your views, thoughts and concerns are wanted by your Parish Council.

With representatives from AVDC and interested groups, the Parish Council invite you to hear more details and to share your thoughts over a glass of wine.

## Astonbury 2012? We need your help !

OK OK... enough people have come to me saying Astonbury can't stop, so we'll do our best to ensure the show goes on !

We're now looking for a show of commitment to produce next year's show...

If you want to get involved, can give up your time to set-up and/or clean-up, have specialist skills we could use or are connected with anyone who could supply kit, please let me know via [simon.longman@gmail.com](mailto:simon.longman@gmail.com) or 681926 ASAP. We can't take for granted any of the continued generosity of past years, so we're looking at all options to approach people NOW! If you are free, I also suggest we meet for a drink in the **Royal Oak** on **Tuesday 20th Sept at 8pm** to put the plan/team together. *Simon Longman*

## Aston Abbots Website

The Aston Abbots village website has been updated and expanded - at long last. It is hoped to update the site much more regularly now and maybe make documents - like the Village Plan - available for download. The address is:

[www.aston-abbotts.co.uk](http://www.aston-abbotts.co.uk)

This is a website for the village and I want it to be useful to villagers as well as to people looking up Aston Abbots on the internet. If there is something you would like to see on the site then please email me - you will find contact details on the site. I would also be interested in adding more photo galleries, so if you have taken some interesting pictures of Aston Abbots or village events please get in touch. I would also like to add any pictures of Aston Abbots in the past and I'd be grateful if I could borrow any for scanning - they will be returned unharmed and very promptly. Thank you.

*Phil Spooner*

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## **Astonbury X** by *Neil Chesher*

Well, what a night!

We had some really great performances and some quite emotional ones. I feel it to be a total privilege to have been part of something so good which has lasted for 10 years.

Needless to say that this was a team effort, no more so than in the final few days and final few hours. To those who asked about the weather I always said ahead of the show it was going to be OK. However, I awoke early on the Thursday morning tormented by the weather forecasts and by 2.30 in the morning had concluded we had to have a roof to the stage.

At 7.45 I was doing emails to the team about a roof and it was John Whyte who located and sourced a cover 12m by 8m by 10am, ordered by noon and delivered the next day.

It was mid morning Thursday when I got Dave to use his silver tongue and persuade Shillingford, the Scaffolders, to come back with cross beams. 2 1/2 hours later they were on site and left us with the skeleton of the roof.

Meanwhile the team got on with fitting out the stage. There was a great sense of purpose and camaraderie and the whole thing, whilst hard work, was great fun.

On Friday, eventually, the cover arrived and we tried getting it in place in the teeth of a gale. After many ingenious solutions the roof was on and tied down, although flapping somewhat.

The electrics went in and the lights and the stage dressed with rope lights and banners.

Normally on a Saturday morning I am banned from the Rec but in a persistent rainstorm I saw genius at work as the saggy roof, full of water, was persuaded to dump its contents on a minute by minute basis.

I arrived at 2pm to do the sound checks and the sun came out. Fantastic, and we were away starting on the preparations for another show

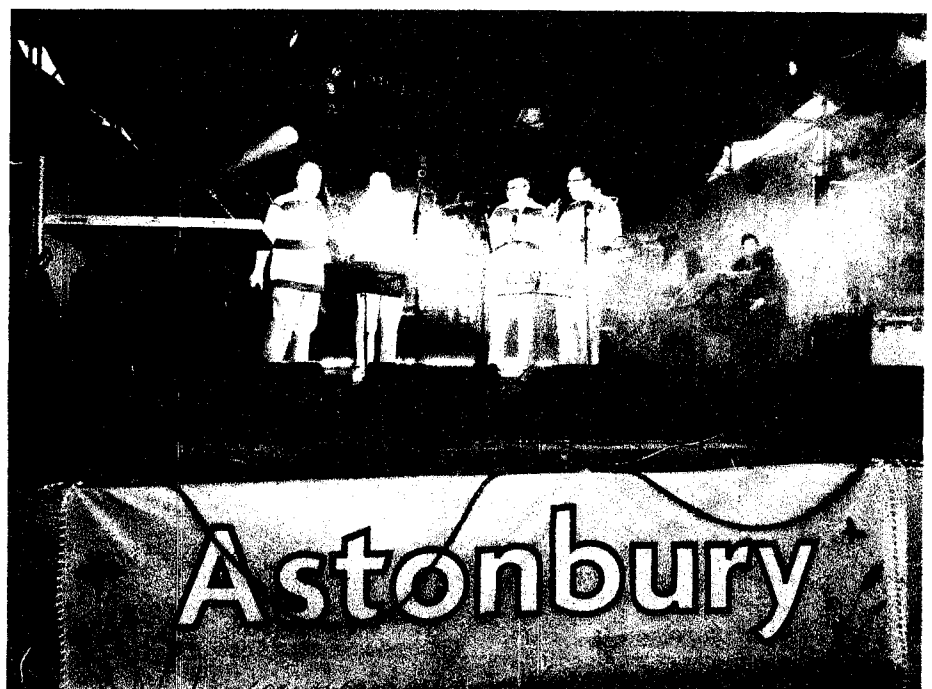
The audience reaction to the show was exactly what we had been seeking, and the underlying principle of Astonbury held good. We were giving local people the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability to an audience size they could only dream about.

In the end the stage looked great and the roof added another visual dimension. It kept the smoke in! Thanks to all who helped in what ever capacity. We had many generous people and companies who made it work. Astonbury fulfilled a dream of mine and the results were fantastic.

I hope someone else will pick up the baton and will continue with Astonbury, as our organising team says farewell. We chose the Chunkee's farewell song as far back as last September and it turned out to be exactly right.

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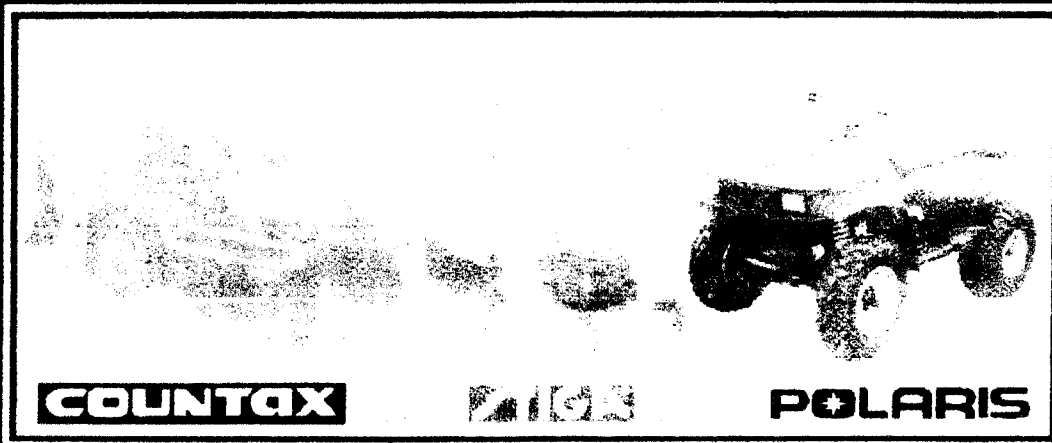
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Dear Webmaster (Phil?)

Love it. I hadn't visited the site for ages and it was such a surprise - you must have worked really hard to get all that information up there!

I loved the Chronicle history pages, such a fun gallop through our years in the village. What - we vaporized three issues of The Chronicle? What a hoot.

I missed Astonbury this year to my dismay, so it was great to see the videos. Oh, those Chunkies... Do pass on congrats to anyone who helped build this site. Thanks so much to you all.

*Caroline Lane*

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#### *Royal Oak News*

This month it's all about GREAT food down at your local. There is plenty to choose from with some fantastic offers.

**Vintage (OAP) Lunch time offer – Two Courses £6.95** Like a great wine the older you get the better you get (see what we did there) and we are celebrating that by offering our older friends a great lunch time offer of two courses for £6.95 from our special menu.

**Pie nights are Thursday nights!** £6.95 will get you a fantastic home made pie meal, you could even have a few beers and see if you could get pie eyed (we are soooo funny).

**Fancy a bit of crackling!** Our Roasts are getting a bit of name for themselves....So why not come down and see what all the fuss is about! There's a choice of Succulent Beef, Beautiful Chicken or mouth watering Pork with crackling all available every Sunday lunch time. 1 Course £9.95 2 Courses £11.95 3 Courses £14.95

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Website updated 31st August 2011

Some of the people who live in Aston Abbotts seem to feel that their village is a little bit special. Perhaps most people feel that the place where they live is special, but some Aston Abbotts residents are quite passionate about their village.

At first it's difficult to put your finger on just what makes them feel so. Aston Abbotts is a pretty village, but you'd have to admit that it's not the prettiest village in England, not even the prettiest village in Bucks. The countryside is very nice, but not spectacular. The location is good, perhaps not the best placed for some purposes, but good for most people. So just what is it that makes some people love the village so much and makes them feel that is just that little bit special?

Perhaps the best thing that can happen to an to Aston Abbotts newcomer is to discover the spirit of friendliness and inclusiveness within the village. New people are always welcome, whether they wish to join in with village activities or not. And those activities themselves are an indication of the strong social structure and sense of community.

## SO WHAT'S SO SPECIAL?

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at the website  
all about  
your village



## Village Orchard

We are very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by villagers for the orchard. The first order for fruit trees has been made and subsequent orders will be placed up to and including the likely dates for the first planting of trees. Dependent on the state of the soil this will be on weekends around 'Apple Day' on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

The first tree, a 'Stewkley Red' plum, will be planted by Christine Scott. If you would like to be present when the tree you have donated is planted then please contact Peter Knight – he will be happy for your assistance in preparing the place for the tree.

To date we have approximately 60 trees to plant so it's likely planting will be spread over two weekends. Further details will be in next month's Chronicle.

It is not proposed to allow any free standing plaques or memorials in the orchard, but rather that names or words of memorial be included in the detailed record mentioned.

If you would like to donate a tree, for planting this year, then please contact either Peter Knight, John Hardcastle or Gordon Smith as soon as possible or put a note through Peter's door at 59 The Green, and we will try to get your tree included in the October week-ends of planting. A number of people have asked for more than one tree and we feel it appropriate to let each household order two trees if they wish. In future years this restriction can be reconsidered.

Marker posts have been placed to delineate the avenues of trees - please take the time to see the site of your Village Orchard - we are confident it will be a great asset to the village.

### Vic Scott Orchard Tree sponsor form

We would be grateful if those who have offered to sponsor a tree could complete and return this form, with their cheque made out to 'The Vic Scott Orchard', to Peter Knight at 59 The Green.

We shall keep a record in the form of a book that we hope to have easily available. This will contain a 'map' of the orchard, to help with identification and finding trees that have been individually sponsored; a photographic record; and whatever words sponsors might like to include in the record. Some villagers have said that they would like to consider 'their' tree as a form of memorial, and this would be a good place to express that. We would like to put the variety of the tree and the name of the sponsor. Beyond that, it is entirely up to sponsors what they wish to put; we suggest up to a limit of about 150 words. To make sure that we have these words correctly, would you please put below or on a separate sheet what you would like to say.

In addition, we think that sponsors might like to have a record in the orchard itself, in the form of tags on the actual trees – this is optional. The tags used will come from Bradenham Hall (we have a sample if you would like to see one). They cost £2.50 each: these will need to be bought in bulk, which we will do. They will have a small fixing hole and the date of planting. Apart from that there is room for four lines, each of which can have 25 letters or spaces. We would like the first line to be the variety of the tree; after that you have 3 lines, so for example:

*WORCESTER PEARMAN*  
Donated by John Brown &  
Elizabeth Brown  
i.m. Frederick Brown

Please fill in here what you would like to say if you order a tag.

----- (variety of tree, if known)

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Name:

Phone/email

I enclose a cheque for one tree/two trees at £30 each. I want/do not want also to have individual tree tags, and have/have not added £2.50 per tag.

# Community News

Brought forward from last month:

**Digital TV** – don't forget on 14<sup>th</sup> September BBC2 in this area received from the Oxford transmitter will be switched to "digital". If you have an older style TV and need help to understand what will be needed Community Impact Bucks can help you 0845 389 0389, or you can contact the Help Scheme run by Digital UK website at [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk) or call them on 08456 50 50 50. There is a drop-in Advice Point in Friars Square 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Road Speed constraints - Area 12 and 13 Speed Limit Review** – Aston Abbots is area 12- seen anything? Nor have I! The Parish Council will continue to press for developments.

## August news;

The **Village SOS Competition** will give around 250 awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 to kick start community businesses. They want to support inspiring business ideas that will bring people together in villages across the UK and support activities and enterprises that will tackle the challenges they face. For more information visit [www.villagesos.org.uk](http://www.villagesos.org.uk) or call Community and Advice Line on 0845 434 9123.

**Village Plan Questionnaire**, thank you to all those people who took the time to complete the questionnaire, we have had a good response – not too late if you still want to submit yours! Details and the analysis will be published shortly.

**National Planning Policy Framework:** The Government Department of Communities and Local Government issued a media release indicating "Dramatic simplification of planning guidance to encourage sustainable growth", "a new, simpler framework for the planning system that safeguards the environment while meeting the need for sustainable growth", a "National planning policy" A short summary of the main proposals in the draft Framework can be found at: [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframeworksummary](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframeworksummary)  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframeworksummary>.

There will be a launch of the **Community Car Federation and Employer, charity and community awards presentation** by the Volunteer Workout project to recognise the work of the organisations who have worked closely and consistently with Volunteer Workout to make the project work. The Community Impact Bucks Showcase event will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30pm at the Green Park Conference Centre, Aston Clinton. There will also be free workshops which will be running between 5pm and 5.45pm. The subjects on offer are Rural Deprivation, Volunteering, Trustee responsibilities, risks and rewards and Sustainable Funding.

**Vale Economy.** This AVDC scheme provides grants of up to £3,000 for start-up businesses and £5,000 for established businesses. Applications can be made for help towards capital expenditure such as machinery and tools, marketing and advertising, research and development, staff training and recruitment costs and property rental subsidy. For more information see <http://www.investaylesburyvale.com/>. Over 75 Aylesbury Vale businesses have received a grant through the fund to date, with 37 of these starting up for the first time and expanding in size. Plus Funding for Community Shops - The Village Retail Services Association see <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/core.cfm>

**Church Room Reception** - On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm there will be an opportunity for all villagers to come along to the Church Room to a wine and cheese reception. No this is not a free drink, although no cost in cash, the Parish Council do want you to review the information on hand and give us your ideas and concerns. Requested via AVDC the PC are required to have a consultation process in place with the villagers, this is in some ways an extension of work already done but is specifically relevant to the changes that are going to happen shortly once the Localism Bill is passed, probably early 2012, and specifically relates to development and planning. So please come along for 15 minutes or so to see what it is all about.

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*In an office:* AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

*Spotted in a safari park:* ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

## VIC SCOTT'S DIARIES September 1954

### The weather

A continuance of the cool, wet weather that has been pretty general throughout the summer, but with a few more bright sunny days. Winds often very strong and gusty, mainly of a westerly direction throughout most of the month.

### Bird Life

Most of the summer visitors left early this year; the last Common Whitethroats seen during the first week of the month, and the Spotted Flycatchers and Willow warblers departing by the 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the Chiffchaff was heard for the last time; whilst in the evenings the increasing numbers of starlings passing over in flocks on their way to their communal roost show that winter is fast approaching.

### Insect Life

Despite the cold, wet summer, wasps have been very common this year and have been a considerable nuisance in the gardens and orchards. Butterflies and most species of moths have been scarce, even more so than last year, though the small tortoiseshell has again been very common, and the comma and both the peacock and red admiral have appeared in fair numbers.

### Mammals

Throughout the month myxomatosis continued to spread slowly, affecting approximately half the parish by the end of the month. Estimated death rate among rabbits in area of initial outbreak 99%.

## Bike ride

My son Dan and I are doing a big (for us) bike ride in September. It's the C2C (sea to sea), 130 miles or so from Whitehaven/Lake District across the Pennines to Tynemouth. We've talked about doing this for ages and we are finally committed – raising money for ACE Africa, a charity helping rural communities in Kenya and Tanzania living with AIDs and HIV, caring for orphans, vulnerable children and their families. If anyone feels like sponsoring us that would be most welcome, as it's all starting to feel rather alarming (big hills, and I have enough trouble with Lines Hill...):

<http://www.justgiving.com/bikeridesea2sea>

Many thanks. (No, I'm not doing this on my folding bike – I do have another!)

Caroline Lane & Daniel Smith, 2 Church Row (681373)

*A must for your diaries;-*

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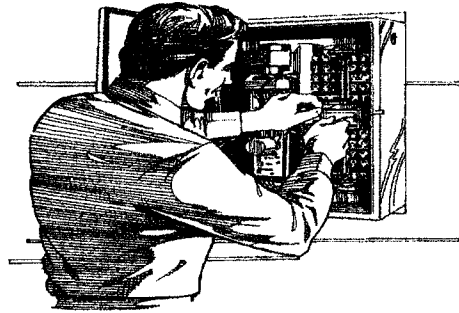
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## ALLOTMENT DIARY

I am happy to say that the rumours I spread about the decease of my fuschia bush were greatly exaggerated; it has now burst into life, and is flowering as well as ever - although there is a large amount of dead wood, which I am now cutting out. (I understand from older and wiser gardeners that it is very common for a fuschias to look dead in the spring: they produce leaves later than many other plants. I was clearly expecting the worst after the freezing weather in the last winter, and made a wrong assumption).

During the other spell of unusual weather we had - the drought in April and May - there were dire predictions in the press about the effect this would have on crops later on in the year, and it was asserted that, amongst other crops, potatoes were going to suffer, and would not recover from their being deprived of water during this vital part of their growing cycle. I am pleased to say that so far as I can tell from my own crops, the potato harvest has not suffered at all: most of the varieties of potato that I have dug up so far have produced excellent crops - indeed one variety, a new species called Vivaldi, has produced an outstanding number of large and unblemished tubers. I have still to dig up my main-crop potatoes, but certainly so far there is no need to panic and expect the price of potatoes to go through the roof later this year.

Indeed, so far this has been a good year for almost everything: the best ever year for summer fruiting raspberries; my apple trees are laden; the sweetcorn crop is doing very well, and beans and peas were both up to scratch. The courgette plants are still producing courgettes faster than I can eat them. The only disappointments have been my Victoria plums and black currants. I had thought that perhaps the plum blossom had been attacked by a late frost, but April, who lives next door to me has a very large crop of Victorias; and I now think that the problem is that I had an enormous crop of plums last year, and the tree is now taking a year to recuperate, which I have read plum trees are inclined to do. However, my greengage tree has performed well, and my only problem there was picking the gages as soon as they were ripe, before the wasps could eat them.

Meanwhile, in the greenhouse I have had a glut of cucumbers, and am still having a glut of tomatoes. And, for the first year ever (after several years trying), I have succeeded in growing some aubergines. I have found that the trick is to grow the plants in pots, rather than planting them directly into the soil. I reckon that this has two benefits: first it increases the amount of water that remains around the roots; and secondly the soil in the pots remains warmer, since it is surrounded by the warm air in the greenhouse.

I mentioned in my last article that I was visiting relations in the French Alps, where the allotments had, the last time I visited, been attacked by a marauding wild boar, that had dug up all the potatoes. I found that this problem had not reoccurred, but that they had a new difficulty with which to contend. One of the allotment holders there insists on growing nothing but potatoes on his allotment. As you will know, the books all tell you that you need to grow different crops each year, since that way you don't have the same chemicals being taken out of the soil, and the same nutrients being put into it. If you don't do this, the crop you get from whichever plant you are growing gets progressively smaller. Not only is this happening on this French allotment (which of course only affects the grower himself), but worse, his potatoes have been attacked by some disease, which because of his growing the same crop year after year, is remaining in the soil, and this is now affecting all the other allotments around. The stupid allotment holder is refusing to accept that he is to blame. As a result, my relations' French friends who have allotments, have had to stop growing potatoes! I hope your gardens and allotments are doing as well as mine, and that those of you who are entering the longest runner bean competition are having success in growing beans. I think my plant has peaked too early: I already have beans more than a foot long, but I think they'll all be gone by the day of the judging.

*Peter Shorrock*

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good

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## ASTON ABBOTTS FETE 2011

Many thanks to everyone who showed up to make the fete another great success. We started about 9am with various people joining in along the way. It's always great to get help setting up and clearing away as it is such a back breaking job! There are obviously too many people to thank individually but so many people made this year's fete another enjoyable event, whether it was manning a stall, selling tickets, donating prizes or just turning up to enjoy the event.

We had another very successful year again the total being £3346.06.....£46 pounds up on last year!!! April has giving a break down (see below) as to where the money came from and will be going to etc.

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over next year; having done two we thought someone else might like a go!! Obviously we would still be around to offer help of any kind.

Thanks all for another great fete.

*Vanessa and Tracy*

This poem, by Andy Bystra, was spotted in the Church during the fete. It accompanied his splendid flower arrangement near the altar.

### *The 630 Club*

*Oh good!! Six thirty on the clock!  
It's Saturday, so, 'on the dot',  
us thirsty lads forsake our spouses,  
as lemming like we leave our houses,  
to wend our way to the social hub.  
Where else? but down to village pub.*

*All mustered, happy, pint in hand  
gregarious, noisy, happy band.  
Jokes and plans and deals and such;  
remember friends still missed so much.  
Then all too soon, last pint must sup,  
and 'weave' off home, - our hours up!!*

*Unlike us, those naughty 'Gnomes'  
Sup 'crates of wine' when from their  
homes  
and leave their men for hours & hours  
to do the chores and water flowers.  
But still we love them all so much  
And even call them - 'My Old Dutch'!!!*

### ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FETE 2011 - RECEIPTS

Draw		1162.35
Teas		355.00
Stalls	Pimms	281.93
	Tombola	244.60
	Cakes	245.11
	Plants & Honey	175.20
	Bric-a-Brac & Toys	235.19
	Ice Cream	85.40
	Gifts	78.40
	Books	120.60
	Barbecue	<u>440.13</u>

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### SIDESHOWS

Skittles	63.50
Coconut Shy	77.50
Soak-a-Friend	41.00
Golf & Football	40.50
Horse Racing	10.00
Face Painting	20.00
Dog Show	43.00
Bouncy Castle etc	50.00

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383.50

### GROSS PROCEEDS

**3807.41**

### EXPENDITURE

Band	167.35
Draw Tickets	100.00
Draw Licence	20.00
Drinks Licence	21.00
Morris Men	90.00
Communications	<u>63.00</u>
	461.35

### NET PROCEEDS

**3346.06**

*Payments have been made to the following*

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RECREATION GROUND (15%)	<u>411.90</u>
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*April Curnow - Fete Treasurer*

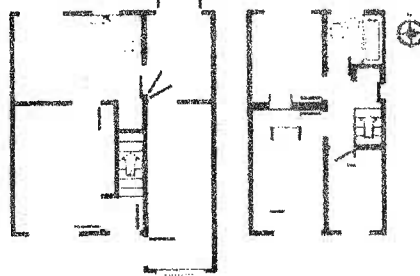
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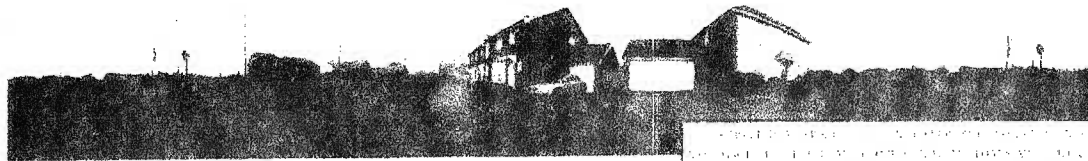
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## Aston Abbotts Dog Show Report



The dog show on Fete day was well supported. We had 66 entries in total and the results were as follows:

**Most Handsome Dog** had 7 entries and was won by Mr. Ellis's Rusty.

Second was Eddie owned by Emma and third was Dart owned by David.

**Prettiest Bitch** had 13 entries and was won by Paul Brown's Izzy.

Second was Honey owned by Shirley Andrews and third was Maisie owned by Steve Markwell.

**Golden Oldie** had 5 entries and the winner was Christine Shaw's 12 year old Monty. Linda's 16 year old Holly was second and Sky 11 3/4, owned by Helen, was third.

**Best Rescue** had 3 entries and was won by Donna Jones's Alfie. Second was Luna, owned by Nina Bodenham and Harvey, owned by Julia Garside, was third.

*There were no entries for Best Child Handler*

**Most Appealing Eyes** had 7 entries and was won by Ian Watt's Dash. Second was Star, owned by Mr Holland and third was Truble, owned by Mr. Ellis.

There was a dead heat for first place in **Waggiest Tail**, which attracted 6 entries. The joint winners were Simon's Rollo and Andrew's Fergus. Second place went to Lexy, owned by Jessica.

**Best Mover** had 5 entries and was won by Mr. Holland's Star, David's Dart coming second and Jessica's Lexy third.

**Sitting Challenge** had 5 entries and was won by Mr. Holland's Star. Shirley's Honey came second and Ian's Dash came third.

**Dog the Judge would most like to take home** attracted 15 entries. The winner was Rosa, owned by Mr. Hope. Roxy, owned by Dawn Horne was second and Julia's Harvey was third.

Our **Best In Show** winner was Dash, owned by Ian Watts. Dash is a Belgium Shepherd Dog and works as a PAT (Pets as Therapy) dog. **Reserve Best in Show** went to Donna Jones's Alfie, a West Highland Terrier Cross, who was our Best Rescue winner.

My thanks to Simon for putting up the ring and gazebo and very special thanks to Liz Clarke (Judge) and Gay Walker for all their help.

*Sally Clarke*

### Update from the 1<sup>st</sup> Wingrave Scout Group

Beaver Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 6-8) In the last few weeks of the summer term the Beavers were busy completing their 'Fitness Challenge', which involved playing cricket and tennis and other games. They also attended the 'County Beaveree' which was a fun-filled day open to all the Beavers in Buckinghamshire, where there were professional entertainers, activities and games in abundance.

Cub Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 8-10) Last term the Cub Scouts undertook a number of activities, including going camping for two nights, playing croquet, researching the history of the village and receiving a visit from the village archivists, visiting Seven Acres and playing a lot of games. The Cubs also worked towards their Artist's Badge, with, amongst other things, a visit from a local photographer

Scouts (for Girls and Boys aged 10-14) Last term the Scouts completed their photography badge, which involved learning about the history of photography, and then developing their own black and white photos. They also went on a walk, via footpath, across the fields from Mentmore Golf Club to Wingrave, to improve their map reading skills and learning about the country code on the way. Most recently the Scouts took part in a District Athletics evening in Wing to earn their Athletics badge.

All three sections took part in the village scarecrow competition and made entries for the village show. Congratulations to the prize winners!

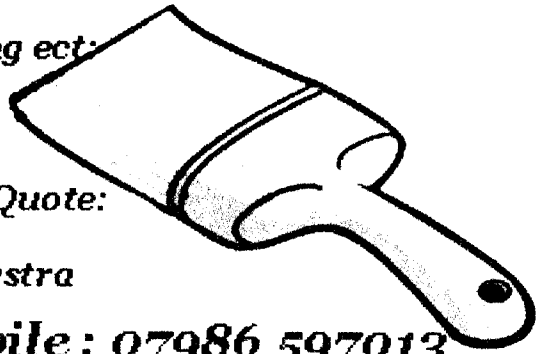
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# ASTON ABBOTTS SUMMER BALL 2011

Top three things I remember from this years event –

- 1) The support, generosity and thanks received from everyone
- 2) Requests for Champagne served at 1 degree centigrade.
- 3) Frank getting lost in Leighton Buzzard looking for ice

I really enjoyed myself this year from start to finish, it sounds a funny thing to say but when your amongst the organising you cant 100% let go. I think I was able to enjoy myself more due to a number of factors like having done it once you have a rough idea of what your doing and secondly I really had a lot more help. On that point I want to let you into a little secret although I am seen as the organiser the real work is done by all the other people. There is a long list of individuals who took time out of their own busy lives to help pull the ball together and I hopefully managed to say thank you to all of you, if I didn't thanks so much. I have received no end of praise for the ball but really that praise is for you because it wouldn't of been possible without all your help!

One special mention must go to Frank McManus. There we go all done then.. Seriously though, through these events a lot of the time things just don't go to plan and I'm thankful that Frank was there to help me get things back on track. The ball would not have been the success it was without him, cheers mate.

The ball itself, as last year, went in a flash. We were blessed with some sun to enjoy the view with a glass of Pimms on the lawn and seeing everyone arrived dressed up for the evening was such a great sight. The evening was called to start with the food ready to serve. I have an apology to make over the closeness of some of the tables, at one point I did sit down and have Ian Roberts hair in my mouth so I can quite understand that people were a bit cosy at times, sorry about that. The food again seemed to go down a storm, this was certainly confirmed by how much went back to the catering tent (well done again Grant). Whilst the food was being finished we started the Charity Auction, I mentioned at the start that the generosity of people is something which really sticks in my mind. This came firstly from the people that donated prizes and secondly from the people who kindly bid. The auction in total raised a fantastic £2735 and will be used to start a pot of money for the final part of the pathway down to the crossroads. Thanks so much to everyone.

Then it was onto the music, Rachel Sutton had the week before stormed Astonbury and I had requested that she repeated her rendition of Adeles "Someone Like You" to start the evening as a first dance. This led people onto the dance floor where they remained for the rest of the night. In particular a certain Butcher who I have renamed "crazy feet".

The rest of the night was very much a mixture of drinks (Champers sub 1 degree) and dancing ending at around 1am. Or did it..... No Aston Abbots it didn't because we were left with the hardcore who continued into the wee small hours fuelled by a visit by a supply of a certain Turkish dish served in pitta breads! I left pretty tired, the sun coming up but ultimately feeling like once again this little village had put on a night to be proud of!

So there we are, the ball raised in total £3300 minus the cost of a broken toilet seat (don't ask). A really great achievement thank you! What normally happens now is people come to me and say "So will you do it again?" And I think the answer is; if I don't, someone will! Which is great news for everyone who wants the ball to continue.

Moving forward; the keen minded of you will remember that I committed to help organise three events this year... A trilogy (ha ha) with the next instalment being the Race Night in aid of the Church to be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 details are contained on the advertisement in this edition.

The final chapter is New Year's Eve, like many it's not a night I'm mad on (a lot of hassle). I was approached to help organise an event in the village so that people wouldn't have to travel far and that enables people to get together to celebrate the start of a new year. So if people want something to happen then I'm sure it will – watch this space!

I have now rambled on far too long but the last thing I wanted to say is a final thanks to you who come to all these events and make them the success they are. It's all very well organising these things but they will always need support and this is something that this village is very good at and long may that continue.

Cheers *James*

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A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!



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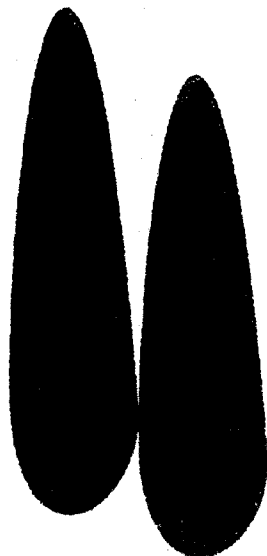
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## Astonbury X by Phil Corrigan

Years ago returning from a short trip to Portugal I was advised in the Oak one evening "while you were away we thought we'd make you Chairman of Astonbury"

Many years later I have found that this included no financial benefit, in fact the opposite.

Learning a lot about the legalities of putting on events like this and yes we were always licensed and insured etc, and had fully considered the H&S aspects of what we were doing; issuing a quiet prayer when it all passed without incident when it seemed to get bigger and better each year.

I know others are writing and will thank our main helpers and although nobody in the village will know them, it's thanks to other people and companies that have loaned us or donated, sound equipment, lights, the Astonbury banners that Neil blitzes the village with, tickets and wrist bands and stage carpet that have made Astonbury what it is.

I have had the opportunity to show some of these people the You Tube footage of Astonbury X, frankly they are amazed at what we've put on. It has been a great effort by the whole village not only to put the show on but take responsibility to ensure the Rec is back in use and safe by the following morning, to all those who turned out this year and help to clear the litter etc Thanks.

It's been great fun and brought a lot of enjoyment to a lot people. To those who may have been inconvenienced apologies, but good funds have been raised for charity and other village projects.

As an organising group we've said it's our last, but knowing this village I am sure that something will rise from the ashes and I'm sure we'll advise and help where we can.

Talking of rising from the ashes, I did suggest that a Viking funeral of the stage and the Chunkees would be a fitting ending, but they didn't seem too keen. Will they appear in public again? Or like Elvis Presley and Sheergar will there be mysterious sightings of them from time to time? Will Astonbury become Chunkfest? From what I have heard any future appearances may involve an image change and feature a lot of blue sequins.....we can only wait.

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*Sally Palmer* Tel 01296 681152



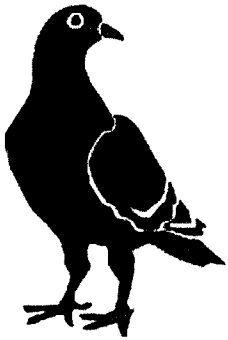
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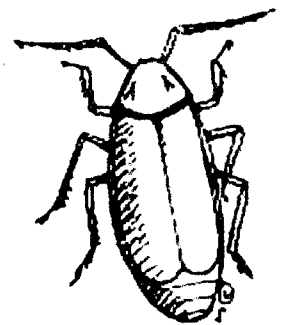
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## Countryside Matters - August

Due to my grassland becoming "Sheep Sick", we have had 30 odd young cattle grazing this summer, moving them from one field to another. On a summer's evening whilst walking among them, checking them over, I forgot just how much joy it brings to have cattle back on the farm.

They are the most inquisitive creatures, always interested in your next move. They circle around you to start with, make you feel a little uneasy and often I receive a firm nudge in the back. A quick tap on the nose with a long stick dispels their youthful exuberance. They soon lose interest and wander off, unlike when a fresh footpath walker with a black dog appears bringing out the ancient "Serengeti" in them. They will chase, buck and skip, which is why walking through cattle with dogs is never a very good idea.

Far worse last week, our "travelling friends" released lurchers in the same field, trying to kill and course hares and young leverets. The young cattle went berserk eventually giving chase to the lurchers and what if they had smashed through the fences and killed a motorist – what then. These people really are beyond belief. Unfortunately they escaped through an unpadlocked gate and disappeared before the police could catch them.

A big thank you to all of you that attended the Mad Summer Ball, which was a great success for a very worthy cause – Help For Heroes. Special thanks to the Village Shop, the Village Pub and the Village Garage, stalwarts as ever.

*James Henderson*

## Countryside Matters - September

This week I was watching the contractors taking the second cut silage from the Ascott Farms, the first field along the Leighton Road and the small field behind the wood just past my farm. In both cases the fields are now too small for the vast modern machinery used in arable farming; therefore these small pockets of land are let out for grass keep, to a local sheep and beef farmer.

Later that day I was talking to an arable farmer from Buckingham and he told me he had used his new combine to direct cut his oil seed rape, having a 40ft header on this monster. Once up and down the field was the equivalent to three trips with his old machine, well that just about sums it up, doesn't it. That is why, as a teenager, I remember Ascott Farms having at least 25 plus men on the Estate, including the three dairy herds and now they farm more than double that acreage with only three full time staff and harvest students but no dairy herds.

Whilst pondering these fascinating thoughts! , I noticed 10 red kites foraging for small rodents and worms on the freshly cut grass on a field not more than 12 acres, some were high on the thermals hitching a lift and watching for movement and others diving into the grass stubble for their prey.

At least four were juveniles born this year. Why is nature either feast or famine? What started out as a successful release programme of these birds in the Hughenden valley shall locally turn out to be over population? Is it time for a capture and release programme, to help re introduction further afield before they start inbreeding and picking up disease and struggle to find food, they already find themselves in conflict with the buzzards over their territory. It doesn't help when people leave food out for them, cooked food being the worst variety, instead of these birds foraging further a field.

What terrible news that Mark and Julie have decided to put the lease up for sale on the only village pub left in Wingrave, thank God we still have that and our lovely shop and garage. If you moan about the price of a rural bag of sugar, rural pint of beer and a rural gallon of petrol all of a sudden there is nothing left to whinge about, they will have all gone.

*James Henderson*

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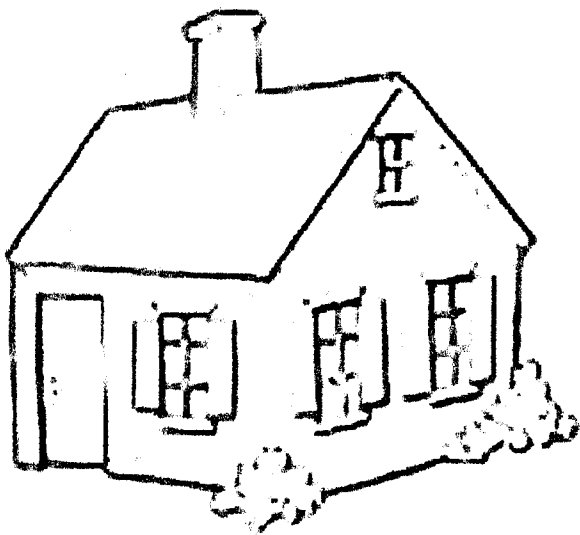
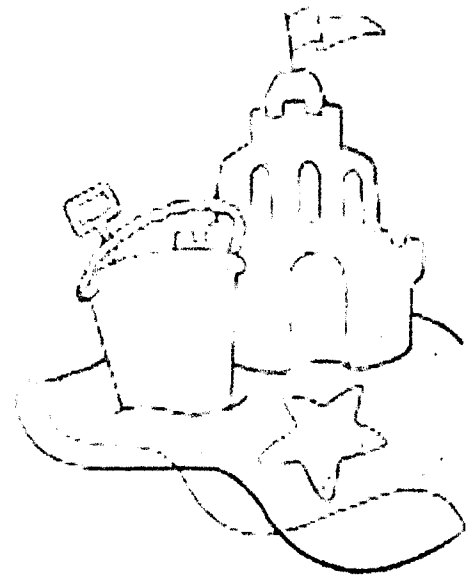
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**Aston Abbotts Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

**Present:** - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs K Curry, J Perkins, Carvey and P Bruton (Clerk).  
County Councillor N Glover was in attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs J Hardcastle, Mr. R Clarke and District Councillor P Cooper.

**Correspondence to note** – The Clerk advised he had received a leaflet regarding Theatre in the Villages, after discussion it was noted that Cllr Curry would review the productions in more details to see whether we had a suitable venue and contact Councillors as appropriate.

**County and District Council matters** - County Councillor Mrs N Glover advised the meeting that the Area 12 speed limit would go ahead as planned while Area 13 will be delayed until the next financial year. The Wing Local Area Forum had voted to send a message to the leader of the Council objecting to the delay, as Aston Abbotts was in Area 12 there should be no direct impact on our Parish.

Following a question from Councillor Carvey County Councillor Glover explained, although the senior positions within the cabinet of County Council were being held by mainly Councillors representing South Bucks, she did not envisage this would effect the direction of funding within the County.

Transport for Bucks, have recently launched a new free mobile application that will give up to date information on road works, gritters and potholes

#### **Planning**

**11/00694/APP** (Norduck Farm, Moat Lane – Kinsale Agriculture)

Change of use of part of agriculturally building to egg packing facilities and insertion of first floor (retrospective)

The application was discussed in the light of the evidence of the facility being in operation without the relevant consent, in particular the type and frequency of vehicular movements contradicted the application detail.

It was resolved to **OPPOSE** the application on the following grounds.

The application contravened AVDC General policy GP.21 in relation to the adequacy of the highway network to support such an industrial activity. Additionally the original consent conditions had not been complied with in relation to the construction of passing bays and waiting areas causing considerable danger to other access road users and horse riders on the only bridleway in the Village.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – The meeting discussed whether the Parish required a Neighbourhood Plan and it was **AGREED** that Council should complete the process. The Planning sub committee would take responsibility for completion reporting back to Council on a regular basis. An initial meeting date was agreed with the objective of agreeing an outline timetable and appraisal of the Consultation process.

**Village Plan** – Cllr Perkins reported that the final consultation document was complete and it was **AGREED** that the document would be hand delivered to residents by Councillors and distribution responsibilities were allocated.

**Local Area Forum** – Councillor Curry reported that at the recent meeting there had been concern that the funding for Phase 2 of the footpath was no longer required, however this was clarified and it was noted that the initial costing was £45k, this was being reviewed and was expected to come down.

Other matters of interest raised included the news that Wing and Ivinghoe libraries were to become community run, the construction of the Waitrose supermarket would commence in June. During the discussion the matter of overgrown hedgerows was raised and County Councillor Glover advised she would investigate what actions were available to Council to address our

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concerns. It was noted that Transport are responsible for enforcing any works required although these remained the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Recreation Ground**

**Safety Check:** To be reported next month.

**Annual Safety Check** – Cllr Curry would contact the Inspection Company to organise the annual inspection.

**Astonbury** – Cllr Shorrock advised that in Cllr. Clarke's absence he would ensure the queries raised at our last meeting were clarified before the event.

### **Approve the Annual Accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for year ended March 2011. The Statement of Accounts was signed.

RESOLVED to approve the Statement of Assurance to the Auditors. The Statement of Assurance was signed.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

It was agreed that the September meeting be moved to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Church Room.

## **ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB**

*Sam Crawley has moved away from the village and the Book Club. We wish her every happiness in her new French home. If you would like to come along to a Book Club meeting you would be very welcome. (Are there any men who would like to join?)*

Our July meet was held at John Hardcastle's house to discuss 'Three Cups of Tea' by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. The book charts the life and exceptional dedication of Greg Mortenson to bring education to the remote villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan. He has built in excess of 50 schools at the time the Taliban rose to power. In his acknowledgements he says 'It is my vision that we all will dedicate the next decade to achieve universal literacy and education for all children, especially for girls. More than 145 million of the world's children are deprived of education due to poverty, exploitation, slavery, gender discrimination, religious extremism, and corrupt governments. May *Three Cups of Tea* be a catalyst to bring the gift of literacy to each of those children who deserves a chance to go to school'.

The book promoted a lot of discussion. There was marvel at what had been achieved and concern at the intrusion of our perception of 'culture' on these remote communities. The book was quite dry and failed somewhat to paint a picture of the true difficulties that Greg Mortenson had to cope with. There was concern also at his relationship with his wife and family that seemed at odds with his concern for others. An interesting book - there is a children's version as well. *John Hardcastle*

The August meet was held at Kate Curry's house to discuss 'Room' by Emma Donoghue. The story is told through the eyes of Jack, who is five years old and lives with his Ma in 'Room', which has a locked door and a skylight, and measures eleven feet by eleven feet. The only things he knows to be real are himself, Ma and the things in 'Room' – until the day when everything changes for them both... Most of us agreed that although at first this book promised to be a traumatic and horrific read, it actually turned out to be a gripping account of the emotional roller-coaster that was Jack's life. Emma Donoghue's clever use of language managed to portray life through the limited vocabulary of a five year old child, while at the same time giving the reader an insight into what was really taking place in Ma's life. Almost everyone had enjoyed the read, and it certainly provoked quite a lengthy discussion.

We also discussed our recent visit to Pendley Manor to watch 'The Winter's Tale' by William Shakespeare. The performance, attended by seven book club members, was performed al fresco in the beautiful grounds of Pendley Manor. Although the play is not one of the better known of Shakespeare's works, we all thoroughly enjoyed it, and were amazed by the fantastic quality of the acting – indeed the whole production was fantastic, particularly when the elements decided to enhance the sound effects with a dramatic thunderstorm. At this point we congratulated ourselves on having paid a little extra for covered seats! A visit to Pendley Manor may become an annual event in the Book Club's calendar. *Kate Curry*

We were very pleased to welcome a new member, Christine Scott.

Our next book will be *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky, chosen by Brigitte - meet 8pm Wednesday 14th September.

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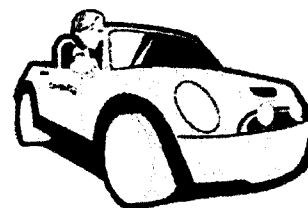
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There are to be three categories this year.:-

- a. **Longest Runner Bean** Bon fide entries for the will be judged purely on length.
  - b. **4 Best Runner Beans** Each bean pod must be the same, in length width and freshness, beans should be straight and there should be absolutely no signs of the beans inside the pod at all, the judge will snap one of the pods to test for freshness and quality there should be a clean snap with no stringiness at all, each bean should be presented with a length of stem or haulm at the top ideally around three quarters of an inch each must be identical also the point of the flower at the tip end should be present on each pod and ideally you should only touch the stem to avoid marking the pod.
  - c. **The best cheat** Scoring will be based on ingenuity and artistry
3. **Judging** Major Tim Peacocke & Mr Andy ('Carefree') Shillingford have once again 'volunteered' to judge all three categories of the competition. Their decisions will be final!!
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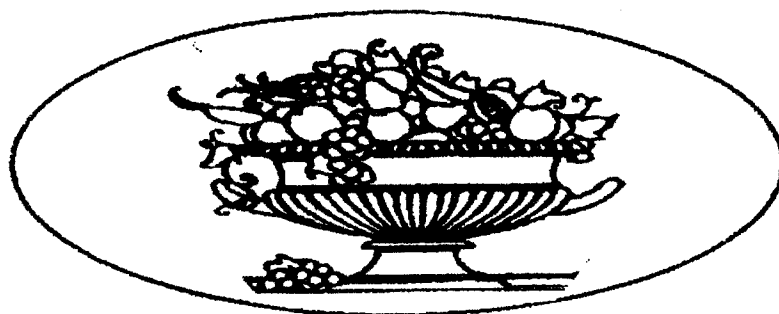
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## Three Strikes and then out?

What a busy month July was. The first big event was Astonbury. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> and the last one under the current managing Team. It was the biggest, grandest and the most challenging of them all. The weather was against us with 30 mm of rain falling in under an hour on the Saturday morning. This was forecast so on the Thursday I spoke to Martin Shillingford who had erected the stage the days before and begged him to provide extra support for a tarpaulin roof. He was very busy but called 3 men off another job many miles away and provided what we needed. Thank you Martin and crew.

This year we had extra Audio equipment from Martin Audio including a full sound crew of 4 to operate it all. One mixing desk was the size of a Mini Metro!

The event was a huge success with many new acts going down very well. It took until 02.30 hrs Sunday morning to disconnect all the kit and all day Sunday to clear up the rec. Well done everyone who helped a magnificent effort, the show would not have gone on without everyone giving their best.

The Second big event being the Fete. Another all out effort managed by Tracy & Vanessa, all I had to do was smile whilst being pelted with wet sponges! In between getting wet I could see many people covering many tasks, from Cakes to Hamburgers, Alpacas to Dogs, and Fire Engines to Morris Men. Lots for children to do and well attended.

The Third Big Event was the Summer Ball. This was overseen by James Perkins who had a team of many covering decoration to tables, bar assembly and drink, and of course food. We also had Squid as our musical entertainment. A superb evening with so many beautiful ladies.

Three very big events and ran so well. This village should be so proud of itself, we have a small headcount but so many helpful souls to make it all happen. Far too many names to mention but you all know who you are.

If Astonbury is to continue a new team will be required as the retiring group would like to be in the audience next year as we have never seen a show uninterrupted. Whoever takes on the task can be assured they will get lots of help; it's the way things are done here in Aston Abbots.  
Congratulations Everyone! *Dave Lewis*

### **CHURCH CLOCK**

Once again, it's been amazing how many people have commented on the fact that our church clock has stopped; not just residents either!

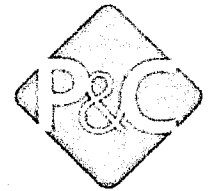
Any way, thanks to the internet, sourcing a replacement suspension spring for the pendulum wasn't too difficult, particularly since the original manufacturers back in 1889, Gillett & Co. are still in business, albeit as Gillett & Johnson. Fortunately they were prepared to make another, using the broken one as a pattern which Colin Higgs generously paid for.

After a couple of weeks the new spring arrived and was fitted to the 'refurbished' pendulum. The next problem was how to refit all of this to the clock, bearing in mind it's entire weight of some 115 lbs (most of which was the cast iron 'bob' weight) had to be supported on the new spring who's thickness is little more than that of a beer can!

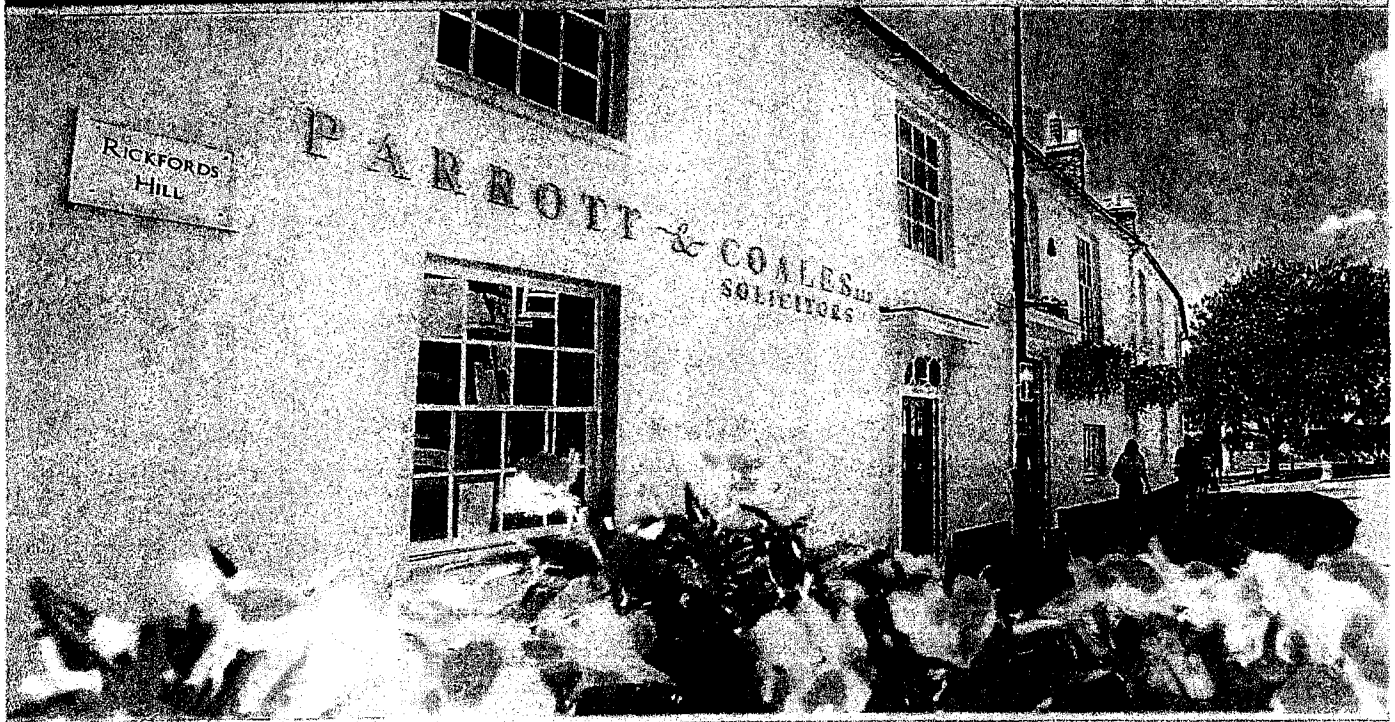
A fixture was made to support the 'bob' and the pendulum arm 'threaded' through it before being suspended on the clock's frame and connected to the escapement impulse lever. With everything nicely lined up, the weight of the 'bob' was slowly taken up by tightening the adjusting nut at the base of the pendulum. After a few adjustments it worked fine, and at the time of writing (mid Aug.) is keeping time quite well. The hours are being struck correctly but we're having some difficulty is persuading the chimes to work as they should; not the fault of the clock, just our failure to understand how to set it up correctly!!

*Andy Bystra*

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## ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club has been established for 75 years in this village and still continues but with a much reduced membership. It all began with ladies getting together for an afternoon with their young children and gradually, as the children all got older and went to school, it became more formal with people being elected to organise activities and speakers. Many people have been in the club for 40 to 50 years but still love to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

The club has always met fortnightly from September round to July but because of reduced membership and the high cost of speakers' fees it has recently been agreed that the meetings will be once a month. The dates of the meetings for this year will be advertised in the village magazine as they have always been and we will try to give as much detail as possible.

We would love to recruit new members and if you feel you would like to just pop in to one of our meetings at 2.30pm on the advertised dates to see if you think you would enjoy them you would be most welcome. Our membership fee is £10 for the year and we ask for £1 at each meeting which covers your afternoon tea and a raffle ticket. If you would just like to come as a visitor then we ask that you pay £2. We have many talks that the chaps might like as well so please encourage your menfolk to come when you think it's appropriate.

On 22nd September we have **Jean Yates talking about Bedfordshire's Secret War** and on 13th October we have **Edwin Rye who was the BBC Gardener of the Year in 2002 talking about Colour in the Garden**. On 10th November we have an AGM when we might have a quiz also and on 15th December a Carol Service. The venue for the Carol Service alternates each year between the Church in Aston Abbots and the Church in Cublington when the Rev. Siv Tunnicliffe usually officiates for us and the service is followed by a delicious Christmassy afternoon tea. In the new year we haven't arranged the whole programme but we always have a Spring Lunch in March, a special fund raising Coffee Morning in May, a Coach Outing will be organised in June and we finish the year with a Garden Party in July. All the meetings in 2012 will be on the third Thursday of every month just to make things easier.

Please look in your village magazine to see if any of our talks interest you and come along to join us. You will be made most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*April Curnow*

## Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club

### Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The Club met in the church room Aston Abbots where 7 members were present. In the absence of June Brine, Shirley Ford chaired the meeting.

The minutes were read & signed, our speaker for today, Jo Messenger from Aylesbury was introduced. Her talk was entitled 'The culture and beauty of Nepal'. It proved to be very interesting and was comprehensively illustrated by a wide selection of slides illustrating aspects of life in the region, it's people, scenery and of course the impressive mountains. She was afterwards thanked by Shirley Ford

Tea Hostesses were June Loader and Irene Lowden, and the raffle was won by Christine Scott.

*Shirley Ford*

### Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The Club met in the church room Aston Abbots where 10 members and 1 visitor were present. The minutes were read & signed. Regrettably, our speaker for today was unable to come but this provided an opportunity for members to discuss the future of the Club and how to attract more members.

One decision was taken to reduce meetings to once a month commencing in September 2011.

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Tea Hostesses were April Curnow and June Brine

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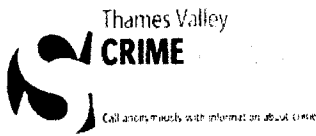


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## Astonbury X – a Performer’s View

There are some events which took place in 2011 that will leave a lasting impression on the memory. The Japanese Fukushima earthquake and tsunami, William and Catherine at the spectacular Royal Wedding, Rory McIlroy’s disastrous final round at the US Masters and his subsequent triumph at the US Open, and, of course, Astonbury X.

We have indeed come a long way. When Neil Chesher first said 10 years or so ago that he wanted to hold an outdoor concert, we all wondered whether it was indeed possible, but did even he envisage it would grow into what was achieved this year? It all started in Ann and Dickie’s back garden with a sloping stage borrowed from the Church Room, the village disco kit, and a light or two for when it got dark. By contrast, this year’s stage set would not have been out of place at the doyen of music festivals, Glastonbury.

The reaction of the bands on seeing the stage for the first time said it all. There was only one word to describe this – “WOW”. We were talking 10 metres wide by 8 deep decorated with our familiar orange banners, stacks of speakers either side, integral drum stage sporting a fantastic electronic kit, lights, did we have lights!! the carpeted floor littered with fold-back speakers, a mixing desk bigger than a pool table (and that was just for the on-stage sound) and a roof. Yes, we had a roof which kept out the driving rain during Saturday morning as the equipment was being set up. The weather that morning was so bad that my golfing friends gave up after 9 holes. But our massive tarpaulin made the stage dry warm and cosy.

Someone above smiled on us, knowing that rescheduling was not an option and the rain stopped around lunch time. This meant that sound checks could proceed throughout the early afternoon amidst the burgeoning gazebo city.

And so on to the show. The crowd filed in excitedly, undeterred by the earlier inclement weather and set about tackling their picnics. At 7:00 precisely the show started with the striking chords of Fanfare for the Common Man, the Emerson, Lake and Palmer version of course, performed by Nigel and Ant Palmer. This was swiftly followed by a new group to Astonbury, the Alpha Males with their drummer, Ant who entertained us with some improvised jazz fusion, the talent of these musicians shining through brightly.

Pat Daniels asked after ‘anyone who had a heart’ whilst Lynne Manning ‘didn’t want to talk about it’. Two sterling performances punctuated by the admirable Dennis Band. Simon Longman then warmed us up with Delilah and suddenly it was time for the world famous Chunkies (Neil, John, Bob and Nigel) to take the stage. Was it my imagination or were we actually singing in tune? We rationed the audience to five well rehearsed numbers (if the number of empty bottles of red wine from rehearsal nights are anything to go by), which included a special appearance from Hannah Brandon. My particular favourite was the highly appropriate ‘I can see clearly now the rain has gone’ complete with harmonies.

But there was much more to come. Nigel Meddelman left the sound desk to entertain us in style wearing that eye-catching white suit. Tony Rees gave us Sweet Home Alabama and Rebel Yell in that unique gravelly voice. Hayley Wilkinson gave us yet another professional performance, the true emotion of the occasion showing through. Simon Gresswell flew us to the moon which was by now in view. Then yet another treat, which you can now relive on Youtube - Simon Longman and Ian Roberts had put together a band especially for the night. The energy that went into this performance captivated the audience and belied the fact that they had apparently rehearsed only once as a group.

Rachel Sutton gave us a fabulous solo performance with some recent covers including Adele looking to the left and the right. A new band to Astonbury INCC rose to the occasion singing amongst other numbers ‘We are the champions’ and ‘Johnny be good’. This was quality stuff from a seven piece band based in Leighton Buzzard that plays together very regularly. They had phoned in the morning quite expecting the show to have been cancelled and it was clear that the stage set and quality of the sound was well beyond their expectations. Our last band was the familiar Spokes who gave us ‘Sex on Fire’ and a song with somewhat doubtful lyrics about a bar that would not have been out of place on Little Britain. By now the rain was falling but that didn’t dampen the spirits of the audience.

Sadly the show had to end somewhere and it was now well past the projected 11:00 close. Time to bring the Chunkees back on stage for their final farewell with Abba’s ‘Thank you for the Music’. We will never forget the audience reaction to ten great years with our number one fan singing his heart out right at the front. We all feel proud to have been part of such a great event, brought together by the great generosity of many and the hard work of many others.

*Nigel Palmer*

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**Aston Abbotts Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011

**Present:** - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk).  
County Councillor N Glover was in attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllr. J Perkins and District Councillor P Cooper.

**Correspondence to note** – The Clerk reported that we had received a letter from AVDC regarding a consultation on the validation of planning applications and planning lists, the document could be viewed via the planning portal on their website. We had also received a note from the Local Government Boundary Commission advising of an Electoral review of Buckinghamshire - draft recommendations. Comments on the report were requested by the 10 October 2011. The recommendations could be viewed at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). The Clerk would scan the letter and circulate to members and a Notice had been placed in the Parish Notice Board.

**County Council and Police matters** - County Councillor N Glover outlined a summary of current topics that included an update on the Speed limit review, BCC asset transfer policy where the aim is to empower local people to deliver community services which best meet their needs. Examples of this initiative were the Community led Wing Library and the Wing Youth Club that was targeting the age range 11yrs to 19yrs, hoping to start in September and this may be of interest to youngsters in Aston Abbotts. The problem of Fly tipping was mentioned and residents should be encouraged to report the offender to the witness hotline on 0845 330 1856 after taking a note of the Registration no if possible.

County Councillor Glover also advised that her understanding was that a planning application for a testing mast for the possible erection of Wind Turbines in an area between Wing and the A418 in the vicinity of Cotteshaw Farm although at this stage the precise location could not be confirmed. The testing process can take up to 18 months to conclude, but we should be aware of the impending applications, it was unlikely the application for the testing equipment would be refused.

**PCSO Paula Boston** reported to the meeting that there was nothing in the way of crime to report in respect of Aston Abbotts for the last 2 months, however although things had been quiet it was important that residents continued to report any issues, concerns or things that do not look right as recent experience had shown that crime could be solved and prevented by this method. In answer to question from the floor regarding parking on the pavement and obstructing the way of pedestrians Ms Boston advised that residents should call in the issue to the Hot Line number (0845 8505 505) as this will ensure the matter is logged and action will be taken to address the matter. A further question on whether bbq's were considered a fire in public spaces was discussed and it was advised that local bye laws would enable notices by the owners to specify that bbq's could not be lit in the relevant area.

### **Planning**

**11/01189/APP** (3 Chapmans Lea, Mr T Carless)

Demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension

The meeting was advised that a recent planning subcommittee meeting had resolved to raise no objections to this application.

**11/01542/ATC** (Orchard House, Wingrave Road, Mrs C Guse)

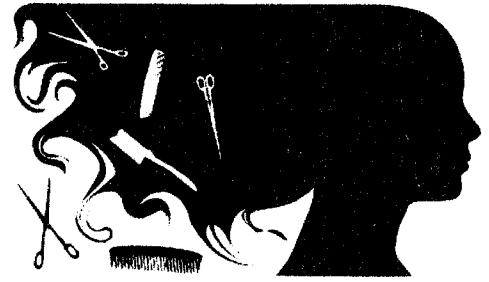
Fell one sycamore tree

The above application was discussed by the meeting and after due consideration **RESOLVED** to raise no objections to the application as the tree in question was not visible to residents and was being replaced by a weeping Silver Birch.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Carvey updated the meeting on progress to date. A consultation presentation to include refreshments for attendees was planned for the 12<sup>th</sup> and

*continued on page 43*

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14<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm to 8pm and the Clerk had confirmation from AVDC Forward Plans that they would assist. Additionally the Clerk would bid for funding from AVDC as he had just received notification that limited funds were available to assist Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Carvey was preparing a flyer to invite parishioners and a meeting would be arranged of the NP committee to agree the format of the evenings.

**Village Plan** – Cllr Carvey advised the questionnaire was completed and copies were handed out for distribution to residents.

**Astonbury** – The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a resident concerned over the amount of disturbance caused by the event, in particular a pet had been injured by broken glass in the surrounding area and had a query regarding the legality of the timing of the firework display. Cllr Clarke reported that the organisers had done an excellent job of clearing up the Recreation Ground after last year's concerns and the Council had not asked them to be aware of the surrounding roads. It was also noted that the organisers had advised they secured a Temporary Event Notice/Licence for the event and as a result the firework display would have been permissible. It was AGREED that the Clerk would put on the December Agenda an item to cover events in the village in order that the procedures could be introduced to address any areas of concern.

**The Green** – Cllr Shorrocks had concerns over the ownership of The Green. The Clerk advised that there were papers on file that showed the area concerned as Common Land under the authority of the Parish Council as this was the lowest level of authority in our Parish. The Clerk would provide the documentation to Cllr Shorrocks for review.

#### **Recreation Ground**

**Safety Check:** Cllr Clarke reported the entrance gate catch had been repaired, and passed the report sheet to the Clerk.

**Annual Safety Check** – It was understood the annual check had been completed and we were awaiting the report.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

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#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September Bookings Open for Santa's Magic Steamings**

Bookings (Essential) Now open for Santa's Magic Steamings on the three December weekends and Christmas Eve, when Santa visits children with presents during their steam train ride, followed by Seasonal Refreshments, Family Magic Show and a short ride on a Miniature Steam Train.

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## What's coming in September

**3rd Cublington Feast**

**5th Monday Night Quiz - 8pm**

**9th Rugby World Cup Starts**

**10th Rugby World Cup**

Argentina vs England - 9.30am

**11th Rugby World Cup**

S.Africa vs Wales - 9.30am

**12th, Monday Night Quiz - 8pm**

**13th Tuesday Traditional Folk Music**

from Halfway House and open mic- 8pm

**15th Thursday - TUGS Golf Meeting**

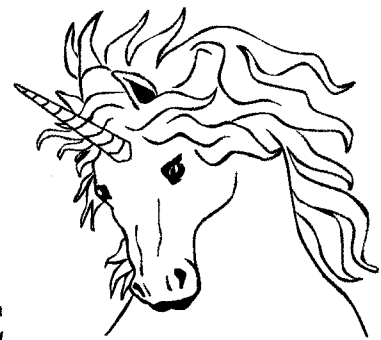
**19th Monday Night Quiz - 8pm**

**22nd Girls Night in**

**26th Monday Night Quiz - 8pm**

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September 6pm – 8pm there will be an opportunity for all villagers to come along to the Church Room to a wine and cheese reception. No this is not a free drink, although no cost in cash, the Parish Council do want you to review the information on hand and give us your ideas and concerns. Requested via AVDC the PC are required to have a consultation process in place with the villagers, this is in some ways an extension of work already done but is specifically relevant to the changes that are going to happen shortly once the Localism Bill is passed, probably early 2012, and specifically relates to development and planning. So please come along for 15 minutes or so to see what it is all about.

### CHURCH MOWING ROTA - SEPTEMBER

September 3rd	Peter Curry
September 10th	Adam Shorrocks
September 17th	John Stuart
September 24th	Marcus Hall
October 1st	Nigel Palmer
October 8th	Ian Roberts
October 15th	Andy Stefanczyk
October 22nd	Gordon Kemp

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1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. All poor people have it...
5. Wealthy people need it....
6. If you eat it, you will die. *Answer on page 46*

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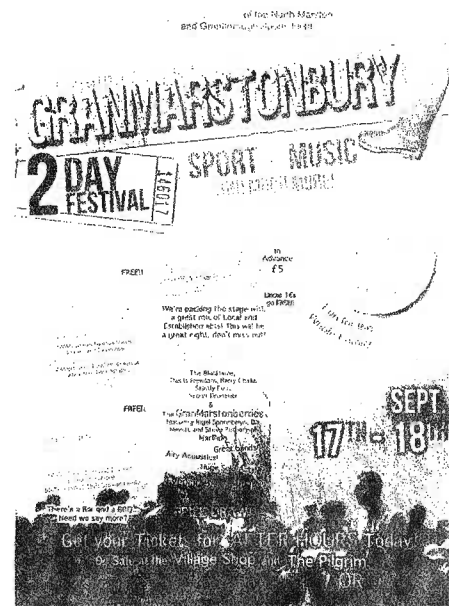
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**All poor people have NOTHING.**  
**Wealthy people need NOTHING.**  
**If you eat NOTHING, you will die.**

# What's On In September

Thursday 8th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Tuesday 13th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 15th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Sunday 18th	Village Footpath walk 2pm	meet on the Green
Wednesday 21st	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 22nd	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Friday 23rd	Race Night 7pm	Church Room
Tuesday 27th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 29th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room

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

Many people ask me about Footpaths, where do they go? Join me for a Village Footpath Walk SUNDAY 18th Sept - meet at The Green 2pm  
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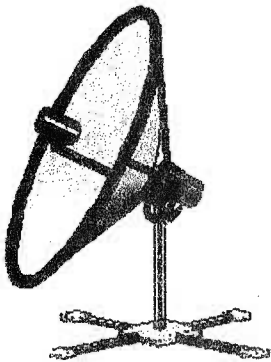
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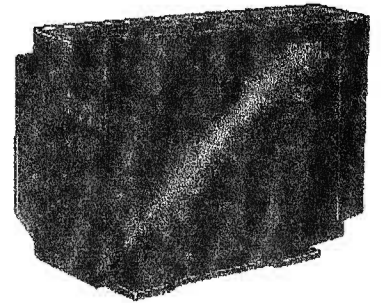
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I guess we all have perceptions of ourselves which appear, with age, to become increasingly separated from reality. I still see myself as the dark-haired thin young man who could possibly pass for James Bond given sufficiently low light. (*Stop scoffing, Lewis!!!*)

The reality is that once in a while, having just got out of bed, startled by catching sight of a strange grey-haired, grey-bearded, quinquagenarian peering out of the bathroom mirror at me, I shriek, "Who the \*\*\*\* is that???"

So I was pleased to find that it is not just me who gets brought down to earth with increasingly frequent age-related reality checks these days...

Our back page hero Dave - he's two years younger than me - was busy rigging the stage for Astonbury when he heard one of the new young upstarts (and we know who you are, we know your name, we know where you live, OK?) say, "I couldn't believe it - one of those *old guys* was right up there on the scaffolding with me!"

Dave fumed quietly for a week over this vicious slur. "*Old guys!!!*" Who does this punk think he is???

A week later Dave was doing a great job at the village fete. He was on the stall where you throw wet sponges at him. Three generations of one family came up; grandfather, father and a little boy of about four years old. The grandfather bought wet sponges for the youngster to throw at Dave, but the boy refused. So the grandfather moved him closer to Dave and said, "Go on, throw it at him." The boy looked down at the ground sullenly and shook his head. So he was moved to about

three feet away. "Go on!" urged the grandfather. The boy just stared at the ground unhappily. "Well," said the grandfather to the father, "You have obviously brought your boy up properly - you have taught him not to throw wet sponges at *grey-haired old men!*" Dave was aghast!!!

My smug satisfaction at Dave's chagrin was soon to be dispelled by something that happened to me a few days later. We took my 91 year old mother-in-law to the theatre for a treat to see Top Hat. It's a 1940s musical that had been a favourite of my Mum and Dad - and mum-in-law likes that sort of thing. As usual, I found myself waiting patiently outside the ladies loo for the female contingent of our party. An elderly gentleman performing a similar vigil struck up conversation with me. Explaining that he had driven up from Kent for the performance he leant towards me and added chummily, "It should be a good show tonight, and of course *it's our era isn't it?*"

Apparently the dead body of a retired man from Maidstone has been found with his head stuffed down the ladies toilet in Milton Keynes Theatre. Police are treating the death as suspicious.

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