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'VILLAGE ORCHARD' MEETING 10TH JANUARY Tuesday 7.30PM CHURCH ROOM - everyone welcome

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Editorial

As some of our children were visiting their in-laws for Christmas we had our 'family gathering' a week early. Our numbers are growing so we have decided that next year we may elect to have a 'secret Santa' allowing adults to only buy one large gift rather than a number of small ones; grand children will get their full quota as usual.

I got a collapsable walking stick (will aid me when Judy and I go on our 'walking' holiday), a scarf and a rather smart padded coat, a torch and some ice-grips you can add to your shoes.

It's Judy's 65th birthday in January and I am arranging a series of events to mark the occasion. It's always difficult when your birthday falls close to Christmas - the temptation is to say 'this for your birthday and Christmas' - well not in our household.

You'll see on page 9 a questionnaire for you to respond to regarding the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I hope you take the time to let Sally Palmer and her team have your views and comments - it is important that we give the Parish Council our feedback as they need a consensus in order to agree to spend a sizeable chunk of their modest annual fund. I'm certainly in favour of all the proposed events.

It's short notice I know (it was mentioned in last month's Chronicle) but I trust you will take the time to attend the 'open' meeting on Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm in the Church Room to discuss the future progress of our village orchard.

The New Year Ball, instigated by James Perkins, was a most enjoyable evening. James returned from a long vacation to find the marquee had to be set up (in not very nice weather) by Frank MacManus and John Whyte and others, with the electrics by Dave Lewis; the tables were decorated by Deidre White and Bridget Brandon. Thank goodness that New Year's Eve's weather was a lot better and warmer. Over 100 people enjoyed a great evening with a fabulous atmosphere, superb food and music to match. Well done everyone for another fab AA event.

I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John

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January

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Zoe Hinds	25 th
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Carol Spooner	28 th
Anita Parker	28 th
Richard Plested	29 th
Chloe Oldfield	30 th

**Open Meeting
Church Room
7.30pm
Tuesday
10th January
ORCHARD GROUP**

**to explain plans
and to get your thoughts
and ideas for the future
*everyone invited
please come along***

A recent survey ranked all 405 local authority districts by employment levels, the state of the housing market, educational standards, health and crime rates - other factors taken into account included the weather, levels of traffic congestion and access to broadband internet. Guess where Aylesbury Vale, Bucks came?

Answer on page 5

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Pat Stevens on 28th November who lived in Aston Abbotts for many years. She was 89 years old.

Welcome to Stuart and Karen Burgess who have at last moved into 'The Gables', Lines Hill.

The church clock has been tweaked and cajoled to chime as near to the hour as possible. Andy Bystra has performed a minor miracle. The chimes, for the first time in a long time, now coincide with the clock showing the half hour, but because the minute hand travels slowly going up and faster going down then there is, and always will be a small discrepancy on the hour. It is an ancient mechanism and it's only because of Andy's enthusiasm that the clock is in such good order.



30mph speed limit signs have been installed at the entrances to the village - they may remind people to drive more slowly? *Ed*

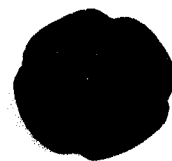
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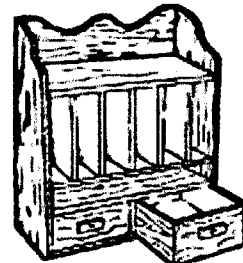
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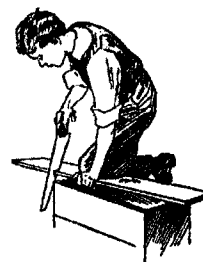
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VIC SCOTT'S Diaries January

Nature's Awakening 1953

A New Year has dawned, and the winter is yet far from over; the ground may yet lie under a foot of snow, but somehow one feels spring is just round the corner.

Slowly but surely the days lengthen: the cawing rooks and jackdaws still pass over at dawn and dusk on their daily flights between tree-top winter roosts in the "Long Spinney" and the newly-ploughed fields where they hunt for leather-jackets and other harmful grubs, and where, very soon now, they will also find the grains of seed corn, the farmer's unintended payment for services rendered!

One morning about the middle of the month the countryside was shrouded in dense fog; it might well have been November; but suddenly there came through the mist the clear, ringing notes of the Storm-cock's song, a challenge that brought a reply from a distant rival. A few days later the song-thrush commenced its beautiful song from its high perch in a churchyard beech whilst beneath, shrouded by the sheltering fronds of last year's bracken-fern, there glistened like purest gold the blossoms of aconites, illuminated by the slanting rays of a clear January sun; the first real flowers of another year.

The weather was unusually mild for the time of year, and, as dusk fell, a pipistrelle bat emerged from its retreat to flit about only a few feet from the ground, in search of a living meal. No doubt it obtained one, as it scattered the dancing swarms of winter-gnats and midges, many of which came, it is certain, to an untimely end. But of those who survived the determined twists and darts of the bat many would retire for ever with the setting sun.

As the month drew to a close many more signs of spring were visible to those who care to notice, the lengthening catkins of hazel and alder, the swelling flower buds on the elm trees, visible quite easily from the ground below, the tightly-rolled leaves of wild-arum pushing slowly upwards through the dead leaves of the hedge-bottom, and the first new leaves of a New Year on the honeysuckle.

I haven't made any new year's resolutions as such but this story caught my eye - see what you think. Ed

The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem, almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students, if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.'

The golf balls are the important things - family, children, health, friends, and favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else -- The small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.'

So... pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out to dinner. 'Take care of the golf balls first -- the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked'. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Picking my red cabbages this month, I discovered that a number of them had been eaten by something, despite being inside a netting cage. There were no signs of the "cage" being breached, and my guess is that the damage must have been done by a rabbit which had tunneled under the net. Little varmit! Fortunately my other brassicas seem unaffected, and my sprouts are looking good, and should be just right to accompany the turkey.

Every year up to the current one, I have been moaning at this time of year that although my holly trees were laden with berries in October/November, by the time Christmas Day arrived, all the berries had disappeared – presumably down the throats of garden birds. However, this year, for the first time, two of my seven trees have berries; and one has not only got berries on it, it has more berries than I think I have ever seen before on a holly tree! I have no idea why I should be lucky this year: if I only knew, I could perhaps make money out of it!

Since I became a vegetable gardener, I have started to take an interest in the weather, and regularly read a column in the Times called "Weather Eye". On 13th December it reported a strange phenomenon that had happened in Coventry the previous day. In a suburb called Coulsdon, traffic was brought to a standstill when dozens of apples rained down out of the sky. A driver said "*The apples fell out of the sky as if out of nowhere. They were small and green, and hit the bonnet hard*". The apples were scattered over a small stretch of road, as well as gardens and roof gutters, and were bruised and battered after apparently falling from a great height. There have been many cases of showers of fish or frogs throughout history – usually thought to have been sucked up, together with water, by tornados or other powerful winds, from lakes or rivers.

However, there were no reports of powerful winds near Coventry on 12th December, and it is also far from clear where the apples had come from – the nearest orchards are miles away, and unlikely to have had any fruit left by mid-December. And if the apples had been picked up by the wind from a storage area or a truck, it would have needed colossal force to lift and carry them miles away. It remains a mystery. There is one previous similar case: in November 1984 a couple in Accrington were woken up one night by a loud drumming on their roof, and discovered in the morning that hundreds of apples were strewn over their garden and those of their neighbours. Again, there is no explanation.

Since you will not be reading this article until 2012, may I end with some thoughts for the coming year? First of all a comment by an American musician & novelist, John Erskine

"I have never had so many good ideas, day after day, as when I work in the garden."

I am not sure that I can claim to have had numerous good ideas while working on the allotment; but I can say that when I am doing so, my mind goes into neutral, and ranges over a vast number of topics, helping me to form an opinion on things that otherwise would remain unconsidered: and I certainly recommend it as a way of clearing the mind.

Next, a quotation from someone called Dan Bennett (no idea who he is), which is very true

"One of the healthiest ways to gamble, is with a spade and a packet of seeds."

And finally, a more cynical view, from a book called "A Woman Talking" by Esther Meynell, which I suspect has more than a grain of truth in it

"A garden has a curious, innocent way of consuming cash, while all the time you are under the illusion that you are spending nothing."

May I finally wish all my readers a happy and prosperous New Year, and I hope that you all have successful and productive gardens and allotments in 2012.

Peter Shorrocks

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Diamond Jubilee

As you may have read elsewhere The Parish Council is supportive of an application for funding for a community event to mark the Diamond Jubilee from the Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council may have funds available but needs to see that such an event is supported by the village as a whole and will therefore be of benefit to the community.



The plan is for a "Bring your own picnic lunch" on the Rec on Monday 4th June with professional musical entertainment and home made cakes, tea and beer available to buy. It is hoped to provide some games or fun events for all ages and give small mementos for the children. This would be the main event. In the evening it would be nice to participate in the celebrations by lighting our own beacon. The Parish Council think a beacon is too difficult so we would welcome your views on this. On the Tuesday a large TV will be put up in the Church so villagers can watch the service at St Paul's. Finally we would like to plant one or two disease resistant elm trees on the Rec in the Autumn of 2012; they were once plentiful in our village. The final plan will depend on the amount of funding ultimately available.

What we need to know is if you think that such events should take place and whether the Parish Council should make a grant available? It would also be helpful to discover if you would be likely to attend?

Please return this short questionnaire to: Sally Palmer, The Vines, Cublington Road, Aston Abbots. Email sally.palmer@phoenix-mecano.com

Diamond Jubilee questionnaire

I agree/disagree that there should be a community event in Aston Abbots to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

I support/do not support a Community Picnic.

I support/do not support a beacon.

I support/do not support provision of large TV screen.

I support/do not support planting of elm trees.

I agree/disagree that the Parish Council should make a grant towards Community events for the Diamond Jubilee.

Thank you for your participation *Sally Palmer*

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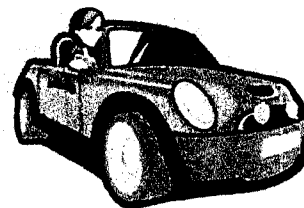
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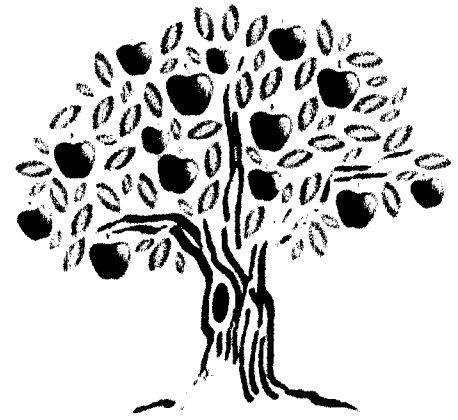


Village Orchard

The last few trees ordered for this season have been planted - these included two walnuts and some greengages. There is still the opportunity for you to have a tree planted this winter - get in touch with any of the undersigned and we will enquire if it's possible to get things organised. Approximately half the orchard has been planted which is a fantastic achievement. That's 70+ trees!

We are having an open meeting in the Church Room on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm when you can hear our further plans and ideas and for you to air your views regarding the future of your orchard. Please come along to add your support and ideas for the future.

*Peter Knight 681478 John Hardcastle 688070 Gordon Smith
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Countryside Matters

If ever you needed an excuse for a referendum to leave the EU read on. In 1999, twelve years ago, the EU voted to ban caged hens egg production, this should have come into force on 1st January 2012. Yet in November 2011 our Minister for Agriculture Jim Paice said "The U.K. today renewed calls for Europe to reach a workable agreement and stop illegally produced battery cage eggs from being sold across the common market".

So, to put it plainly into terms that you and I can understand, according to a survey by Compassion in the world farming, there are 390 million egg laying hens in the E.U., two thirds of them still in battery cages. Now the rest of E.U. are demanding a further 10 years, on top of the 12 years they have already had, to change over to a more humane system of egg production. How typical is this, the UK egg producers have spent hundreds of millions on changing to free range or barn production to comply with the Jan 2012 deadline.

Yes, you've guessed it, the good old Brits stick to the rules set by Brussels, carried out and rigidly enforced by DEFRA and are now ready and compliant, while the rest of Europe are still going to flood our country with illegally produced eggs to a higher cruelty standard at far reduced costs. How pathetic, what a load of hogwash, the rest of Europe is giving us. "The Agincourt Salute!"

Worse is to come in the present year with the legislation of sow stalls. Yes now you're on the right track, History shall repeat itself yet again. We in this country have got our house in order prior to the deadline, just lets see what happens to the rest of the EU pig producing countries. How much time do they need for heavens sake, or is it a marketing advantage they seek? It is pathetic, at least now our PM, not before time, is starting to show some degree of backbone, 27 to one, we've had worse odds. Bring it on! Just remember to look for the little red tractor on the food you buy, support your farmers who produce your food to a higher welfare standard.

James Henderson

TAPAS NIGHT with the GNOMES

We recently enjoyed a very well attended pre Christmas GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry) and partners (for one night only) Spanish-themed Tapas evening, hosted by Judy (and John) Hardcastle. The evening was a great success and delicious savouries were sampled along with ample glasses of sherry. Two very knowledgeable ladies, from a company in Winslow, provided the tapas and sherries; they explained which sherry best accompanied the various dishes. Puddings were also provided with very sweet sherries. It was interesting to see just how many different sherries are available.

Many thanks to Judy (and John), we all had a lovely evening. If you would want to know more about the Tapas Company, who have a tiered tariff according to your liking and budget, just contact Judy or myself.

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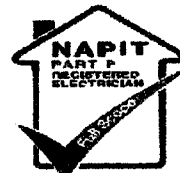
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Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 7th December 2011

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (Chair), Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, R Clarke, J Perkins and P Bruton (Clerk). CPSO Paula Boston and one member of the public were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillor C Higgs, County Councillor Mrs N Glover and District Councillor P Cooper.

Correspondence to note – The Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence received and the following matters were discussed.

Bucks CC has submitted the final version of their Mineral and Waste Core Strategy to the Planning Inspectorate for Public examination in February next year. This can be reviewed at their website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwccsconsult. Cllr Shorrocks volunteered to review the accompanying CD version. AVDC were reminding Parish Councils that they could sign up to the Public Sector Mapping Agreement at no charge and it was AGREED we should take up this offer. The Clerk would take the necessary action. The Clerk reported he had received a letter from AVDC regarding the Dog and Waste Bin Collection Service that is due to expire in September 2012. AVDC were currently reviewing their options and had asked for an indication of our intentions in respect of this service. It was RESOLVED to continue using the service managed by AVDC and the Clerk would respond accordingly.

Police matters - PCSO Paula Boston was present on behalf of the Police and updated the meeting on a complaint they had received regarding the parking of vehicles on Cublington Road whilst works were being undertaken at the Old School. It was noted that parking on the pavement was not an offence unless it obstructed the pathways or was deemed a dangerous obstruction. Officers had visited the area on a number of occasions and at the times of their visits the vehicles were parked on the pavement but there was room to pass and in their view did not cause a dangerous obstruction. Never the less they spoken with the owners and reminded them of their obligations and had also spoken to the residents who had complained to explain the situation. Residents who notice that parking on the pavement causes an obstruction should call in on the non-emergency number 101 at the time they notice and the Police will come out straight away to assess, and if necessary issue the appropriate notice, reporting later in the day is too late for any action.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Shorrocks had circulated the analysis of the NP questionnaire and based upon this had prepared a draft response. The detail was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the response to AVDC with a covering letter in accordance with their instructions unless Councillors raised any objections by the 11th December 2011. The Clerk distributed a note received from AVDC regarding a number of key events in planning. These included notification of a Public Consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Plan that will run from 1st December to 26th January 2012. Three drop in sessions are being held in January providing an opportunity for the public to talk to planning officers about the content of the consultation. The one most appropriate will be held at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre – Tuesday 10th January – 3pm to 8pm. A hard copy of the Consultation document was included in the circulation folder for Councillors to review.

Recent Planning Decisions – The Clerk updated the meeting on the recent planning decisions received from AVDC and in particular a minor amended plan in respect of the application at Norduck Farm. The document received was in relation to a passing bay that was a condition of the planning permission recently granted. The accompanying letter from AVDC stated that they did not feel a further round of consultation on these amendments would be undertaken as they were minor in nature. However we had sight of a letter pointing out that the proposed location and size was inappropriate, in particular it was located directly in front of an established protected animal site, it will potentially disrupt existing domestic water services and it is not large enough to accommodate Class 1 HGV lorries. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to AVDC planning to reiterate these points and request that the location of the site be reviewed.

Old School, Cublington Road – The Clerk reported there was concern that the development was not in accordance with the planning permission granted. He reported he had contacted AVDC and was awaiting a response and expected to report further at the next meeting.

Calvert incinerator - The comments of local Parish Councils in relation to the proposed incinerator at Calvert were noted and it was AGREED that we would take no action at this time.

Village Plan – Cllr Perkins reported that the analysis of the final consultation was complete and the next stages were as follows: Circulate to Sarah Allwood for comment and review. Update VP based upon results and review content checking for no conflicting responses with Neighbourhood Plan. Agree volume of copies and publication media to include hard copies. Organise meeting of VP committee to finalise and look at action plan going forward.

Bulk Refuse Container – The Clerk advised that he had received formal notification from AVDC that the FOC service was being stopped from next financial year. They were looking into providing this service at a cost of between £170 and £200 per half day and had asked whether we would be interested in continuing with the service if this were the case and how many visits per year we would like. After discussion it was RESOLVED by majority that we would like to continue the service at the cost indicated, requiring 2 visits per year and that we would monitor the service to assess whether it was used by residents.

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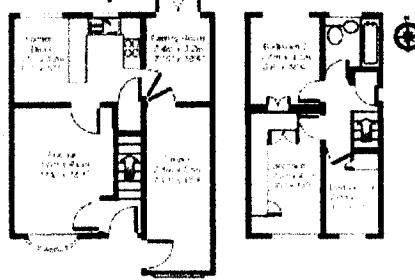
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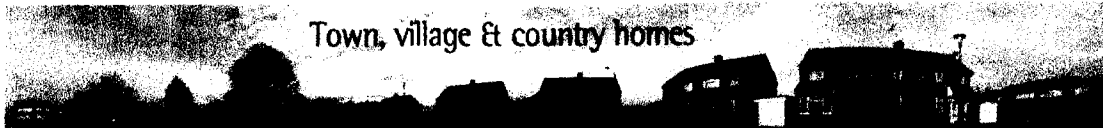
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Music in Quiet Places – AVDC were again running the Music in Quiet Places event and as we had run an event in the past in the Church it was AGREED that we would pass on to the PCC to see if they were interested in applying this year.

Queen's Jubilee – The Clerk advised we had received a request from the PCC for a grant of £1,000 towards the organisation of events to celebrate the Queen's jubilee next year, with an indication of the use of the money. All present were supportive of the idea. The funding would have to be provided from our Power of Well Being for the community of the village based upon a value per resident in proportion to the level of support and benefit to residents. After discussion there was concern that there did not appear to be a plan of events, that might cover who was organising, what was being organised and how it was being funded, when and where the events would take place and without this it was difficult to commit at this time. It was AGREED that the Clerk would respond to the letter and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting on the 18th January 2012 when the organisers might come along and present their plan.

Street Cleansing – The Clerk gave details of the new grass cutting and street cleansing services being provided by BCC, VAHT and AVDC from January 2012. Council would monitor any impact and take appropriate action if required.

LAF meeting & Delegated Budget scheme. Cllr Clarke reported on the recent LAF meeting, the main item being the proposed changes to refuse collection. Details were on the AVDC website and if required would attend local events to promote and explain the new scheme. The work on the 2nd stage of the footpath was scheduled for the beginning of March 2012 and residents should note that the new emergency contact number for the police is 101. The Clerk advised he had received notification that BCC had been unable to confirm whether there would be any funds available from the Transportation Delegated Budget for the year 2012/13.

Streetlights Wingrave Crossroads – The Clerk referred to the recent letter received from BCC regarding the results of the switching off of streetlights trial and in particular the resulting recommendations. It was noted that the proposal indicated that only 2 of the 4 streetlights that we had managed to get switched back on at a lower level were in the current plan and therefore it was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with Wingrave and Rowsham to put forward a coordinated response that ensures we maintain the status quo in respect of the current lighting arrangements. It was noted that we will also become responsible for the running costs of the lights:

Recreation Ground Safety Check: Cllr Clarke reported he had investigated the reported fault on the Aerial runway and could find no mention in the recent Safety check and he could not see any fault himself so no action was proposed. There was also concern over the condition of the pole on the multiplay equipment and he was arranging for this to be rectified.

Annual Safety Check report review– Cllr Clarke reported he had a few questions from the report that he would take up with Digby Associates and would report more fully at the next meeting on any actions that were required

Budget 2012 – Precept – The Budget document that had been previously circulated was discussed in detail and after consideration it was RESOLVED to set the Parish Precept at £9,000 for 2012/13.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

The meeting dates for 2012 previously circulated were approved.

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

Our Christmas Literary Quiz was wonderfully hosted by Les and Val Smith. The range of nibbles and snacks and puddings was never ending and the mulled wine and wine flowed continuously. Our hosts were very generous. It was a most enjoyable evening.

We split into three teams imaginatively called Team Won, Team Two and The Twits. The questions were set by Les and proved as fiendish as ever. Team Won won; John Hardcastle, Sally Clarke, Anita Parker and Kate Curry were awarded the gold medals, the Cup and either a chocolate or bath smellies. It was a late hour when we all dispersed. Many thanks again to our hosts for a most enjoyable party.

January's book, chosen by Sally Clarke, is 'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens. Meet at her house 7.30pm Wednesday 25th January.

February's book, chosen by Carolyn Guse, will be 'The Gingerbread Woman' by Jennifer Johnston.

John Hardcastle

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know after the interviews in October Mrs Val Britnell was appointed head teacher. The governing body have an excellent working relationship with her and are looking forward to supporting her to improve the standard of teaching and the learning experience for all children at the school. As you will see from the newsletter it has been an exceptionally busy term and the governing body would like to thank all the teachers and staff for all their considerable efforts. We have been without a caretaker for most of the term and we would particularly like to thank Mrs Sue Buysman for stepping into the breach and keeping the school so clean and tidy. The Governors were invited to the dress rehearsal for the nativity play and were thoroughly entertained by a fantastic performance by Key Stage 1 children. It was a super start to the Christmas period and on behalf of the Governing body I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year. If you wish to discuss any matters with a Governor please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Karen Smethurst
Chair of Governors

Learning and Teaching

As the Ofsted report gave the school much to think about so the senior leadership team have been busy producing a school development plan which clearly has learning and teaching at its heart. New initiatives including peer mentoring, assessing levels of children's work and an agreed focus for what makes good learning and teaching are already being addressed. But this is not an overnight job, and the maintaining of good systems is key to success, which is very much the focus of attention in the school now.

Staffing

We said farewell to Shirley Jones, our caretaker for 5 years, this term. A new caretaker Mr Angel Canaguacan Ron has been appointed to start in December 2011. Plans for staffing the school in future are currently in discussion at the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee and there will be news on developments here in due course.

Committee News

It was decided at a full governing body last term to change the committee structure to having 2 main committees. The previous 3 committee structure had been decided in response to the school going into special measures, in order to address the issues facing the school then. Now we have Finance Premises and Personnel (FPP) and Curriculum, Community and Pupil (CPP) committees. We will report termly on the basic news from these committees.

FPP – health and safety concerns were addressed through recent governor training and subsequent H&S walks (the front path has finally been levelled, too); caretaker interviews and appointment have taken place; regular financial updates have been produced to check prudent financial arrangements are in place;

CCP – special needs review and curriculum review have taken place; reports on analysis of pupil assessments have been received and analysed; challenging targets set by staff have been agreed and sent to the Local Authority (LA); reports on the quality of teaching and learning have been received – governors have agreed to support the monitoring of new initiatives by looking at impact of new strategies on English, maths, science and ICT; school reporting to parents will remain unchanged but we will continue to consult with parents regarding their views on this; there will be another parents forum in march 2012 to canvas parents views on a range of topics.

Statutory Business

There are number of documents and processes we are required by statute (law) to inform you about. We will notify you here of where you can access these documents, most will be on our new website, some will be available at school should you wish to see them.

The SIAS report (diocese review), SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) review, Ofsted report and the school prospectus are all uploaded onto the website - <http://www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk>

Response to what you say

In the recent annual parents' survey and the similar one for Ofsted, a number of written comments were raised. We hope that you had a chance to read our analysis of the surveys. We promised we would address some of these issues regularly in the governors' newsletter and this is where they will appear.

With regard to extracurricular clubs, the school has an obligation to provide for all pupils and sometimes sport is only what a significant minority want. In small schools staffing competitive sporting activities can be difficult, because of many reasons including lack of interest and ability. However, the school responded to repeated requests for structured sporting opportunities and have a fantastic relationship with Game On for Football, where they provide a club (for which parents pay) and in return they also provide the school with focussed class based sports (for which we pay only a nominal charge). We believe that this allows staff to be coached in specific sporting techniques, whilst also indulging the pupils in quality sports direction which has led to our first competitive football match for some time organised by Game On! We have to be sure that the personnel and the quality of the sports coaching is of good calibre before we can sanction it. In order for the school to do this, we take references from other schools and organisations that use these clubs and that is how we have got Premier Sports to run our gymnastic club, which has been extremely popular. We are hoping that they will return in the summer for more gymnastic training for the BAGA awards.

We are aware that there are sports teams and coaching already in the village, and will continue to discuss with them how we can accommodate them within the confines of the school day. However, when the school last surveyed for interest in netball, for example, the response was so limited that it was not feasible to run the club with so few attendees. It is therefore vital that parents keep a look out for these events being offered to pupils, via the newsletter or website, and ensure that they express interest if their child is interested, otherwise it will be interpreted as a lack of support and may result in the club being forfeit.

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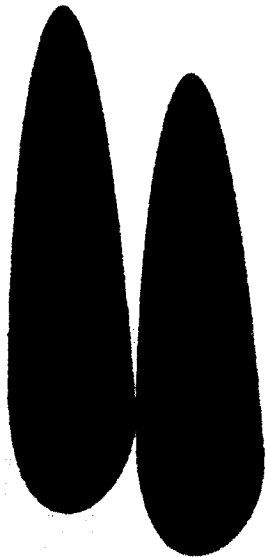
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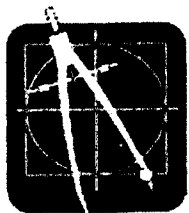
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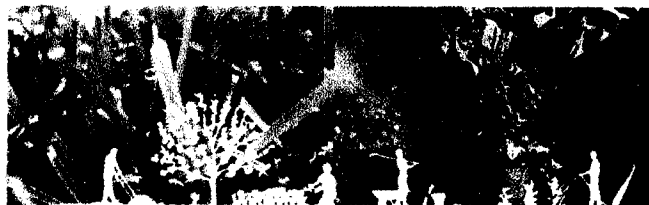
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Highlights of the Autumn Term and Good News

<p>Community Harvest festival was held on the 26th September attended by many parents, siblings and community members. Harmonious choral singing complemented eloquent readings, poems and songs. Christmas Service held on the last day of term is always joyous, and clearly represents the coming together of school and community. Spotlight Musical Theatre visited on 20th October and carried out workshops across the school. These are a new company setting up at Queen's Art Centre Aylesbury. Christmas Card Competition Many children took part in this year's competition. The winning design was drawn by Freya Inns in Venus class.. The PTFA do sterling work raising money for the school community. On 5th November the Bonfire Night spectacular was very well attended by all local communities and was supported by staff and parents serving food, glo sticks and mulled wine. The fireworks had a bit of competition on the night but were by far the best! The Christmas Fayre was held on the 3rd December with stalls from local businesses and franchises, face painting, Christmas craft activities, tombolas and, of, course, Santa himself! A very successful afternoon had by all, which always raises a lot of money to support activities in the school.</p>	<p>Extracurricular activities Clubs -Table tennis, recorder, Lego, Singing, Gymnastics, Football, Homework were available this term. 75 children attended them from years 1 to 6. Game On took a team of budding footballers to Tring to play in a mini tournament on the first Saturday of half term. Children in Need day was the 18th November. The School Council set up and ran all the fundraising activities this year and raised an incredible £434.28. We were all very proud and impressed by this achievement. Well done. Dick Whittington was performed on 29th November to the whole school and was supported very kindly by the dinner ladies. BEPP enterprise award Years 5 and 6 took part in a county wide award to design a pie linking resources to sources. This supports pupils' preparation for future economic wellbeing. Congratulations to Ben Roxbee-Cox who came first, Harry Edwards and Issie Thompson who came second and Ben Lewington who received a Highly Commended award. Children's and Young People's Voice Survey this was conducted in school with years 5 and 6 and supports the PSHCE curriculum. Issie Thompson won the random draw for completing the survey and takes home £20 of Love2shop vouchers.</p>
<p>Future planned events Look out for an English writing project run by the local authority. Wing Liaison group of schools are taking part and it will involve a published author workshop, support for children and adults creative writing and all efforts will be published online and in a book. A Road Safety week has been planned for the end of the Spring term as well as many other visits and visitors to enrich the Curriculum. Mrs Perkins will be holding another French Breakfast, providing an opportunity for the children to practice their French.</p>	<p>Curricular Activities In response to parents' requests a maths parents' workshop was held on the 3rd of November. Amongst other things the use of the number line was demonstrated and tasks were set! Although the turn out was low, it was very valuable to those who attended. Artefact Theatre came to present The Reading Room a very skilled way of presenting literature and literacy to primary aged children. This was well received by pupils and teachers and has been followed up in classes. Harvest festival was held on the 26th September attended by many parents, siblings and community members. Harmonious choral singing complemented eloquent readings, poems and songs. Class visits Years 1 and 2 visited the London Aquarium Years 3 and 4 went to Woburn Safari Park Multi skills festival at Cottesloe School attended by Years 1 and 2 – they came 4th out of 10 schools. Well done! Assemblies There are a variety of assemblies held each term. Saturn Class held their parents' assembly on 14th October to share their work; Jupiter class had an open morning to share their work with the parents on 2nd December. The Guitar and Flute players held an assembly for parents on the 14th December.</p>

On behalf of the governing body, may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Kind regards *Louise McGinty* Chair of the CCP Committee
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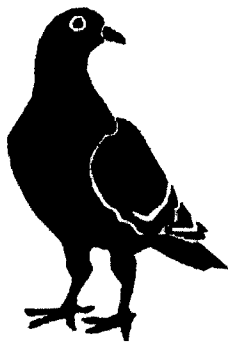
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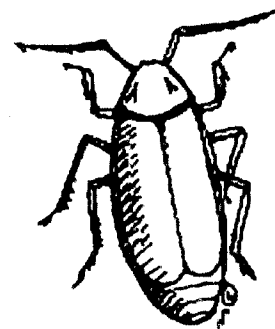
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<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/newsroom/2030130>

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/decentralisation/localismbill/keymeasures/>

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The Buckinghamshire Rural Affairs Group (BRAG) has launched a Rural Issues Paper as the first stage in preparing a new Rural Strategy for Buckinghamshire.

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The Community First Fund was officially opened by Civil Society Minister Nick Hurd on 7 October. It is billed as a flagship Big Society initiative encouraging people to help each other out and giving them the tools they need to make a difference. "*People are frustrated about not being able to make a difference in the communities in which they live,*" said Mr Hurd. *This was especially true in areas of high deprivation that had been failed time and again*", he added. The Community First Fund will allow local people to work together, take control of their lives and create the change they want to see. The fund is divided into two strands, with £30m earmarked for small grants. The remaining £50m will match private donations invested in community endowment funds. These will pay out small grants into the future. Funding will be handed out by panels of local people so communities are able to decide what's important to them. The fund will be run by the Community Development Foundation (CDF).

Chris Walkling, Policy Officer (Voluntary Sector), Buckinghamshire County Council commented that the County Council is faced with conflicting challenges over the coming years – an ongoing reduction in available resources set against increasing demand for our services as well as increasing costs. Overall we need to save £55m between 2011/12 and 2013/14. As well as achieving these savings, we need to ensure we are also continuing to deliver those services that are a particular priority for residents. We consider it vital to engage and consult with you before, during and after decisions of this nature are made. On the 12th December 2011 Cabinet agreed budget proposals that deliver a balanced budget, protect front line services and maintain support to the voluntary sector. Consultation on Budget Proposals – ends 20th January – see www.bucksec.gov.uk/bcc/about_your_council/budget_consultation_page to make your comments!

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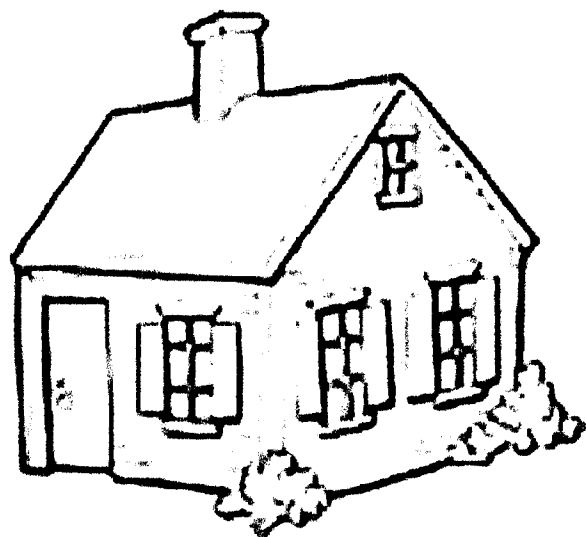
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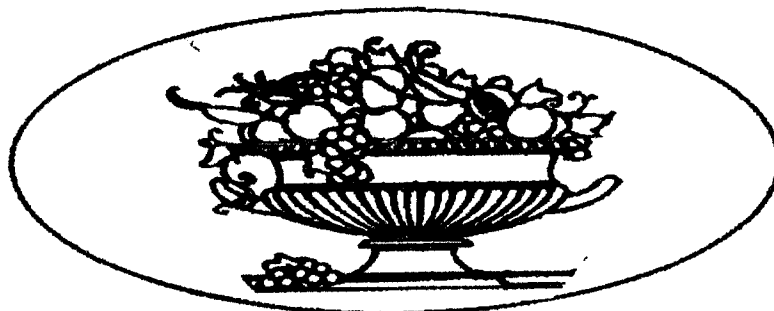
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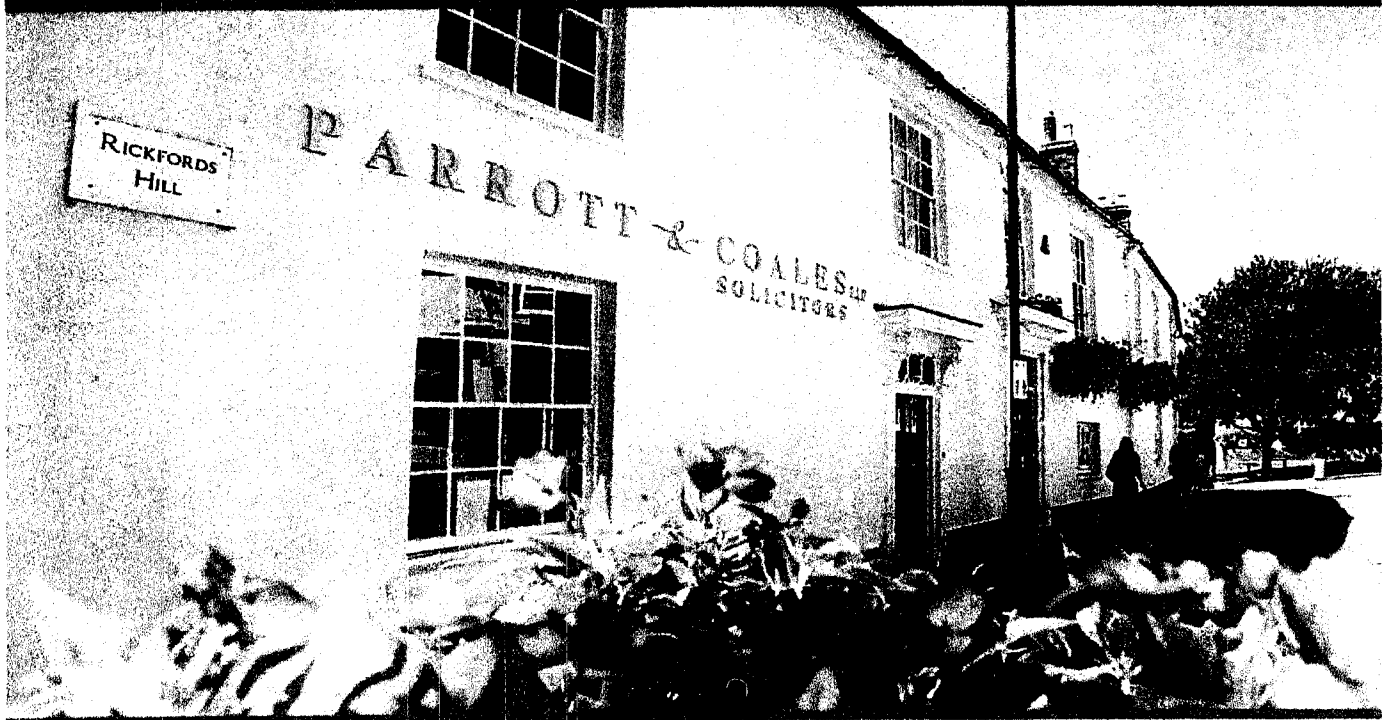
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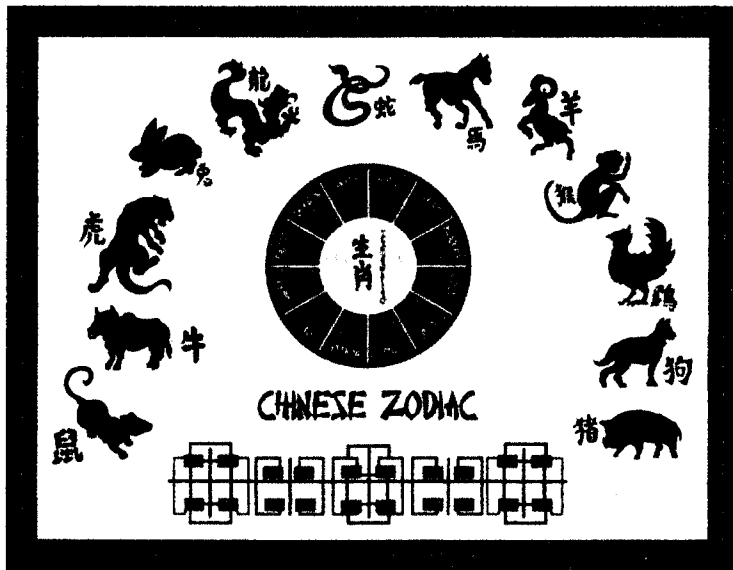
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Year of the Dragon - 23rd January

In Chinese tradition, each year is dedicated to a specific animal. The Dragon, Horse, Monkey, Rat, Boar, Rabbit, Dog, Rooster, Ox, Tiger, Snake, and Ram are the twelve animals that are part of this tradition. In 2012, the Dragon is welcomed back after the 2011 year of the Rabbit. Each of these animals are thought to bestow their characteristics to the people born in their year.



While the Year of the Rabbit was characterized by calm and tranquility, the Year of the Dragon will be marked by excitement, unpredictability, exhilaration and intensity. The Rabbit imbues people with a sense of cautious optimism, but people respond to the spirit of the Dragon with energy, vitality and unbridled enthusiasm, often throwing all caution to the wind – which can be an unwise move: The Dragon is all about drama but if you take unnecessary risks, you may find yourself starring in your own personal tragedy.

The Dragon's Personality People born under the Dragon are passionate, brave and self-assured. At their best they are pioneering spirits; at their worst, they epitomize the old adage: Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Dragons are generous with their resources, a tendency that at its most negative can reflect a foolhardy attitude towards money. But Dragons in general are blessed with good fortune. They are smart, enterprising and have a wicked sense of humor. They have a natural flair for fashion and are the people to consult if you want to catch up on the latest trends.

This Chinese New Year 2012 ushers in the Water Dragon. Water exerts a calming influence on the Dragon's innate fire. Water Dragons are more open to other people's opinions than other Dragons which gives them the ability to channel their personal charisma into real leadership qualities.

Famous celebrities born in under the Dragon include John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Al Pacino, Marlene Dietrich and Matt Dillon. The Dragon's lucky color is yellow.

The Dragon and Love Dragons are passionate. They fall in love quickly – and out of love just as quickly. Their charisma and charm is an immense draw to people of the opposite sex whose attention and admiration they crave. Though they have a tendency to treat love like a game, they can settle down when they meet the right partner, someone who's strong enough not to be bowled over by the Dragon's flamboyant, independent and stubborn personality. The Dragon's ideal partners are the Rat, the Monkey, and the Rooster: The Rat is practical, observant and resourceful, able to help the Dragon when extravagant promises have backed the Dragon into a corner. The Monkey is just as popular as the Dragon, curious, intellectual and fun-loving, one of the few personalities the Dragon doesn't mind sharing the spotlight with. The Rooster can give the Dragon a run for the money on the fashion-forward front; attractive, well-groomed, fiercely loyal and committed to honesty, the Rooster serves as the Dragon's reality check, keeping the Dragon from making promises that he or she can't keep.

The Dragon and Wealth Dragon years are lucky for anyone thinking of starting a business or initiating a new project of any sort because money is easier to come by for everyone, whether it's earned, borrowed or received as a gift. Consequently we can expect the economic downturn to ease up a bit in the coming year. Fortunes can be made but they can also be lost: Keep in mind like all good things, the Year of the Dragon will come to an end and you will be held accountable for unreasonable extravagances.

Dragons do well in professions that give them the ability to function somewhat autonomously. They make excellent sales people, publicists, political campaigners, lawyers, real estate brokers, actors and politicians.

BURNS NIGHT 25TH JANUARY

Address To A Haggis

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!

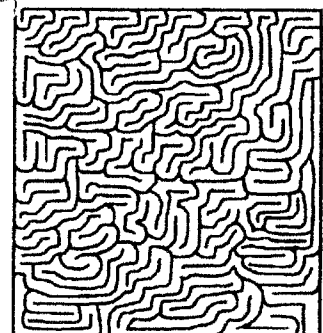
Then, horn for horn,
they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swail'd kytes belyve,
Are bent lyke drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
"Bethankit!" hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu'
view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devill see him ower his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whissle;
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a haggis!



The French are back!



6th - 9th January

We are delighted to welcome back, Eric Arnaud and his team for a brief stay in January 2012. Those who have experienced their hospitality before, enjoyed some great regional French food and wines as well as Eric's own unique Gallic charm. Those of you who missed out will no doubt want to make an early booking this time! The good news is that Eric and his two teams will spend three consecutive days at The Unicorn at Cublington and at The Pilgrim in North Marston.

We expect this to be a very popular period so please don't delay making a reservation for the 6th, 7th and 8th (lunch or dinner) and 9th (lunch only). Simply phone us on 01296 681261 (Unicorn) or 01296 670969 (Pilgrim).

We look forward to welcoming you.

What's coming in January

Sunday 1st - New Years Day

a selection of Roast Lunches

Friday 6th - Monday Lunch of 9th -

The French are Back

Tuesday 10th - Halfway House

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Friday 13th - Live Music

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27th - Dinner and Jazz

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St James Church

8th January	10.15am	Holy Communion
15th January	6pm	Evensong
22nd January	10.15am	Holy Communion
29th January	10.15am	Holy Communion

If you would like to have flowers in Church in memory of a loved one please contact Colin Higgs

CHURCH DUTIES

	<i>Cleaners</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
7th Jan	Colin Caroline L	Colin
14th	Ann Gordon	Ann
21st	Shirley Andrew	
28th	Anita April	

The Christingle Service, held on Sunday December 18th at St James Church, was well attended with a full church and very many children. All agreed that the 5pm service was a great success. It was a very happy event and made the perfect start for the Christmas celebrations.



St James Church drawn by Andy Bystra



Saint James Aston Abbots.

In the nineteenth century many of the old village cottages in Aston Abbots were pulled down and rebuilt. Consideration was also given to the Church, and almost all that remains of the old church is the Tower. We do not know quite what ideas the people had for the refurbishment of their ancient church building, but it became apparent in 1864 that the most practical option was to completely rebuild the Nave and Chancel on new foundations. The chosen architect was G. E. Street, a prolific designer of churches, notably, in Bucks those at Wescott (1867) and Beachampton (1873) and the work carried out by a local Berton builder Mr. Durley at a total cost of £1239.3.11d of which £300 was donated by the then Lord of the Manor, Lord Overstone.

The church was rededicated by Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, on Whit Tuesday 22nd May 1866.

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Fete Coordinator	TBA	
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544
Hospital	Stoke Mandeville	315000
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Ring out the old, ring in the new,
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snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850

What's On In January

Tuesday 3rd	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 5th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 8th	Rambling Club 2pm	meet MK Pagoda
Thursday 12th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 15th	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Tuesday 17th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 18th	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 19th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 21st	Allotment Rents due 10.30-12noon	
	please pay in Church Room	
Sunday 22nd	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Tuesday 24th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Tuesday 31st	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thurs 1st Feb	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room

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

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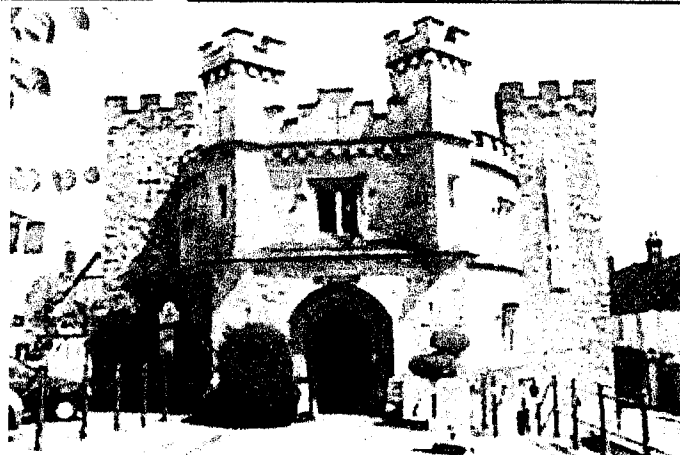
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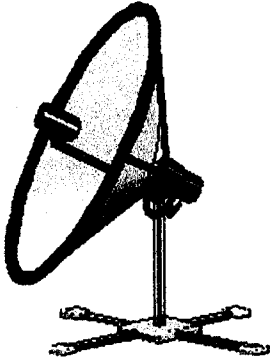
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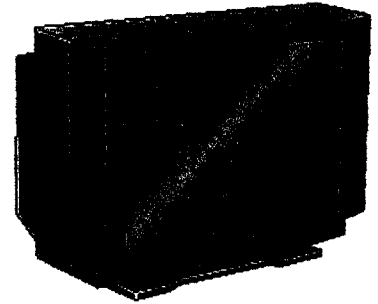
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