

# THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine - May 2012



**Village and Neighbourhood Plan Presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting 8pm 9th May in the Church Room**

# Editorial

Many thanks are due to Colin Higgs for organising the Litter Blitz at the end of March. Many thanks are also due to the small band of families and individuals who combed our verges for rubbish - in excess of 14 bags of rubbish were collected, the vast majority from the verges of the road leaving the village towards the Wingrave crossroad. It is depressing to see how little some people care how they dispose of their bottles, cans and packaging. It seems amazing that in excess of 50 cans of cider were collected in one particular stretch - perhaps someone is walking home and can't be bothered to take their rubbish home. That's enough of my rant - at least the verges look a lot better for the litter pickers' efforts.

On the back page you'll notice a splendid photo of Dave Lewis collecting his award for bravery. My congratulations to Dave and Alison for the recognition they richly deserve.

The plans for the Jubilee Celebrations are well in hand. See details on pages 5 & 7.

Judy and I were invited to see a production of Spamalot at Aylesbury Theatre. We saw Spamalot when it first appeared in the West End some years ago and enjoyed it the second time around. The show has been updated and proved to be as funny as I remembered it. A great evening. If you enjoy going to the theatre then see page 11 where there is a chance to get a pair of tickets free.

Judy and I went to the point to point meeting at Kimble on Easter Saturday. We backed four winners out of the five races but the odds were so small that on an initial outlay of £6 we only cleared winnings of £5.20. Still that's a lot better than we normally do.

A family of 2 Mallard ducks and their 15 ducklings appeared on one of my ponds on 16th April. No frog spawn anywhere. They say one swallow doesn't make a summer - spotted my first one on 17th April, and it wasn't a good weather day, rain and wind. Rain is good for the garden and the Orchard! I'm very pleased to announce that Judy and I are the proud grandparents to Lily born on 2nd April. Lily weighed in at 7lbs 10oz; if you reread my previous editorial you'll see I was spot on weightwise but incorrectly predicted a boy. I'm delighted I was wrong. *John*

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**Friday 25th May**

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

### May

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Mervyn King     | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Charlie Bystra  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Hannah Brandon  | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jeff Banister   | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Callum Hilton   | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Tom Manning     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Benjamin King   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Milani Drysdale | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Mark White      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Carol Bates     | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Neil Chesher    | 26 <sup>th</sup> |

Andy Bystra celebrated his 75th birthday in great style with a gathering at The Royal Oak where the band 'Seamus Oblivion' regaled their audience with reggae folk music (*might have got that wrong*), they had a style of their own. Many thanks Andy for a fabulous evening. *Ed*

Many thanks are due to Peter Knight who has repaired the gate at the bottom of Lines Hill. The driver of a stolen tractor (recovered by the police) was responsible for the damage. *Ed*

**Colin's Quiz Night** was a most enjoyable evening. £255 was raised for Church funds. The ploughman's was very tasty - many thanks to the helpers who organised and served the meal. The winning team carried away a can of beer each - the team that came last each got a Kit Kat. *Ed*

#### Holiday Refuse Collection Dates

| Normal Collection  | Revised Collection |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Thursday 10th May  | Friday 11th May    |
| Thursday 7th June  | Saturday 9th June  |
| Thursday 14th June | Friday 15th June   |

Please note that the refuse freighter will be visiting The Green from 7:30am until 11am on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The service is for household waste.

A warm welcome to John & Sheila Murray who have recently moved into Orchard House, 2 Hunters Way.

Isn't it lovely to see the swallows back? I saw my first one April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to James and Jo Dell who have bought Abbots View Farm and intend to breed alpacas.

### Aston Abbots Fete 2012 - Saturday 28 July

The next Fete meeting will be held on

### Wednesday 6 June at 8.00

at 14 Bricstock  
Aston Abbots

If you are unable to attend but are willing to help in any way: before, during or after the day - even if you can only spare an hour, please get in touch. Many Thanks - looking forward to seeing you all.

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Add me on Facebook for more details of the fete

#### MEGA THANKS

Andy Bystra would like to thank all those who helped in the arrangement such a great party at The Royal Oak on the 14<sup>th</sup> April to celebrate his birthday. In particular, his family for that wonderful cake and setting up and decorating the marquee. Huge thanks to Kevin and Jane without who's generosity there would not have been a marquee; Also of course, all the 'lads' who not only helped put it up, but who also turned up on the Sunday to take it all down again and load it ( and that heavy flooring) back onto Kevin's lorry.

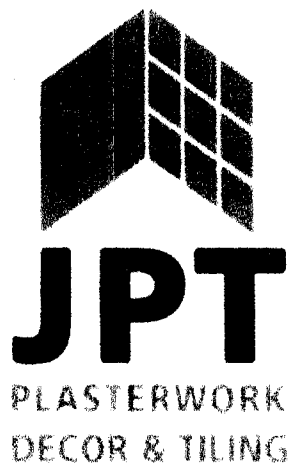
Lastly, but by no means least, a huge thank you to Terri & Garry at The Royal Oak who allowed us to 'squeeze' some 130 people into our village pub and who provided such delicious hot food for all. I sincerely hope all who attended had as good a time as I did and enjoyed dancing to that wonderful, crazy band!!



#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WINGRAVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The next general meeting will take place at the Rose and Crown, Wingrave, at 8pm on the 6th June 2012. Anyone interested in the British Legion is very welcome to attend. Your country needs you to be interested!

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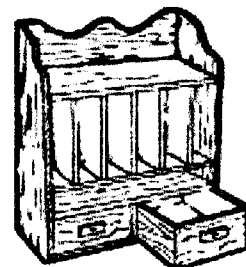
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# Diamond Jubilee Picnic

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12.30-5pm

We hope that many of you will join in the community picnic on the Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday.

Decorated tables with plates & serviettes will be provided so you only need to bring a chair and some food, drink and glasses to join in. Some of you may like to bring your own tables and gazebos if you have larger family groups. We have ordered hats and flags but don't let this stop you dressing up yourselves and your tables. Toilets will be on site



## Jubilee Childrens Games

Trophies to be won and treats for all who take part!!

### 6 races

2 age groups

Under 8 & 12 and under

Egg and Spoon  
3 Legged Race  
Sack Race  
Skipping Race  
Backwards Race  
Obstacle Race

Finally a Family Tug of War

Timetable for the day is planned as follows

- 12.30 Competition cakes to be brought for judging
- 1pm Bake Off Judging
- 1-2pm lunch- there will be cakes & tea/coffee on sale
- 2-3pm Fiona Harrison entertains with songs from 60s & 70s
- 3pm Races- we hope the children will join in with some traditional sports day races and the adults too!!!
- 3.45pm Football
- 4pm Eco friendly treasure hunt around the village.

The Jubilee committee would like to thank all those who are helping with various activities for the day.

*Sally Palmer*

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# The Great Aston Abbotts Bake Off - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

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## Categories

**Class 1** Decorated cup cakes

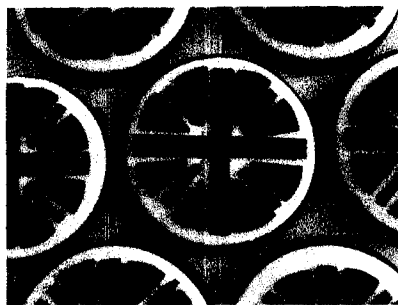


**Class 2** Any decorated cake



**Class 3** Men only- Any decorated cake on a Jubilee theme

**Class 4** Children- decorated biscuits



Judging will take place at 1pm in the marquee on the Rec

All entries to be submitted on a plate labelled with your name, contact details and competition

Category. All entries will be offered for sale immediately after judging

***Please also provide a list of ingredients***

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Teacher: No, listen carefully. If I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have? Johnny: Seven.  
Teacher: Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you 2 apples, and another 2 apples and another 2, how many will you have?  
Johnny: Six.  
Teacher: Good. Now if I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have? Johnny: Seven!!!  
A very angry Teacher: Where the hell do you get seven from?!?!? Very angry Johnny: Because I've already got a cat at home!!!



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**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011
3. Matters arising
4. County Council, District Council and Police reports
5. Annual report from the Parish Council Chairman
6. Village and Neighbourhood Plan Presentation
7. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
8. Church Room
9. The Chronicle
10. Fete 2011 and 2012 – Funds allocation
11. A.O.B.

**THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED TO CELEBRATE THE  
PUBLISHING OF OUR VILLAGE PLAN.  
WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US.**

**VIC SCOTT'S DIARIES - MAY**

During the first week of May I found a certain moorhen's nest, containing three eggs, among growing reeds about six feet from the water's edge. Round the edge of the water near the nest was a trimmed thorn hedge, through which I had to squeeze in order to get a close view of the nest. About the time that the eggs were due to hatch my friend and I squeezed through the hedge to look at the nest, and the sitting bird left the nest as usual. But instead of scuttling away into hiding the bird swam to a distance of about ten feet from the nest, and proceeded to swim backwards and forwards anxiously. Suddenly the bird dropped its tail into the water and cried out as if being hurt, at the same time trying to lift literally out of the water by beating with its wings in a seemingly weak manner. My first thought was that a pike had caught the bird by its legs but to my knowledge this water contained no pike. Then the other bird, hearing the cries of its mate came swimming towards the nest, and when it approached near its mate, started to behave in exactly the same manner. Only then did I realize that the birds were trying their hardest to attract our attentions from the nest, and their strange behaviour achieved its purpose.

*This is the last extract to be published in the Chronicle. My thanks to Christine Scott for allowing us access to Vic's diaries. Ed*

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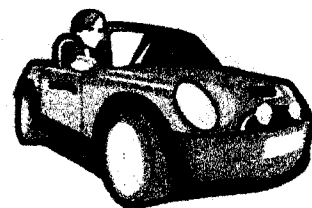
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|-----------|------------------|
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**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY. MINIATURES STEAM DAY** plus heritage diesel from Aylesbury

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY STEAMING OPEN DAY**

#### SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1940s WEEKEND

The weekend will include re-enactment groups, firing demonstrations, spivs and spies. With over 60 military vehicles on display, trade stands and wartime music performance on both days. Wartime dinner party on Saturday night with music performed by Jane Francis (Pre-booked tables only). Aylesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion will present a stall where visitors can purchase good to raise funds towards the 2012/13 Poppy Appeal.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> STEAMING OPEN DAY**

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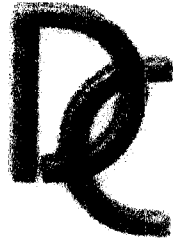
Judy and I took up an invitation from the press office at Aylesbury Theatre to see Spamalot. We thoroughly enjoyed the show and the hospitality given us along with two other parish magazine editors and their partners.

I have the opportunity to offer a pair of tickets for most forthcoming shows to anyone in our village who would like to apply for them. If you are interested in seeing a particular show (listed below) then let me have an email or note, with your name and telephone number, when I will put names in a hat to draw the winner for each show. The tickets are free and are usually in the stalls about one third back. Parking opposite the theatre costs £1 for the evening after 6.30pm. The list of shows available will be updated every month in the Chronicle.

In return it would be nice if the 'theatregoers' gave a short review of the show they saw. *Ed*

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|--|------------------------|
| <b>SOUTH PACIFIC</b>                           | TUES 15.MAY<br>7.30PM  |
| <b>BENJAMIN GROSVENOR – OXFORD PHILOMUSICA</b> | SUN 10.JUNE<br>7.30PM  |
| <b>GIRLS NIGHT OUT</b>                         | TUES 12.JUNE<br>7.30PM |
| <b>FRANKENSTEIN (Live Screening)</b>           | THU 16.JUNE<br>6.45PM  |
| <b>RAYMONDA (Live Screening)</b>               | SUN 24.JUNE<br>4PM     |
| <b>ROY ORBISON &amp; FRIENDS</b>               | FRI 29.JUNE<br>7.30PM  |
| <b>HITCHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY</b>          | MON 09.JULY<br>7.30PM  |
| <b>DANDY DICK</b>                              | TUES 17.JULY<br>7.30PM |
| <b>PEPPA PIG</b>                               | SAT 28.JULY<br>10.00AM |
| <b>SING-A-LONG-A ABBA</b>                      | SAT 28.JULY<br>7.30PM  |

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.



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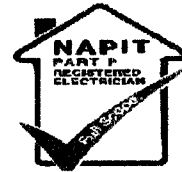
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## VILLAGE ORCHARD

We are very fortunate to have had some rain at last so that we have not had to water the orchard since the hose-pipe ban.

I do however expect to have to water regularly during the 'high summer' as there is no reserve of water deep in the soil. To that end I am pleased to report that we have found a legal way to fill our little bowser.

Please remember that there are buckets in the shed and hopefully there will be water in the tank solely for the orchard. So - water your favourite tree (*especially F1 Ed*) every time you make a visit.

One piece of very exciting news (I am getting old, rather boring and perhaps desperate for excitement) - a really splendid wild cowslip plant has appeared in the orchard. It would have had 9 flowers on it had not a rabbit eaten off 5 of them. The plant has now been wired over in the hope that it will set and spread seed.

In between showers the turf heaps have been moved - some by official means, some by the phantom sod shifter of Aston Abbotts. A good job done!

The trees look well, some very well; and I reckon that 22 trees bear blossom. One shouldn't really let trees fruit in their first year - they should put all their energy into growing - particularly roots. Should some fruit appear it will be tempting to let one fruit set on a successful tree. Just think - your tree could bear the first fruit in the Village Orchard in Jubilee Year - what fame! (as long as it's not that Wotton Costard!).

So - here's hoping for plenty of rain in May with warm sunshine between the showers - Or - as Gordon tends to say these days, "Hail Wasail"

*Peter Knight*



The cowslip is declining. In the past this flower was picked for May Day celebrations, dug up for gardens and harvested to make cowslip wine and herbal medicines. Cowslips declined dramatically between the 1940s and 1980s because of the intensification of agriculture which increased use of herbicides and chemical fertilizers and brought about the ploughing of old grasslands. Today cowslip meadows are a great rarity and cowslips survive mainly on roadside verges and nature reserves.

## ASTON ABBOTT BOOK CLUB

The April meet was held at Gaynor Erskine-Walker's house to discuss "The House by the Dvina" by Eugenie Fraser. The Dvina is a river flowing into the White Sea at Archangel. This is an account of a the author's childhood spent in Russia in the period immediately before the complete change to their society following the First World War and the overthrow of the Tsar. Its a childhood also spent in part in Scotland. The contrast from a life of privilege to one of hunger and deprivation is revealing. We all picked out of this book some memorable events - it created a lot of discussion.

Our next book, chosen by Deidre Whyte, is "Saturday" by Ian McEwan.

*John Hardcastle*

Arkhangelsk's economy revived at the end of the 19th century when a railway to Moscow was completed and timber became a major export. The city resisted Bolshevik rule from 1918 to 1920 and was a stronghold of the anti-Bolshevik White Army supported by the military intervention of British-led Entente forces along an Allied expedition, including a North American contingent known as the Polar Bear Expedition.

During both world wars, Arkhangelsk was a major port of entry for Allied aid. During World War II, the city became known in the West as one of the two main destinations (along with Murmansk) of the Arctic Convoys bringing supplies to assist the Russians who were cut off from their normal supply lines. During Operation Barbarossa, the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, Arkhangelsk was one of two cities (the other being Astrakhan) selected to mark the envisaged eastern limit of Nazi control. The military operation was to be halted at this A-A line, but never reached it in reality as the German forces failed to capture either of the two cities as well as Moscow.

It was **World Book Night** on 23rd April (also St George's Day). My application to be a 'giver' was successful so I had 24 free copies of 'The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox' by Maggie O'Farrell to give away. I have handed these to men living in Aston Abbotts in the hope this might encourage them to read a book and perhaps consider joining the Aston Abbotts Book Club. I've not read this book - hopefully it will be a good read.

Each copy of the book has a unique identifying number. This enables 'receivers' to go to [worldbooknight.org](http://worldbooknight.org) to register their book. When 'receivers' have finished with the book they are asked to hand it on to a friend or colleague who can similarly register, and so on, so it will be possible to see how far the book travels. *Ed*

# You deserve the best

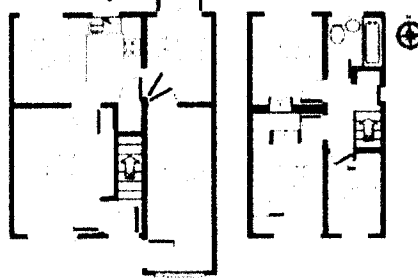
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# Aston Abbotts Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Present: -** Cllrs. C Higgs (Chair), Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, R Clarke and P Bruton (Clerk). County Cllr. Mrs N Glover, District Cllr. P Cooper and one member of the public were in attendance.

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

We had received an invitation to participate in the 2012 Best Kept Village Competition and after discussion it was **AGREED** that we would not enter this year.

We had received a letter from Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils outlining the support and services they provided to Parish Councils in Aylesbury Vale. The Association receives no funding for any of its activities and was requesting a voluntary contribution from all members of £10. Cllr Carvey had declared his interest in this item and other Councillors discussed the request and **RESOLVED** to make a contribution of £10.

**Annual Parish Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012:** The draft agenda was amended to include an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and it was noted that as the Clerk was away Cllr Carvey had kindly offered to take the minutes.

**Wind Turbines** – Following the note received from the Clerk to Cublington Parish Council an article had been included in the recent issue of The Chronicle. At this time no responses from residents had been received. However it was **AGREED** that we should respond to Cublington asking to be kept up to date with developments and should there be any Public meetings on the issue then we would be interested in attending.

**County Councillor N Glover** updated the meeting on the current Highways issues in the village and then gave a summary of her monthly report that included the launching of a Car sharing scheme, the Luton Airport application, Awareness of domestic violence and e-books for free from the Library. Further details are available on the County and District websites.

**District Councillor Peter Cooper** updated the meeting on the following matters: the District offices were in the process of moving to Gatehouse Way, apart from the Customer Service Centre and it was noted that the Cash Office was closing down at the end of August, cash payments could still be made at Post offices. The development by the Theatre is under way and scheduled for completion by the end of the year, Car park charges were changing and further details are on the AVDC website as well as the local press. Finally there followed a discussion on the current planning situation following the Government's issuing of the National Planning Policy Framework. AVDC are still working on developing their Local Plan and given the current concerns over the definition of sustainable development provided for in the Government's NPP it was felt that our Parish should continue working on developing a Neighbourhood Plan that provides for a planning policy that is in accordance with the wishes of residents.

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### Older Than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about. Ratings at the bottom

1. Sweet cigarettes
2. Coffee shops with juke boxes
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
4. Party lines on the telephone
5. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning.. (There were only 2 channels [if you were fortunate])
7. Peashooters
8. 33 rpm records
9. 45 RPM records
- 9a. 78 RPM records and wind- up gramophones
10. Hi-fi's
11. Metal ice trays with levers
12. Blue flashbulb
13. Cork popguns
14. Wash tub wringers

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**Village Plan** – Cllr Perkins had circulated the first draft of the Village Plan and there were some concerns that previously agreed amendments had not been included. A meeting date of either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> April was proposed and it was still our intention to publish at the Annual Parish meeting scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Astonbury** – The meeting was updated on the current position regarding the preparations for this year's event. The matter of concern centred on the play area and liability after dark as currently this area was only open to the public during day light hours. After discussion on the various options it was AGREED that the play area, including the Ariel Runway, would be locked and secured by the organisers. The Clerk would request that Cllr Shorrock sends through the Licence to the organisers and he will check with our insurers that they are comfortable with the arrangements.

**Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter** – We had received a note from Wingrave Parish Council regarding repairs to the Bus Shelter that had originally been donated by Ex-president Benes of Czechoslovakia. It was AGREED that we should meet with representatives of Wingrave Parish Council to ascertain the extent of repair being proposed.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Carvey and the Clerk had attended a recent meeting on the current position on AVDC's planning policy. The indicative date given for completion of their Local Plan was 2014 and it was apparent that Parish Councils that were currently developing Neighbourhood Plans were waiting on AVDC before being able to proceed. We were being asked to have further meetings to move our plan forward, however after discussion it was AGREED that we should wait and see what comes out over the next 3 to 4 months and then seek guidance when the situation becomes clearer. Cllr Carvey would update residents at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

**New Homes Bonus** - It was noted that there was currently an AVDC consultation on the New Homes Bonus scheme that would decide how Government funds for New Homes would be distributed. The current S106 developer funding would cease from 2014.

**Safety Check:** - Cllr Clarke gave his report with no major issues. He advised he had purchased one replacement picnic bench and if Councillors agreed this was of suitable quality he would arrange for a second as agreed.

**Damaged Gate – Lines Hill** – It was RESOLVED that Cllr Clarke approach Mr Knight to repair the Gate.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.



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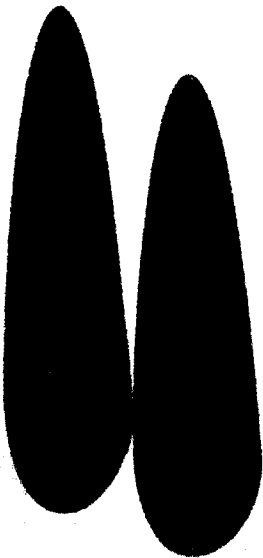
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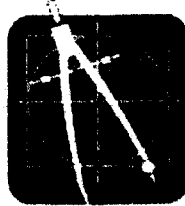


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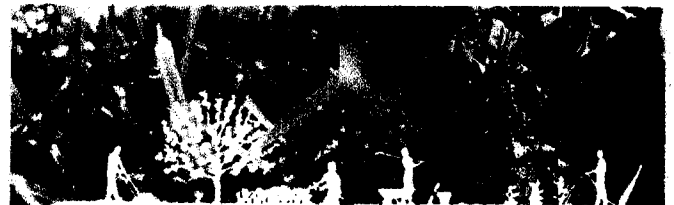
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## Countryside Matters

What a sad day in our society when everything that moves on a farm, whether it be livestock, machinery, a quad bike, a land rover, a mower or scrap, all has to be locked down securely and protected with cameras. Security lighting and alarms have become obligatory because now there's a very good chance that a gang of thieves will roll up in the middle of the night, or sometimes during the day, and help themselves to anything they choose, without fear or conscience. Tell the younger generation that, in the good old days, you could leave the keys in a tractor from the day it arrived on the farm until the day it left, either traded in or to a farm sale, and they look at you as if it is the start of another boring new joke!! Many years ago there were light fingered folk about who would have away the odd bag of corn for their hens, half a sack of spuds for the family, or a poached pheasant or two for the pot. This was accepted and a blind eye turned but today that same approach is impossible, with the strong possibility of a tractor disappearing or a telescopic handler or even a lorry load of lambs or cattle rustled. Put on top of that sheep slaughtered in the field with just a knife, and the only evidence left are the entrails and bones left behind. Considering where we have got to go with this, then the Home secretary announcing in so many months time, that selling off scrap for cash shall be come a criminal offence, this will obviously have these blaggards quivering in their counterfeit trainers.

Whilst on the subject of livestock and thieving, a sheep farmer, mate of mine, in Cheddington was rushing to help a lambing ewe with her second lamb, still half born; he witnessed a rook removing the eyes of the unborn foetus, aren't these corvids lovely animals. Not a pleasant job having to dispatch a lamb before it's even fully born.

*James Henderson*

## Community News:

**From our local PCSO Team - Crime Statistics:** Crime is down this month compared with the same dates last year with 25 crimes of note during March compared with 41 last year. This is mainly down to a spate of thefts at a school and a business being a victim of burglary non-dwelling during March last year. Aston Abbots had one theft of milk reported.

**Crime Priorities:** There have been several breaks into sheds and garages where padlocks have been cropped off or doors forced. Please make sure that your property is as secure as possible and if you are able to please buy shed alarms that can be fixed on the inside so they are triggered either by motion or by a break in the beam.

**Community Oil Buying Scheme Goes from Strength to Strength! Average Saving on 1000 litres in March = £47.00** The Community Oil Buying Scheme launched by Community Impact Bucks at the start of January is going from strength to strength with members in 19 communities around the county. On the 30th March the price paid by members was 60.3p per litre, which compares very well to the highest price we were quoted of 74p per litre and an average price of 65p per litre.

So if you buy oil and don't already get the benefit of buying in bulk, why not consider becoming a member (individuals and businesses). If your community doesn't already have a co-ordinator, why not volunteer? The time commitment is small, the benefits are large – and don't forget co-ordinators can join the scheme for free. [www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/pages/work-with-commu-bulk-oil-buying-scheme](http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/pages/work-with-commu-bulk-oil-buying-scheme)

**National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** is the governments new national planning framework that was published 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and came in to force immediately. The NPPF is a key part of reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, to protect the environment and to promote sustainable growth. It replaces almost all previous rules and regulations so it impacts current plans including the Vale of Aylesbury Plan to which the villages Village Plan and soon to be drafted Neighbourhood Plan will contribute. More information at [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf)

AVDC Waste Services have now set an implementation date for the start of the new, improved refuse and recycling service. The new collection regime will start on Tuesday 4 September 2012. On this date, the council will start its four-day collection service and the new recycling service. The Tuesday to Friday four-day week collections will bring greater efficiencies to the council and less disruption to residents when there are public holidays on Mondays. Every household will receive a letter this summer to tell them if their collection day has changed.

New recycling bins will be delivered to households during July & August, in preparation for the changeover. They will be delivered with an information pack, which will explain what goes in each of the bins, and a collection calendar, so people know which bin to put out when.

*Bob Carvey*



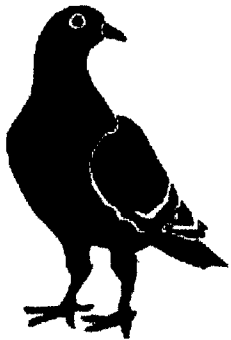
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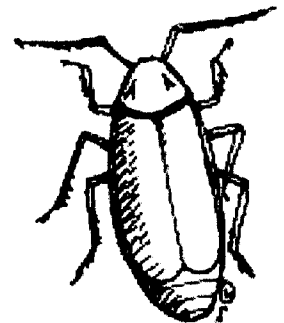
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### What have we been learning?

The following questions are all based on recent topics studied at school. If you bring an answer to Mrs Britnell by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May you will be awarded 5 house points for each correct answer.

- 1 – Name the largest and the smallest dinosaur.
- 2 – Who wrote; ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’?
- 3 – Who is the statue of in Aylesbury’s Market Square?
- 4 – According to the Bible, what did God create on the 5<sup>th</sup> day?
- 5 – On what date did World War II start?
- 6 – Who was Queen Victoria’s husband?
- 7 – What was the name of the person also known as the ‘Lady of the lamp’?
- 8 – Draw a religious symbol linked to the Christian, Islamic and Jewish faiths.
- 9 – When was the National Health service started?
- 10 – Who designed the Spitfire aeroplane?

Congratulations to all the children who earned 50 house points last month.

This is a very busy term with a number of sporting events, productions and a residential visit for upper Key Stage 2. We are also starting to think ahead to the next academic year and on 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm we will be holding a meeting for all stakeholders; a chance for the wider school community to get together and discuss things that affect us all, but crucially, do something about it, together. I look forward to welcoming you to this event which will be held in the school.  
*Val Britnell*

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The article below first appeared in The Wingrave With Rowsham *Communiqué*

### Spotlight on Rita & Steve



Rita and Steve first came to Wingrave in December 2004, and have been here ever since. Running the busy Post Office and shop is a 24/7 operation. Steve marks up the newspapers for deliveries before first light, before most of us have briefly opened an eye to look at the clock. He will be delivering papers shortly after that and still thinks back to his shocking illness, which lasted over 18 months. Both Rita and Steve are so grateful to the community spirited individuals who so supported them in their hours of need and to the helpful staff who worked tirelessly to keep things running. Without his own particular sense of Irish humour Steve would have found things tough.

Coming from Wembley to Wingrave has been a fantastic progression and even in these difficult times they have a customer base that stretches to Slapton, Cublington, Horton, Grove and Aston Abbots, over 400 of these villagers receive their daily newspapers to have with their cornflakes every morning through any sorts of weather.

This affable couple fell in love with the village at first sight and still enjoy the friendly banter that can be heard every day in the little shop, little it may be but their stock of items is extensive and is continually increasing, so much so that a little birdie tells me that they will be going through a revamp in early summer. They continue to fight off the big supermarkets, with their free deliveries and two for one offers, with a mix of good old-fashioned customer service and care and actively support the community in so many ways. That is most certainly repaid with a strong loyal customer base.

Fresh baked bread, fruit and vegetables all locally sourced and a good range of chilled products adorn the heaving shelves and chillers, with more good news that ready meals will be added and with great deals to be had on wines and beers even more choice will be coming available soon. Rita assured me that they always listen to customers and if there is a demand for a certain product it will be stocked forthwith.

Rita and Steve and now proud grandparents and try to get as much free time as the work allows. They are open 6am until 7pm six days a week and until 1pm on Sundays. Rita who has a degree in history and Irish studies enjoys reading about local history. Steve on the other hand enjoys his football and a good pint of British beer.

2012 is a SPECIAL year; they will be celebrating their Silver wedding anniversary on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Nigel Crump



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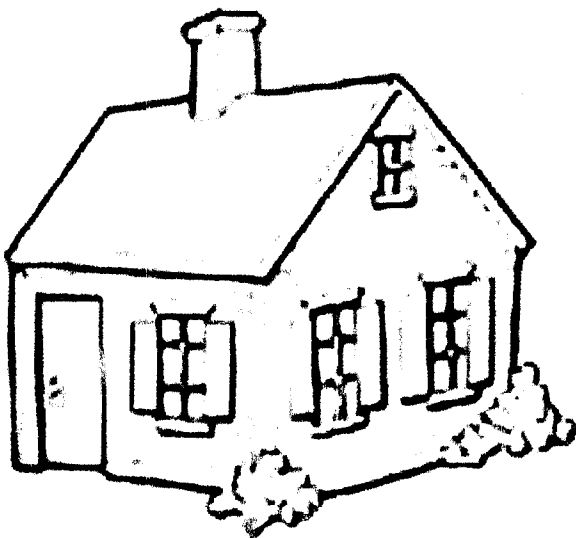
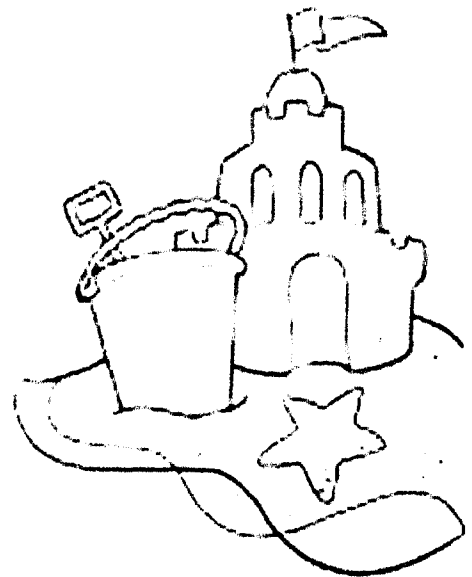
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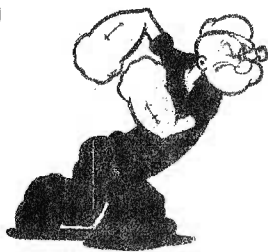
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I always used to wonder why, when he wanted to build up his strength, Pop-eye's food of choice was spinach. It always seemed a perverse choice, knowing the dislike that much of the population has for this rather bitter member of the brassica family. However, I read an article recently which suggested a reason for this. In the late 1800's, a German scientist called Dr. Emil von Wolff claimed that it contained 10 times more iron than it does, due to an error in his calculations.

His theories held sway for many years, and even though the mistake was eventually discovered, this myth continued to be believed by many, even into the 20th Century, and it is probable that it was this that influenced Pop-eye's creator.

Another item of allotment related news which I read recently was that a solicitor and accomplished clarinettist named Paul Johnson has taken on the historic and long-forgotten role of the Pershore plum charmer. Basically Mr. Johnson plays music to the plums to encourage them to ripen. He said that "Deep Purple" had a dramatic effect on purple Pershore plums; while Marjorie Seedlings seemed to enjoy "On the Sunny Side of the Street", and to blush at "Bring me Sunshine".

Mr. Johnson suggested that he wanted people "to stare at their plums while playing the radio or listening to their favourite tracks, and to note down their immediate observations, and any changes to the plums the following day".

Quite why this news has broken now, when plum trees are not yet anywhere near being in fruit, I have no idea; but at least I am giving you the chance to try the theory out as your plums ripen later this year.

The snow which fell in parts of the country in early April caused one journalist to write a piece which I found fascinating. Back in 1908 a blizzard swept across England on 25<sup>th</sup> April, with snow-drifts of up to 2 feet in Berkshire; and in Oxford 18 inches of snow were recorded – the heaviest snowfall in the city during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Greenhouses across southern England collapsed under the weight of snow, telegraph poles were brought down; and horse-drawn sleighs were used to haul supplies to cut-off villages.

On the same day the FA Cup Final between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newcastle United was played at Crystal Palace, then in Surrey. A Newcastle supporter, Gladstone Adams drove from Newcastle to the match in his car, a remarkable adventure in those days. During his journey a storm erupted, during which sleet and heavy snow showers lashed the car, and Mr. Adams struggled to see where he was going, because of the snow and ice which stuck to his windscreen. He frequently had to stop to wipe the glass clean; and finally had to fold the screen flat, and face the elements without any protection!

The ordeal of this journey was so awful that it gave Mr. Adams the idea for inventing a device to clear the windscreen – and so came up with the windscreen wiper. Mr. Adams patented his invention in 1911, and the first working model is now on display in a museum in Newcastle.

The asparagus crop is having a strange season. The warm weather in March meant that some growers were able to start harvesting their crops at the end of March, the earliest recorded start to the season. However, the cold weather that occurred in April has now delayed the ripening of the crop, and some growers are having to harvest later than usual. At the date I am writing this (21<sup>st</sup> April), my own plants are just beginning to push up shoots, and I shall be enjoying the first spears tonight.

Meanwhile – to include some allotment news - , my son, Adam, has rotavated my allotment, and under my supervision has planted the first crops, including first early and second early potatoes: and our sweet-corn crop is flourishing in the greenhouse. I am hoping that I shall be fit to deal with the necessary weeding when it becomes needed: weeding is not Adam's idea of a good time!

*Peter Shorrocks*

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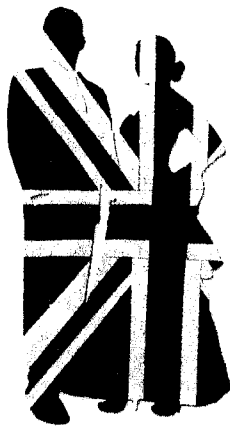
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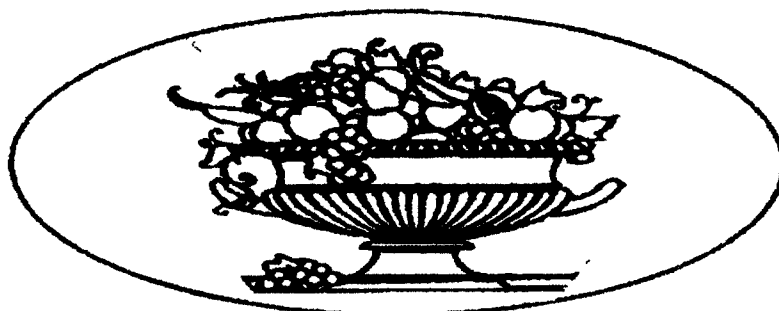
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*Answer on page 36*

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## What's on in May

**Friday 4th - Beer Festival.**

**Saturday 5th - Beer Festival**

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**Sunday 6th - Beer Festival**

**Bank Holiday Monday 7th - Beer Festival & Quiz - 8pm.**

**Tuesday 11th - Live folk music - 8pm**

**Saturday 12th - Dad's breakfast**

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**Monday 14th - Monday night quiz - 8pm.**

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# St James Church

6th May. 6pm. Evensong. Rev Philip Derbyshire  
 13th May. 10am. Communion. Rev Philip Derbyshire  
 20th May. 10am. Communion. Rev Derek Witchell  
 27th May. 10am. Team Service at Wingrave. Rev Philip Derbyshire and Rev Siv Tunnicliffe.  
*You will note that Evensong is back to the first Sunday in the month.*

## MOWING ROTA

### May

Sat 5th Phil Spooner  
 Sat 12th Peter Curry  
 Sat 19th Adam Shorrocks  
 Sat 26th Ian Roberts

### June

Sat 2nd Danny Clarke  
 Sat 9th Bob Bean  
 Sat 16th Chris Looker  
 Sat 23rd Gordon Kemp  
 Sat 30th Andy Bystra

### July

Sat 7th Nigel Palmer  
 Sat 14th Marcus Hall  
 Sat 21st Caroline Lane  
 Sat 28th Adam Shorrocks

### August

Sat 4th Phil Spooner  
 Sat 11th Peter Curry  
 Sat 18th Ian Roberts  
 Sat 25th Danny Clarke

### September

Sat 1st Bob Bean  
 Sat 8th Chris Looker  
 Sat 15th Andy Bystra  
 Sat 22nd Nigel Palmer  
 Sat 29th Marcus Hall

### October

Sat 6th Caroline Lane  
 Sat 13th Peter Curry  
 Sat 20th Adam Shorrocks  
 Sat 29th Gordon Kemp



## CHURCH DUTIES

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|---------|---------------------|----------------|
| 5th May | Colin<br>Caroline L | Colin          |
| 12th    | Ann<br>Gordon       | Colin          |
| 19th    | Shirley<br>Andrew   | Ann            |
| 26th    | Anita<br>April      | Ann            |

## MUSIC in QUIET PLACES

**St James Church**  
**27th May 7.30pm**

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Dear Friends,

This is not quite the article I was writing originally....it was much more feisty and grumpy and therefore probably not a great idea! Really it was my reaction to what I see as a continuing erosion of the position of faith standards in our society (which there is) and a fairly feeble response by so many in authority (which there is). However some of what we witness is probably just inevitable change and development and those are not bad things in themselves. In fact change is the normal situation not rigidity: what doesn't change or grow eventually snaps under the pressure and becomes unusable.

The skill we have to learn in the Church is how to respond to the age we live in without being completely sucked into its whims and foibles and then become even more irrelevant as society moves on yet again! Ideas, like fashion, come round fairly regularly: who ever thought we'd see mini-skirts, loon pants and platform heels again? (Personally I'd rather forget---they weren't great the first time round).

Still some things are eternal whatever the fashionistas say and one of those is the great festival of Easter we've just celebrated, with its hope of new life, and the feast of the Ascension (17th May) when we celebrate Christ's return to His heavenly Father and our own symbolic rising above the limitations of our earthbound humanity. Enjoy the rest of Spring and God Bless, *Philip*

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year old's. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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# What's On In MAY

|                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| Thursday 3rd   | Coffee Shop 10-12noon<br>Whist Drive 7.30pm                       | Church Room<br>Church Room<br>St James Church |
| Sunday 6th     | Evensong 6pm  |   |
| Monday 7th     | May Bank Holiday  |   |
| Tuesday 8th    | Mobile Library 10.30am  | The Green                                     |
| Wednesday 9th  | Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm                                      | Church Room                                   |
| Thursday 10th  | Coffee Shop 10-12noon<br>Bingo 7.30pm                             | Church Room<br>Church Room                    |
| Thursday 17th  | Coffee Shop 10-12noon<br>Ladies Club Fund Raising<br>Whist 7.30pm | Church Room<br>Church Room<br>Church Room     |
| Tuesday 22nd   | Mobile Library 10.30am  | The Green                                     |
| Wednesday 23rd | Parish Council 7.30pm   | Church Room                                   |
| Sunday 27th    | Music in Quiet Places 7.30pm                                      | St James Church                               |
| Thursday 31st  | Coffee Shop 10-12noon<br>Whist Drive 7.30pm                       | Church Room<br>Church Room                    |

## Address

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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*

### Gardens worth visiting in May - Colin Higgs

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Sunday 6th  | Lord Carrington's Bledlow Manor          |
| Monday 7th  | Ascott (Wing)<br>Nether Winchendon House |
| Sunday 20th | Buckingham Gardens (teas in Church)      |

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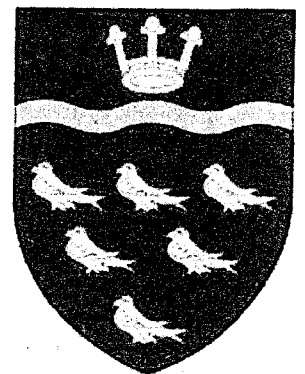
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## AWARDS FOR DAVE & ALISON LEWIS

During the recent trial of the Church Farm House arsonist the Judge praised the actions of Dave and Alison Lewis in fighting the fire and preventing its spread into the thatched roof before the emergency services arrived. His Honour Judge Kemp recommended that they should receive an award in recognition of their brave actions and this was presented on the 6th March 2012. In the picture Dave is flanked by the trial Judge and the High Sheriff.



The certificates presented to Dave and Alison read:

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