

THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine - July & August 2012



ASTON VILLAGE 7th July
VILLAGE FETE 20th July
JUBILEE SUMMER BALL 28th July
FAMILY FUN DAY 26th August in our VILLAGE

Editorial

What a splendid event we had for the Jubilee Picnic - the weather was kind - the party atmosphere was ever present. The family games were very exciting - some enchanting moments with parents encouraging their offspring to greatness. The tug-of-war was a gritty affair with a few strained muscles to show I'm sure.

The cake I made was a triumph - well at least it was in my eyes. I was really impressed with it when it was on display in our kitchen; but later, on the judging table at the Picnic, it vanished into obscurity. For Father's Day I've been given a copy of Good Housekeeping's 'Cakes, Bakes & Cupcakes' - several of the pages have been annotated with requests for me to reproduce my confectionary skills; for example my youngest grandson has requested Dinosaur Biscuits, (see page 188 if you've got a copy) - if made properly 'they will keep for up to one week' - fat chance!

Judy and I were part of the crowd who saw the Queen process back to Buckingham Palace, her appearance on the balcony and watch the flypast. We had seats that were used the night before for the concert. It was a long day - the most memorable bit was when the crowd was marshaled along the length of the Mall to the front of the palace. The Red Arrows did their bit but by then the weather had deteriorated, low clouds and rain rather muted the occasion.

If you are interested in getting better broadband in our village and surrounding areas then please read page 17, visit the website and confirm your interest.

You'll have to take my word for it - the front cover is of blue flag iris; photo taken just below the wooden bridge on one of my ponds; the iris were given to me by Vic Scott. Flag iris are usually yellow. These beautiful blue iris have flourished and hopefully in years to come I can establish them in other corners of the Wild Bit.

Please note that there will be a Family Fun day in our village orchard on Sunday 26th August. See page 15 for details. This coincides with the August Bank holiday.

If you live on Moat Lane or Lines Hill you'll need a pass to access your house via The Green when the Bucks Show is on. See Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting, page 26.

Have a good summer holiday.

John

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

July

George Fox	2 nd
Donna Wiggett	2 nd
Margaret Hinds	6 th
Nigel Palmer	6 th
Nicola Lovell	9 th
Gordon Smith	15 th
Andrew Plested	19 th
Ellie Williams	19 th
James Hartnett	21 st
Anne Brancker	24 th
Daniel Smith	24 th
Christy Oldfield	24 th
Jade Smith	24 th
Deirdre Whyte	27 th
Lawrence Hinds	29 th
Julia King	31 st

August

Paul Fletcher	4 th
Liz Barlow	4 th
Ivor Belgrove	7 th
Christine Fox	10 th
Mark Hewitt	11 th
Jackie Coates	12 th
(Glorious 12 th !!)	
Louise McManus	17 th
Zoe Williams	19 th
Andrew Parker	21 st
Zoe Oldfield	24 th
Andrew Peacock	24 th
Jenny Howell	27 th
Dean Wiggett	29 th



Can we pass on our thanks through The Chronicle to all those involved in organising the Diamond Jubilee Picnic. We had a fantastic afternoon and as the sun came out later in the day we didn't want to leave! The cakes were amazing and the races were great fun. Our children were lucky enough to win a trophy each so thank you to whoever made them. What a lovely keepsake. It was truly a day to remember.

Well done Aston Abbots!

Tony, Dawn, Amy & Matthew James

We enjoyed the Jubilee picnic/celebration enormously and would like to thank Sally Palmer for her tireless enthusiasm in organising it. The time and effort involved in organising something on this scale is tremendous. Of course she had a great team of helpers, too numerous to mention, but I know Val and April were heavily involved. My Mother thoroughly enjoyed herself, and my sister who was visiting from her home in the US found the whole experience just brilliant.

Well done Sally, Val, April and all the team, and thank you for an unforgettable day.

Carol and Phil Spooner

A very good jubilee - thanks to all who organised everything. **Christian Aid** I am delighted by the total amount collected this year £123.38 (last year £99.19) particularly as I had very little time to "do" the envelopes. A big thank you to all in Aston Abbots who gave so generously.

Anita Parker

REFUSE COLLECTION - the Olympic Torch is in Whitechurch and Aylesbury on Monday 9th July. As a consequence our refuse collection will be delayed from Thursday 12th to Friday 13th.

Latest news from Aston Abbots Good Samaritans Bingo:

It's a pleasure to report that, thanks to generous support from the folks who attended the Bingo evening, we have been able to make a donation of £60 to the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Service.

This is a surprising turn around as, due to previous poor attendance, there was a real possibility of having to stop running the Bingo evenings at the summer break.

We are now planning to carry on and see how things go when we start back again in September.

So please make a note in your diaries for 7.30pm on THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, and come and join us for a friendly evening - and perhaps we shall be able to raise more money for another good cause.

For more information contact: Pam Dixon 681626 and Sheila Humphreys 681649.

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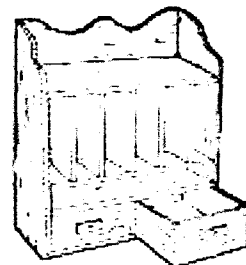
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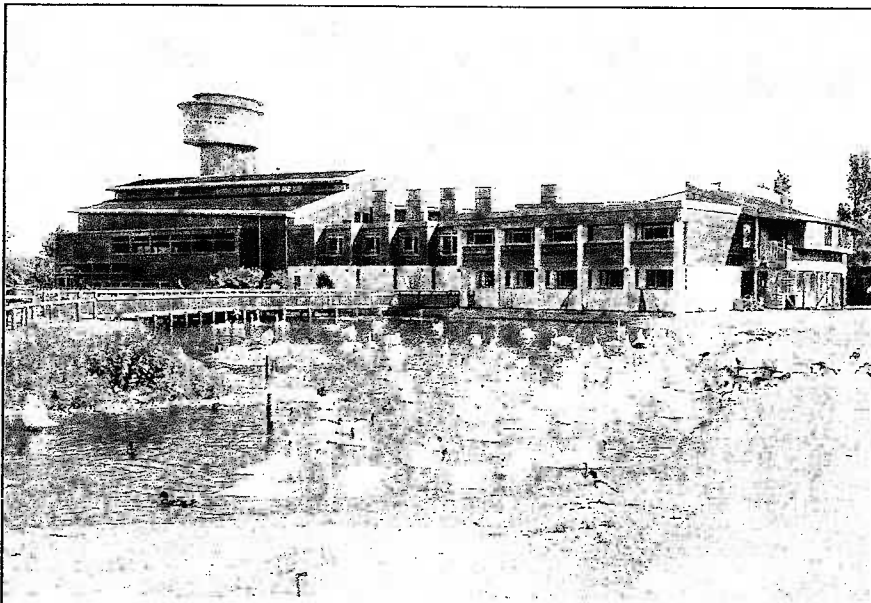
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Visit to Slimbridge Wetlands Centre

by Margaret and Tony Hinds

We were staying for the weekend on the Gloucester/Bristol Avon boundary, about 10 miles from Slimbridge Wetlands Centre which is a huge area of lakes, ponds and streams inhabited by hundreds of wildfowl. Arriving at 10am we purchased our bag of seed and corn. Soon we were surrounded by dozens of different birds, all kinds of

ducks, geese, swans etc who were only too willing to eat from our hands. The paths wind in and out, crossing wooden bridges and walkways; there is an otter pool, frog house, large ponds with dozens of lovely pink flamingoes with shelter for them to go in, a tropical house and many hides to observe wild fowl on the lakes. Last year when we were there we saw from one of the hides a female shell duck with 26 ducklings all the same size. We were told one duck can lay up to 18 eggs but this one was obviously in charge of a creche.

We booked for a free guided tour of the duckling hatchery. The varieties of ducks that are declining are given false nesting boxes that mimic their natural habitat. After their eggs are laid they are collected and hatched in an incubator. They are then transferred to another building; each set of ducklings are given their own compartment with a heat lamp, food and a bowl of water.

They stay there until they have lost most of their down and are then transferred to outside pens with shelter and a pool; they remain there until they are waterproof then go to larger pens with a much bigger pool. When they have all their feathers they are released back into the wetlands.

Whilst they are in the pens the whole area is netted overhead to stop predators like the sparrow hawk from taking them.

All the paths are flanked by wild flowers and tall grass at this time of year and it's a pretty sight. Going along one of the wider paths we met a moorhen followed by a minute chick the size of a golf ball. All of a sudden the mother turned round and saw another moorhen near her other three chicks about 20 yards away, she tore back up the path leaving this one chick motionless in the middle of the path calling for his Mum. We sat on a low wall for some time to see if she would come back to it, but no, it was abandoned.

Normally we wouldn't have interfered but it was so vulnerable to any passing crow so I picked it up, its little legs were half the width of a matchstick. Carrying it up the path I put it on a grassy verge near to its Mum and siblings. It plopped straight into the stream with the other chicks so we hoped it would be alright. Next we hired a two man canoe and paddled along for an hour - wide stretches of water and narrow twisty turns with tall lush foliage meeting overhead in some places.

Last year when we did this we were lucky enough to see a water vole and this time we met a family of greylag goslings with the mother and a mallard duck and ducklings.

It was a warm dry day and we spent about 5 hours in these lovely surroundings.

LIQUORICE FESTIVAL

While 'up north' I picked up a leaflet advertising the Pontefract Liquorice Festival on 8th July, and thought how wonderfully diverse are the things we Yorkshire folk celebrate. Of course the Rhubarb Triangle is well recorded but I hadn't heard they had a celebration about Liquorice before.

The leaflet reads

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Apparently the festival is held throughout the town centre, with street entertainment, craft and food and drink stalls featuring Liquorice delicacies from sweets to ale.

Pam Dixon

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JUBILEE PICNIC - THANKS

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Jubilee picnic that turned out to be a real community effort with many people helping in all sorts of ways over the weekend. We were pleased to receive so much positive feedback. Special thanks to Peter Shorrocks and Kevin Copping for use of their marquees and all those who helped put them up, and down; they really proved to be essential due to the inclement weather. There are so many to thank but special mention to Andy Bystra, for making some lovely sports trophies. Jackie, Kate and Judy did a great job of organising the very successful games. Thanks too for James Perkins for arranging the football.

With regards to the cakes, what a magnificent effort! The men did especially well with their entries giving our judges Francesca and Brigitte a tough time.

For all those other helpers a huge thank you for your help especially Kate & Peter Curry for the use of their horse box, Ann and Gordon who worked very hard on Monday evening and Stuart for doing the bunting, not forgetting John Whyte for storing the generator in his garage. Also my long suffering husband Nigel, Les Smith, Andrew Ford, Danny, Carolyn and her friend Paula, Paul and Ellie plus of course April Curnow and Val Smith.

Finally thanks to everyone who came along to support the event and gave such generous donations. This is beginning to sound like an Oscar acceptance speech so I will stop now and hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

A summary of income and expenditure is included in this edition (see below) and you will see that a small profit was made. This has been banked in the Fete bank account and will be distributed along with the fete profits later in the year in accordance with the decision made at the recent Village Meeting.

Sally Palmer - on behalf of the Jubilee committee.



Jubilee Picnic Summary of Income and Expenditure

The event was funded partly by the Parish Council, who paid directly for some items, plus voluntary donations. Total voluntary donations received totalled £1055 and included one very generous individual donation of £400 that gave a sufficient surplus to allow us to give a Union Jack tea towel to each family that attended.

Items funded by Parish Council

Generator	£169.96
Toilets	£360
Public Liability Insurance	£99.64
Total paid	£629.6
The council can claim back VAT of	£88.33
Net costs To Parish Council =	£541.27



Voluntary Donations

Donations received	£1055
Auction of cake	£30
Total received	£1085
Costs	
Tableware & Decorations	£329.28
Sports medals and prizes	£86.84
Thank you gifts and tea towels	£242.45
Singer	£300
Other	£12.43
Total paid	£971

Summary

Income	£1085
Expenditure	£971
Amount to Fete account	£114

Sally Palmer



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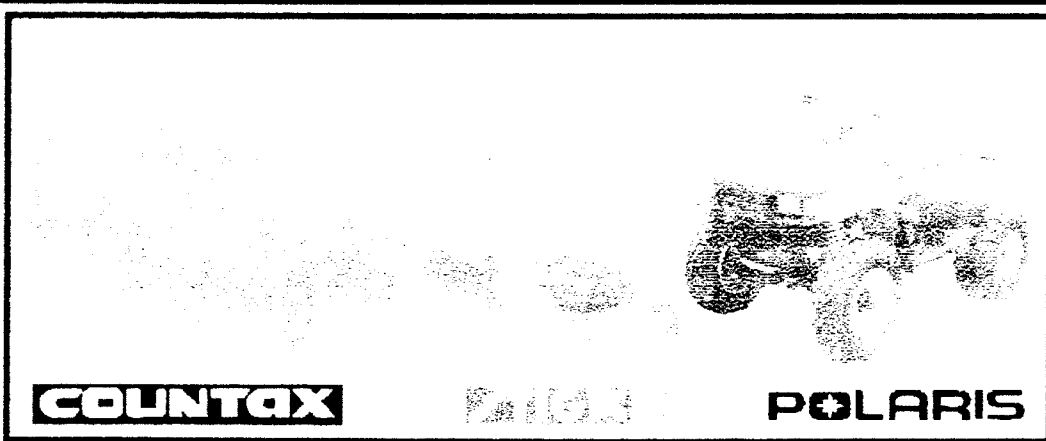
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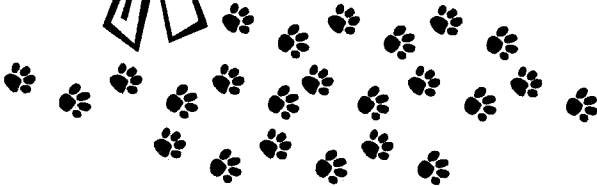
Sat 28th July

- **Help needed!** Please join us at the village green **from 9.30 onwards** to help set up tables, chairs, gazebos, bunting etc.
- **Cakes:** Please bring cakes and other fresh produce to The Green from 10.30 onwards.
- **1.00pm_** – Fete officially opens. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your purse & bring your wallet.

Hope to see you all there.

Please contact **Deirdre Whyte** for any further information.

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ASTON ABBOTTS FÊTE

DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 28TH JULY



Fête opens at 1.00pm
Dog Show starts at 1.15pm

DOG CLASSES

£1 entry per class

1. MOST HANDSOME MALE DOG
2. PRETTIEST BITCH
3. GOLDEN OLDIE (8 years and over)
4. BEST RESCUE DOG
5. BEST PUPPY (under 1 year)
6. MOST APPEALING EYES
7. WAGGIEST TAIL
8. FASTEST SAUSAGE EATER
9. SIT CHALLENGE (last one to sit when whistle blows leaves the ring)
10. DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME
11. PARADE OF WINNERS TO FIND TOP DOG



HELP FOR HEROES I did a fund raising carriage drive today at short notice for Help for Heroes in Chilton Foliat near Hungerford. I went to 6.30 club last week and in about 10 minutes raised £135 from the 6.30 members. Please say a big thank you to them for their generosity. *Jeff Bannister*

ASTON ABBOTT BOOK CLUB

Our next book, chosen by Brigitte Gutierrez, is 'A Fine Balance' by Rohinton Mistry. Date of meeting Wednesday 4th July at Brigitte's house. Our book for August is *Mort* by Terry Pratchett *John Hardcastle*

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

SUMMER OF BELLS

If there is anything that is truly English it is Bell Ringing. There are 5000 "sets" of bells in England and about 400 in Wales, Scotland, Ireland the Rest of the World put together. That is why the more romantic among us feel that we are celebrating our national identity when we ring to celebrate a special occasion such as the Jubilee or the Olympics.

The Aston Abbots band of ringers asked me, as Tower Captain (like most things in Bell Ringing, a name going back 400 years) to write a piece for the Chronicle explaining our recent ringing. All the towers in the country were asked to ring for the Jubilee – we decided to ring on the Monday morning before the splendid lunch party.

We rang a suggested sequence of simple changes based on 'Queens', a sequence named Queens because it was a favourite of Queen Elizabeth the First – how's that for history! Nearly every Sunday we ring Queens as the last sequence before we stop ringing for the Church service. The order of bells is: 1 3 5 2 4 6

So, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we rang:

1 3 5 2 4 6 – Queens
1 3 2 5 4 6 – Royals
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
1 5 3 4 2 6 – Coronations
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
3 1 5 4 2 6 – Jubilee
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
1 5 3 2 6 4 – Windsor
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
3 1 2 5 4 6 – Majesty
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
3 1 2 5 6 4 – Celebration
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
1 3 2 5 4 6 – Royals again
1 3 5 2 4 6 – Back into Queens
1 2 3 4 5 6 – Rounds to finish

This sequence was a great success and was conducted by Kate Curry ringing the treble bell.

For the Olympics on 27th July in the morning we shall ring something very different based on the bells following each other, as in a race – called 'Plain Hunt'.
Plain Hunt on four bells is:

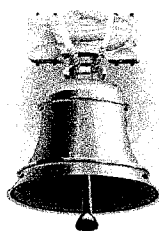
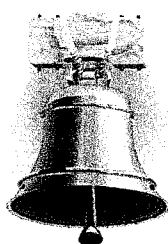
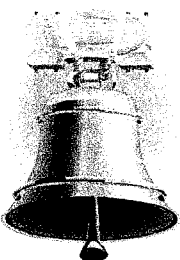
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
4 3 2 1 = Reverse
3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4

We shall ring for the Olympics:

Plain Hunt on 3 (with bells 4, 5 and 6 following)
Plain Hunt on 4 (with bells 5 and 6 following)
Plain Hunt on 5 (with bell 6 following)
Plain Hunt on 6

For us Plain Hunt on 6 is not easy as the tenor bell is 'hunting' with us and not giving the steady beat at the back that usually sets our pace.

If any of you have found this interesting – there may be someone out there – why not come along and see what we do? Thursday night is practice night from 7.30 – 8.30. We are friends who enjoy each others company practicing the 'Companionable Art of Change Ringing' and, very occasionally, we are just a tiny bit proud of what we do.
Peter Knight



A church's bell ringer passed away. So they posted the position and a man came in with no arms wanting the job. The clergy weren't sure he could do it, but he convinced them to let him try it.

They climbed the bell tower and the man ran toward the bell and hit it with his head. They gave him the job.

The next day he went to ring the bell, tripped, bounced off the bell and fell to the pavement below. Two men were walking past.

One asked, "Do you know this guy?"

The second man responded, "No, but his face rings a bell."

The next day, the dead bell ringer's twin brother comes in for the again vacant bell ringer position. He also has no arms. They lead him up to the bell tower, he runs at the bell, trips and falls to the pavement below.

The same two men walk by.

The first asks, "Do you know him?"

The second man responds, "No, but he's a dead ringer for the guy we saw yesterday."

ALLOTMENT DIARY

The first three weeks of May were dominated by cool and often unsettled weather, continuing the wet theme of April. Things picked up during the last week, with temperatures in the high 20s, but temperatures in June have again been low, with the average temperature being about 1°C below the norm for June – and with much more rain than is usual for the time of year. In addition the wind has been unusually strong, making it feel even cooler than it was.

All of this is having an effect on garden plants and vegetables – especially those which require a warm climate in which to thrive. Courgettes grew much more slowly in the greenhouse, and, having been planted out in the allotment, are way behind the size one would have expected for this time of year. Peas are waving around in the wind, as they lose their grip on supporting sticks and wire; my beans are stunted, and looking rather pathetic. Weeds, and especially nettles, are loving the wet conditions; and there were so many nettles in my rows of peas and beans, I began to wonder if some joker at Thompson & Morgan has filled my packets of seeds with nettle seeds rather than the peas and beans I had been expecting! My cucumbers and peppers in the greenhouse are growing much more slowly than usual, and I am already wondering if they will mature fast enough to produce ripe fruit before the cooler autumn weather arrives

However, there are exceptions to this tale of woe. Potatoes are thriving, loving the frequent dowsing with rain that they are getting; and my carrots and onions all seem to be enjoying the weather. Adam's sweetcorn seems to be doing well, although I think the plants are less tall than they were at the corresponding time last year. So far as the potatoes are concerned, however, I think there is a serious risk that unless the weather turns drier fairly soon we may face an epidemic of potato blight again, as we had a few years ago. This is a fungus-like infection called *phytophthora infestans*, carried on the wind, which takes hold on wet potato leaves and stems, and unless something is done will end up rotting the tubers below the ground. It happens when the weather is warm and humid – over 10°C, and with humidity of 75%.

The first symptoms are brown speckles or spots on the leaves, and the leaves then start to turn yellowish from the brown patches. If left untreated, the disease spreads to the tubers underground, which rapidly turn blackish, and eventually turn into foul-smelling mush. There are varieties which are resistant to the disease, such as Sarpo, but unless you are growing such a variety, the only answers for an amateur gardener (professional growers have other treatments available) are (1) to remove all infected leaves as soon as possible and dispose of them, preferably by burning, and/or (2) to spray the plants with something called Bordeaux Mixture as soon as possible. If you leave this too late, the only thing you can do is to cut off all the haulm – or foliage above ground – and dispose of it, again, preferably by burning. This should save your potato tubers, but of course, once you cut off the haulm, they will be deprived of the nourishment that the foliage would bring, and the individual tubers will be much smaller than usual.

To continue on a gloomy note, I have noticed that there seems to be a population explosion of slugs at the moment, which are attacking vegetables and flowers, and are noshing away at my strawberries. I have read the current wet conditions are perfect for slugs at the moment, and worse, our native species of black slug is now interbreeding with foreign species which have somehow got to Britain, and the hybrids are reproducing even faster!

Peter Shorrocks

My Book by Terry Daniels

I'd like to share my exciting news with the village. I'm having my book published; its called "Passport to Hell". I'm very honoured that a ghost writer and publisher have agreed to take it on. The book is due for release in January next year; I will keep you all posted about its progress. I'd like to thank everyone who supported me and my Mum throughout the hard times that we have all suffered. Also I would love it if the Aston Abbots Book Club will read my book on release.

Terry Daniels

Craft Group

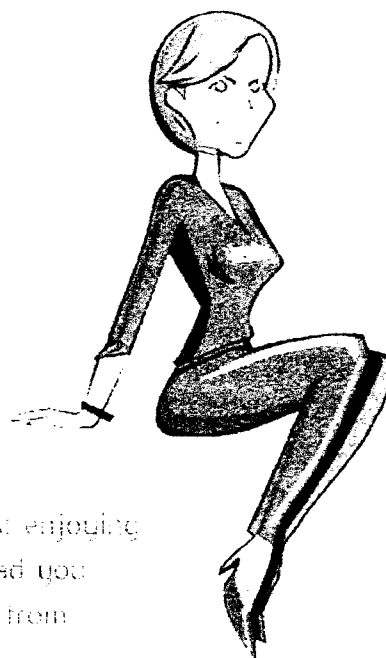
At the moment we have ten members in our group, each one is skilled in a number of ways. Embroidery, tapestry, quilting, crochet, drawn thread work, sashiko (Japanese embroidery which is very delicate) and knitting. Not just ordinary knitting though. One of our members is knitting a Noah's Ark including two each of all the animals that we are told went into the ark. The camel's hump was causing a lot of hilarity this week.

A couple of our members prefer to just knit and have produced a large number of baby hats for the premature baby unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. When I delivered them to the unit they were delighted and asked if we could make some small cot blankets for them. It seems that the parents keep them when they take their babies home. We now have a big pile of them to deliver.

If anyone feels they would like to join us we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday every month in the Church Room at 2pm. The cost is £1.50 for the session which covers the rent for the room, any electricity we might use and refreshments.

April Curnow

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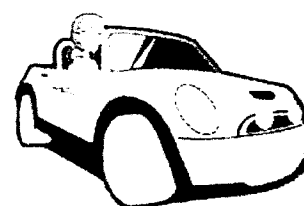
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mildly competitive! Some
villagers' are members at courts
in Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard
and the surrounding areas, so
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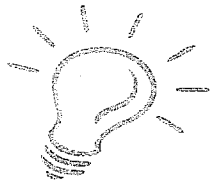


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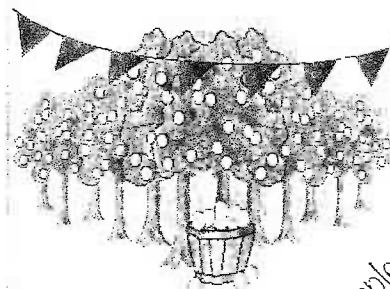
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Vic Scott Memorial Orchard



Summer family fun event

Sunday 26th August
3 - 6pm

apple decorating

apple bobbing

cream teas

cider

VILLAGE ORCHARD *This report was written at end of May.*

I had always planned to keep the orchard topped, ie the grass cut but not cut short like a lawn. It obviously makes it a lot easier to walk around and to tend the trees, it looks tidy and like an orchard should.

Having been in Ireland for 11 days during mid may I got to the orchard to top it on 28th May and was rather impressed with what I saw. I saw a beautiful old fashioned hay meadow, full of wild flowers - I counted 14 species of wild flowers - I counted 14 species flowering and 2 yet to bloom.

I have known the orchard field for over 40 years - I never remember it being anywhere near so lovely as it was 28th May 2012. it could well be that keeping the field topped last summer gave conditions that favoured the development of a wider variety of species than usual. Whatever! take it from me that the orchard field was beautiful, and if you didn't see it you should have gone to look at your tree during the last two weeks of May.

Now this raises a problem - the ideal management for a hay meadow of wild flowers is not to cut it until the flowers have seeded. Then cut your hay and remove the crop shaking all the seed back onto the ground as you turn and bale your hay. We cannot do this.

I am however sure that we can come to a compromise. This year I didn't top the bottom headland of the field, next year I think I should leave a few other areas uncut at least until July. But the longer it is left the more grass is cut giving a blanket of grass lying on top to suppress all growth of small plants.

Whatever we do we must try our best to conserve the lovely mixture of plants and trees that our is our village orchard. We haven't a botanist in our group willing to monitor the progress of the sward - have we? **Peter Knight**

Report 23rd June - All the rain has been a 'Godsend' for the orchard even though it has been rated as slightly unpleasant on the countryman scale of weather reading. All the trees are growing - some better than others and the two large walnut trees have survived and are progressing, which is more than I expected. An interesting condition has occurred. Most of the leaves well down the plastic tubes have been infested with saw-fly caterpillars which eat those leaves. The leaves above the plastic tree guards have been free from saw-fly. I suspect that the answer is simple - small birds such as blue tits have kept the leaves free from pests where they can get to them. It is noticeable that the tree posts and guards are well decorated with bird droppings, they show that the trees are often visited by small birds. Ironically the two worst affected trees by saw-fly larva are the two Stewkley Reds. The weather, as always, had a downside as well as being beneficial - the strong winds have broken off quite a few of the tender new grown shoots but, with the exception of the Wild Service tree, it is very minor damage - no worries. Of the cherries E13 Black Heart probably looks the most vigorous as does E2 Durondeau of the pears. C7 Nottingham Pippin, C5 Oxford Beauty and C1 Bramleys Seedling all look very well in the apples. U6 a plum was still flowering on 23rd June that I consider amazing. Considering it is slightly exotic the apricot tree looks very well - nearly as well as KF9 Old Greengage and Medlar Nottingham. There are still some baby Mullberries on the two trees and one has grown too well and lost a branch to the winds. The second Old Greengage, donated by April, is also doing exceptionally well - they must be a very vigorous variety. Of the flowers, the Fritillaries and the Cowslips have set seed and white clover is now flowering in the cut grass. Loads and loads of Brownie points are awarded to anyone who has kept their tree grass free round the base - it is not essential but it helps. For me the Vic Scott Memorial Orchard is doing very well and it is all very encouraging. Even the Wotton Costard is pleasing to look at - amazing!

Peter Knight

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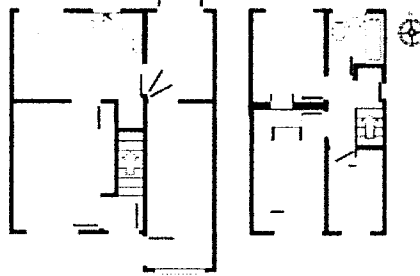
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Ladies Club On 17th May a Fund Raising Coffee Morning was held at our Chairman's, June Brine, house, in Cublington. June supplied coffee and delightful cakes and biscuits and with the proceeds from the Bring and Buy the goodly sum of £82 was raised.

On the 21st June the ladies agreed to meet at the Unicorn Pub in Cublington at 10.30am to go in a convoy of cars to the Milton Keynes Museum. Unfortunately it was pouring with rain and we decided to abandon the trip and enjoy coffee and cakes at the pub instead. Before we knew it the morning had gone with a lot of laughter and chatting and putting the world to rights and a number of pieces of chocolate brownie, carrot cake and flapjacks had been consumed. The outing was rearranged for Thursday the 28th June in the hope that the day will be sunny.

OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE NEXT SEASON WILL BE ON THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER.

The talk will be about Glass Painting by an artist who lives in Cublington who will bring a lot of samples of his work to show us and I am told some will be for sale.

Look forward to seeing all our present members and hopefully some new faces too. *April Curnow*

ARSON AT CHURCH FARM HOUSE There is much media reporting on the web, TV and radio as a consequence of the sentencing of our arsonist yesterday, Friday June 29th. Some of these reports are misleading, whilst others are inaccurate, which is probably due to the complex legal terminology which was used in court.

The guy was given an IPP (indeterminate sentence for public protection). In effect this can be a sentence for life but the judge also sets a minimum period of time after which he can be considered for release on licence. If at this time he is still assessed as being a 'risk' i.e. a danger to the public, he will however remain in prison and be reviewed every two years thereafter. Some criminals with IPPs are never released.

In order to establish the 'minimum period' the judge took the two most serious crimes i.e. arson - reckless endangering life (on the house) and attempted arson on the police station and issued a 12 year sentence for these crimes. He also gave out sentences for each of the other crimes he had committed but, as these have to run concurrently, they are incorporated into the 12 year sentence.

As the law currently stands, he can therefore be considered for release on licence after he has served half of his 12 year sentence i.e. in effect after he has served 6 years.

Another way of putting this is to state that he has been given a life sentence ('indeterminate') and sentenced for 12 years for the offences he has committed. He can however be considered for release on licence after serving a minimum of 6 years. This will only be put into effect if he is well behaved in prison and the parole board are convinced that he is no longer dangerous.

Pam Hewitt & David Gray

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While we can't guarantee that by registering your interest you will definitely receive superfast broadband, by registering we can demonstrate to potential broadband providers that there is real demand in Buckinghamshire and

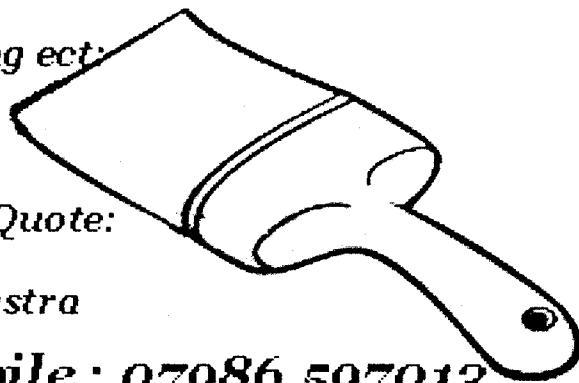
Peter Cooper our District Councillor is part of a team trying to make a case for improving BT connection on 681 numbers, he particularly wants to hear from businesses, however small, home based also and working anywhere with a 681 number. There is a big push particularly in the north of the county to get badly needed improvements in place – there is money available to help do this!. Please contact Peter on 01296 681250 or pcooper@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council, has engaged with Buckinghamshire Business First (BBF), to participate in the Government sponsored and funded rural Broadband upgrade project. The objective of the BBF project is to facilitate the high speed broadband investment in rural Buckinghamshire. In order for the Wingrave with Rowsham parish to benefit from this investment a strong business case needs to be demonstrated. Through the recent Localism Questionnaire the Parish Council is aware that the Broadband service in to the parish is not adequate. This is particularly important for the enterprises and businesses in the parish, including those who either wholly or partly work at home. The Parish Council will supply the information gathered to BBF in confidence to ensure your privacy. The information will be used to support the case for investment for high speed broadband into the Parish. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Les Kennedy on 01296 681749 / les01@globalnet.co.uk

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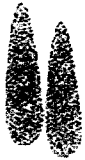
A mini festival of live music in Aston Abbots

Roald Dahl Festival – 10th anniversary

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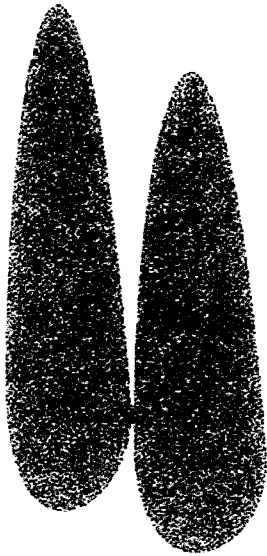
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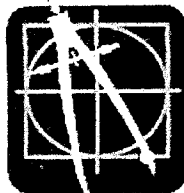
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council
Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 23rd May 2012

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrocks (Chair), Mrs K Curry, Mrs J Hardcastle, J Perkins, R Clarke, B Carvey and P Bruton (Clerk).

County Councillor Mrs N Glover, and three members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllr. C Higgs and District Councillor P Cooper.

Elect a Chairman and sign acceptance of office: Cllr Carvey proposed and Cllr Clarke seconded, Cllr Shorrocks. It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Shorrocks as Chairman for another term. Cllr Shorrocks then signed the acceptance of office.

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

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

Street Lighting Officer: Cllr Higgs.

Planning Committee: Cllr Shorrocks, Cllr Mrs J Hardcastle, Cllr Carvey, Cllr Mrs K Curry (Substitute).

Transport: Cllr Higgs.

Highways: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Mrs K Curry, Cllr Higgs.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Clarke and Cllr Mrs K Curry.

LAF Representatives: Cllr Mrs K Curry and Cllr Clarke.

Neighbourhood Plan: Planning Committee – monthly report to Council

Village Action Plan: Cllr J Perkins, Cllr Mrs K Curry, Cllr B Carvey, Cllr P Shorrocks (Substitute)
Street Lighting Officer: Cllr Higgs.

Matters arising not on the Agenda - Cllr. Curry asked the meeting the current situation regarding the Wind Farm and the letter received. The Clerk advised he was awaiting notice of any meetings. Their next Council meeting was scheduled for the 17th July – 8pm.

Cllr Clarke advised the 2nd replacement bench would be purchased before the Jubilee weekend

The Clerk would include the Spending review on the next Agenda.

Chairman's report

Cllr Shorrocks referred to his report to the Annual Parish meeting where he summarised the work the Council had performed during the year.

Correspondence to note – The Clerk advised he had received a letter from BCC advising of the closure of roads that would be in force for the Bucks County Show, in particular the road from Aston Abbotts to Weedon. The document would be passed published in the Chronicle.

The Clerk had received a note from the Audit commission on the consultation on appointment of external auditors for 2012/13 and future years. As Council were not aware of any reason why the commission should not appoint Mazars LLP it was AGREED there was no need to comment.

County and District Council matters - County Councillor Glover N Glover updated the meeting on the situation regarding the hand-over of the streetlights at the Wingrave crossroads and then gave a summary of her monthly report that included confirmation that planning permission had been granted for the Incinerator at Calvert, and a campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence. Further details are available on the County and District websites.

Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk advised that a note had been received from AVALC concerning an Information Event scheduled for the 28th June 2012 at 8pm in the Village Hall, High St, Gt. Horwood. The Clerk would circulate the document.

Hampden Fields Planning application – It was AGREED that the Clerk would formally register Council's objections to this application.

12/00995/APP (Land rear of 3 Chapmans Lea, Mr T Carless)

Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden.

The above application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to raise no objections to the application. The Clerk would request that the conditions applied to recent similar permitted change of use application are also attached to this application should permission be granted.

12/00914/APP (Land adj Windmill Hill Barns, Moat Lane, Mr I Towle)

Erection of detached single storey building for general storage of horticultural machinery and vegetables.

The above application was discussed and a number of representations from neighbouring properties were reviewed.

After consideration it was RESOLVED to oppose the application. The proposed property is of considerable size for the intended purpose and would have a materially harmful effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area given the site is located in an Area of Attractive Landscape (policy RA8). Additionally there are existing barns on the site that appear to be unused and as a result further storage facilities should not be required.

Village Plan – Cllr Perkins updated the meeting on progress and it was noted there was £700 available from the funding received for publishing and printing costs. There was a query over one the action points and this would be discussed with Sarah Allwood, the document would then be finalised and subject to a final proofing before publishing.

Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter – Further contact had been received from Wingrave Parish Council and it was AGREED that in principal we were willing to contribute to the repair of the Shelter. Cllr Shorrocks would meet with representatives to understand the scope of work involved and the likely cost. It was felt our contribution should be relative to the electoral registers and this would be indicated at the meeting.

Oak Tree location – Cllr Clarke would consider the possible location of the Jubilee Oak tree and report back to the meeting with 3 possible sites within the Recreation Ground.

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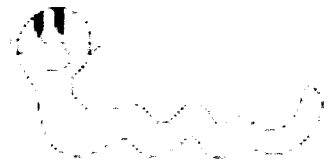
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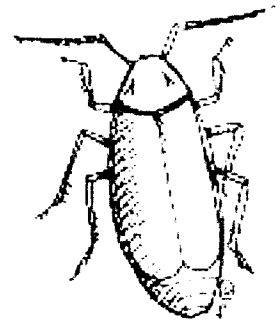
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Village Broadband – At the Annual Parish meeting the matter of Broadband speeds in rural communities had been raised and it was noted that there is a petition open to business to register their need for improved service. The Clerk would contact District Councillor P Cooper for more details and forward to the Chronicle to raise awareness.

Hedgerows – The issue of overgrown hedgerows was raised and it was noted that the hedge along Moat Lane had not been cut as indicated by the owner. Additionally a newly planted hedge along the public footpath from Cublington Road was also a matter of concern. The Clerk would write to the owners requesting action is taken to alleviate the issues.

Fireworks Grant – It was RESOLVED to donate £250 to this year's event and permission to use the recreation ground was AGREED. Cllr Shorrocks would issue the relevant licence document and Cllr Clarke would ensure all Insurance requirements are met.

Local Area Forum We had applied a grant from the Delegated Budget Scheme for the 3rd stage of the footpath. At the recent LAF meeting details of the new funding arrangements and priorities were outlined. They will be working with each Parish to understand requirements. If we can raise funding as a contribution to the footpath it will be recognised and should help in our efforts to secure a further grant. It was noted that funding had already been approved for the re surfacing of the Aston Abbots to Weedon road, although this was not scheduled until 2013.

Annual Safety Check: Cllr Clarke would contact Digley and Associates to arrange the annual inspection and he would ensure he was present when the inspection was carried out

Annual Costs – It was noted that the annual running costs of the Recreation Ground were included in the Precept. However no sinking fund was built in to cover the cost of major repair or replacement of the playground equipment. This was why Cllr Clarke requested a contribution from the Fete as this money was set aside to help towards any capital cost of new or replacement equipment.

Safety Check: - Cllr Clarke gave his report with no major issues.

Approve the Annual Accounts

RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements for year ended March 2012. The Accounting Statements were signed.

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement to the Auditors. The Annual Governance Statement was signed

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th June 2012 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

Channel 4 cameras may be in the village during the next month as they are making a documentary on 'Stalking' which is to be shown in the autumn. They have been taking a keen interest in our arson and harassment and are hoping to use this documentary to encourage victims of stalking to come forward and seek assistance from the police. They are keen to get the message across to the public that what may initially appear to be relatively harmless and irritating behaviour can sometimes escalate into something far more serious and violent. Part of the message also is to recognise that it can happen to 'ordinary' people anywhere. *Pam Hewitt*

Countryside Matters

We were reminded how cruel nature is while viewing the recent BBC "Spring Watch", witnessing a mink swim across a river and kill all the kingfisher fledglings in a nest one by one. The mink returned until the deed was done, killing and burying the chicks at different places along the opposite riverbank. The valiant efforts and sustained attacks by the brave little kingfishers, on their foe, had little effect. The cunning mink waited for the river to rise after heavy rains before pressing home his attack. Now after that I am quite glad I found a dead mink in the yard last week. Beside it lay a dead rat. Either they had a battle Royal and both died or the mink had eaten many dead rats and succumbed to an overdose of poison, either way, I shall not lose any sleep. The short sighted people who released or freed the mink into the local countryside, under the banner of "Animal rights" want to pay for a visit to a brain specialist.

Mink are vicious serial killers who will eat anything, fish, coots, chickens, partridge, pheasants, ground nesting birds, rabbits, voles and anything that forays up and down a stream on the river and travelling to a mile either side. They are responsible for clearing many rivers of wild life. One look at the teeth tells you everything; they like many other creatures, taking over parts of our rivers, are not native to this country. The American crayfish is another example.

The wet weather has helped the grass grow but the cattle have "poached" the fields and the water now lays in their hoof prints. Some dairy farmers have had to move their cows back inside to save and conserve their grass stocks from becoming muddy fields.

We are nearly at the end of June, would you believe it?

James Henderson

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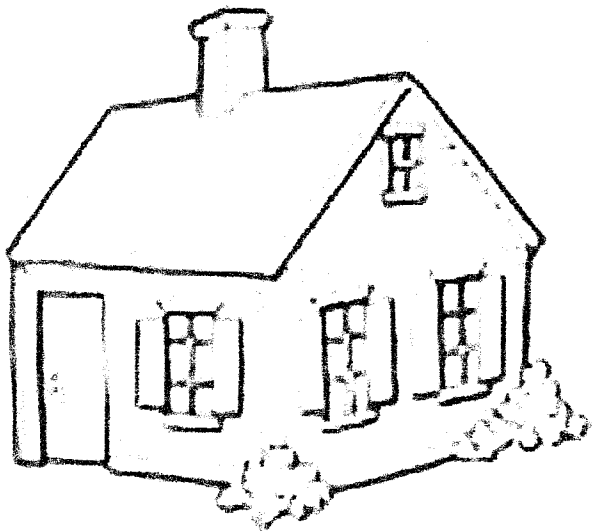
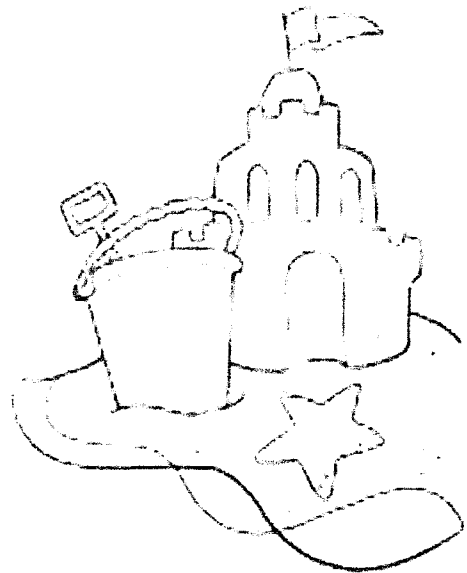
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In the rain drenched days following the Jubilee weekend our planned trip with Dave Lewis in a small plane to the Isle of Wight seemed doomed to endless postponement. Eventually the Saturday seemed to be promising a hint of sun so we decided to go for it. On arrival at the air field a strong wind was blowing and it seemed few planes had left their parking spots. There were a few discouraging mutterings from our pilot but the fact that our plane was one of the few that had left their parking place offered some hope. After coffee in the bar the plane had returned to report local conditions to be "lumpy" but flyable so we prepared to leave.

Nigel was allowed to steer while Dave did all the other bits like controlling the throttle, dealing with communications and checking all the instrument readings in a reassuringly calm and authoritative manner. Take off was surprising smooth considering the runway was a grassy track. Initially there were a few bumps and wobbles as Nigel got the hang of the controls not helped by the wind. Down below the lush tapestry of England's exceptionally green and pleasant land was soon laid out before us. It is really surprising how green the country looks from the air even in the crowded south. Our route took us over Farnborough then on to Portsmouth noting the Spinnaker Tower and then on to Sandown where we had a gentle landing and discovered the sun at last. Taking a taxi on to Shanklin Cline, we had lunch at the Fisherman's Cottage sitting out in the sun with no coats! I have photographic evidence to prove it (see above). After lunch we decided to walk along the beach front to Sandown stopping on route for a game of crazy golf, won by Nigel. Then on for a preamble along the pier which I noted later from the photos taken on the flight back looks a bit like a ship from the air. After our bracing walk along the front it was time for tea and cake before returning. This time Anthony, a slightly queasy passenger in the back on the way out, took the controls and soon got the hang of things. He had a slightly longer flight as we came back passed the home airfield up to Aston Abbots for a couple of circuits round the village waving at Alison in her garden and some 6.30 members at the Royal Oak. Then back to White Waltham and the slightly trickier landing than at Sandown again all very smooth. After putting the plane to bed we returned to Aston Abbots. Thanks to Dave for a lovely day. Tyler and Bella wish to thank April for letting them out and giving them tea in our absence

Sally Palmer



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Aston Abbots Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th June 2012

Present: - Cllrs. C Higgs (Chair), Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, Mrs J Hardcastle, and P Bruton (Clerk).

Village Plan – Cllr Perkins had circulated the final draft of the Village Plan and this would be reviewed by all and comments made as soon as possible and it was hoped that this could be completed at the next meeting.

Astonbury – Cllr Shorrock had circulated a proposed letter to be sent to the organisers and it was AGREED that Cllr Carvey would suggest that a paragraph be added along the lines of ‘the organisers would ensure free movement of emergency vehicles at all times on the evening of the event’.

Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter – We had received a further note from Wingrave Parish Council regarding repairs to the Bus Shelter from the Clerk raising various questions and updating Council on the current position. The Clerk would respond, re iterating the view of Council that the shelter was not a listed building and that before agreeing to contribute to the refurbishment we would need to quantify the cost of the proposed repairs. The Clerk would also re affirm our proposal that any cost be apportioned according to the electoral register and that we had no record of our Council being joint owners

LAF Meeting – Cllr Curry reported that there was to be a Workshop on the 5th July to decide how the £25k of LAF funding would be allocated and each Council was entitled to send one representative. It was AGREED that Cllr Curry would attend on behalf of Council.

Aston Abbots- Weedon – Road Closure – It was noted that the road from Aston Abbots to Weedon was to be closed on the day of the Bucks County Show from The Green / Moat Lane / Lines Hill and on to Weedon. The closure will be marshalled and residents will require show day passes in order to get past the marshals. It was AGREED that a note would be included in the Chronicle and the Clerk would obtain 50 passes for collection by residents who are affected.

Safety Check: - Nothing to report in respect of the safety check. However it was noted, following a question last month, that the contract for the cutting of the recreation ground indicated that there would be one cut in March and November with two cuts April to October giving a total of 16 cuts.

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2012 at 7:30pm

FIRST WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP - Update

Scouts - we have been working on basic Scouting skills such as; map-reading, fire-lighting, tent crafts, hiking etc., ready for camping later this summer. Last month we hiked to Rowsham to camp overnight, before hiking back to Wingrave the following morning.

Cubs – we are currently working towards our Global Challenge badge, which involves learning about different countries and tasting their food.

We are also raising funds for the Air Ambulance and putting together entries for the Wingrave village fete.

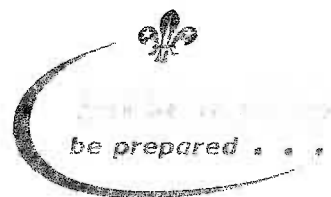
Beavers - since Easter we have been working on our Health and Fitness badge. This has involved playing cricket and rounders, as well as learning about healthy eating. Our focus in May was the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and then in June we went on a boat trip on the Grand Union Canal.

Our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers attended the annual District Scout Group St George’s Day Parade at the end of April. This year, to commemorate the Olympic Games, the parade was held at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium, complete with flags and a marching band. Despite the heavy rain there was a fantastic turnout, and everyone looked really smart marching along to the music.

Almost 80 attended our ‘Jubilee Jamboree’ Summer ball on 16 June, which raised over £1,100 towards the cost of the major repairs to the Scout Hut that we have incurred this year. After a champagne and canapé reception, we enjoyed an excellent meal. The Spokes, who were on particularly good form, kept the dance floor crowded all evening. Thank you to everyone who got involved for their support and help, and in particular to Nikki Reeve for making it all happen. We hope everyone who came had a good time!

We’d like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you and farewell to our Chairman, Gerard Howe, who stepped down from the role at the AGM in June. Gerard has been involved with the Scout Group for many years – thank you for all the excellent work and support you have given us, Gerard! You will be sorely missed.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are open to girls and boys aged between 6 and 14. We meet weekly at the Scout Hut in Chiltern Road. Anyone interested in finding out more, either for a place for their child, or as an adult or young helper, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Michelle Parker, on 01296 681911, or via email: quaveriw@yahoo.co.uk



Aston Abbotts Summer Ball

Saturday 28th July 2012

Firstly might we just say how great the Jubilee celebrations were in the village, from a fabulous English breakfast up the pub to a great Jubilee picnic afternoon up the rec, it was all marvellous and well done to everyone that was involved.

Preparations for the Summer Ball are coming on nicely. The one missing piece of the jig-saw was our entertainment for the evening which we are pleased to confirm has now been sorted. We were particularly keen to deliver something different this year to make it that much more special and we think we have come up trumps.

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A few tickets for the Ball are still available and we may even be able to fit a table in if you want to bring the family or some friends so just let us know. Thanks to those that have already paid and collected their tickets, for those that have ordered tickets and reserved tables, cheques can be made payable to "Aston Abbotts Summer Ball".

That's it folks no doubt we will see many of at Astonbury (best of luck that team!) but otherwise we hope you have a great remainder of the summer!

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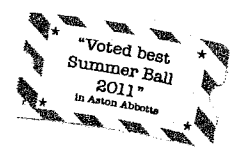
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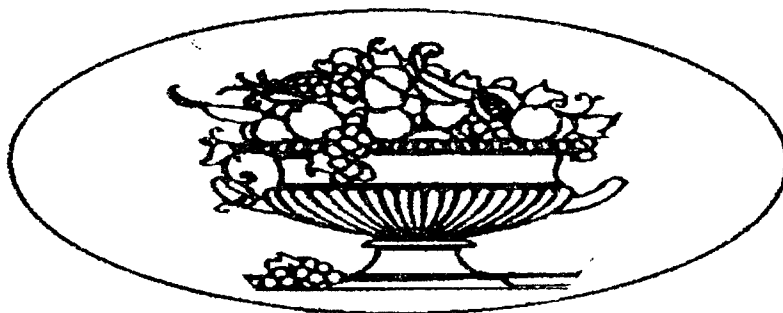
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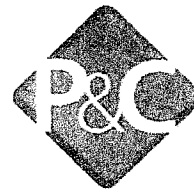
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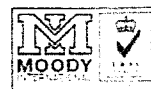
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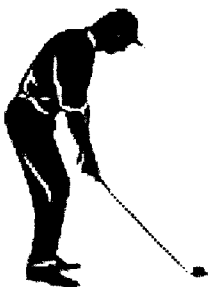
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Monday 4th -

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Jubilee Quiz, 8pm.

Saturday 9th - Live Music
with Leslie and The Speakers, 8pm
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Monday 11th - Quiz, 8pm
Euro 2012 - France vs England, 5pm

Thursday 14th - TUGS

At Ayiesbury Vale Golf Club

Friday 15th

Euro 2012 - England vs Sweden, 7.45pm

Saturday 16th -

Village Fete & BBQ, 5pm

Sunday 17th - Fathers Day

Monday 18th - Quiz, 8pm

Tuesday 19th - Euro 2012

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St James Church

1st July	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
8th July	10.15am	Communion	Rev. Peter Binns
15th July	10.00am	Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
22nd July	10.30am	Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
29th July	6.00pm	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Rev. Roger Hale
5th August.	6.00pm	Evensong.	Rev. Derek Witchell
12th August.	10.15am.	Communion.	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
19th August.	10.00am.	Communion.	Rev. Derek Witchell
26th August.	10.30am.	Communion.	Rev. Roger Hale

MOWING ROTA

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 27th	Gordon Kemp

Throughout this Summer Term, as a form of preparation for the games themselves we've been looking, during assemblies at St. Michael's, at the Olympic Values: *Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Equality, Courage, Determination and Inspiration.* Amongst all the fanfare and pageant of the games there are some stories of truly remarkable people.

The friendship forged between the black American athlete Jesse Owens and the German Luz Long at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Sadly Luz lost his life fighting in France in 1940 but Jesse never forgot his friendship and courage which drove Hitler to apoplexy! Twelve years earlier there was the remarkable respect shown by Eric Liddell for his faith by refusing to compete on Sundays. Michael 'the duck' Johnson blew away the opposition and critics with his seemingly impossible but excellent running style in 1996. Paralympians like Tani Gray-Thompson have inspired and encouraged many with her skill, determination and courage both in her sport and in her family life.

The list could and does go on and on but it is especially good to recall these great examples, especially when there is so much cynicism around about the crazy transfer fees and salaries paid in some sports.

It's also a good reminder for those of us who may be less than athletic that at this holiday time we too can get out in god's good air and gently walk, jog, cycle or swim.

We don't need to be of Olympic standard to gain something from a little exercise. All best wishes, *Philip.*

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday the 29th July 2012

Why not 'round off' the fete weekend by coming along to this joyous service of popular hymns. Bring along friends and family. Come and enjoy this happy occasion in our beautiful village church (**your church!**) which will have been especially decorated by so many in our community.



Saturday 8 September, Bucks Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' - sponsored bike, ride or walk around as many local churches as possible. Half your sponsorship money goes to our local church, half to the Trust for restoration projects for historic churches in the county. Details not yet confirmed, so please contact PCC secretary Caroline Lane, 681373

CHURCH DUTIES

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

JUBILEE TREE

PCC members have agreed to the planting of a tree in the churchyard to mark the Queen's Jubilee. The type of tree, position and commemorative plaque are yet to be decided but it's expected that the tree will be planted in the autumn.



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	<i>Cleaners</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
4th Aug	Colin Caroline L	TBA
11th	Ann Gordon	TBA
18th	Andrew Shirley	TBA
25th	Anita April	TBA
1st Sep	Colin Caroline L	TBA

The Aston Abbots Telephone List

100 Club	Colin Higgs	681343
630 Club	Andy Bystra	681690
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Fete Coordinator	TBA	
G.N.O.M.E.S.	Carol Spooner	681544
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Whist	Colin Higgs	681343
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Message from PCSO Christina Pringle

First of all I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome many of the residents from the area have given me since my arrival, I look forward to meeting more of you when on patrol or at our Have Your Say meetings in the near future.

I have moved over to your neighborhood from the Wendover/ Aston Clinton area of the Aylesbury Vale. I started as a PCSO October 2007. I have worked in various parts of Aylesbury Town and I thoroughly enjoy my job and I look forward to working with the community.

We have seen an increase in attempt burglaries of homes around the rural areas. In response to this we have increased our patrols.

We would like to remind all homeowners and tenants to make sure you double lock your doors and windows if possible when leaving your home and out in your back gardens and activate any alarm systems you may have installed.

PCSO Dodson and I attended an event at Brookmead School Ivinghoe all proceeds made was presented to Young Careers to help towards future events.

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OLYMPIC TORCH - MONDAY 9th JULY

A convoy of vehicles will drive past first – signalling that the runners carrying The Olympic Torch will follow in about 10–15 minutes. The roads where the Torch is being carried will be closed to traffic about 20 minutes before the convoy arrives and will remain closed until the Torchbearers have passed. The torch is in torchbearer mode in Buckingham, Winslow, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, StokeMandeville and Waddesdon. Between these communities, the Torch will travel in a vehicle (convoy mode). It's likely to remain busy in the area for a while after the Torch has passed.



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Working from Wing Police Office

Any of us can be contacted on 101 or via email at WingSouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or WingNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The neighbourhood policing team works on issues identified by local residents and businesses.

To contact them call

101

This is a non-emergency number. Alternatively, email them on: WingNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

What's On in JULY & AUGUST

Sunday 1st	Rambling Club meet 2pm Evensong 6pm	Tottenham St James Church
Tuesday 3rd	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 5th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Thursday 12th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 15th	Village Footpath walk 2pm	The Green
Tuesday 17th	Mobile Library 10.30am PCC meeting 7.30pm	The Green Church Room
Thursday 19th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Ladies Club Garden Party	Church Room
Mon/Tues 23/24th Collections for Fete Stalls		
Thursday 26th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room
Saturday 28th	Fete/Festival 1pm Teas from 2pm Floral Displays	The Green Church Room St James Church
Sunday 29th July	Floral Displays Songs of Praise 6pm	St James Church St James Church
Wed. 1st Aug	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Tuesday 14/28	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 2/9/16/23/30	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Monday 27th	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 30th	Bucks County Show	Weedon Park

NO WHIST or BINGO or LADIES CLUB in August

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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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OLYMPIC TORCH - Monday 9th July

Being carried through Whitchurch 11.02 - 11.10
and then in Aylesbury 11.15 - 11.54 at Stoke Mandeville finishing 13.04
For regular Olympic Torch updates please see websites at
www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk and www.buckscc.gov.uk

SUMMER SUNDAYS

**FREE LIVE MUSIC IN AYLESBURY TOWN CENTRE
EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
11.30AM - 2PM.**

1 July: Dance Now! - Kingsbury

Celebration of Dance Styles from Street Dance to Ballet.

8 July: Reggae - Market Square

With Progression Reggae Band plus XcS Reggae & Soca Band.

15 July: Country and Acoustic - Kingsbury

With Taylor'd Country Band plus Sweet Clover.

29 July: Soul Classics - Market Square

With The Blues Blah Brothers plus the Sounds of Motown with Lippy.

5 August: Abba Tribute - Market Square

With Aba Queens.

12 August: Sound of Salsa - Kingsbury

Featuring the authentic sounds of Palenke.

19 August: Aylesbury Young Pop Star Comp - Market Square

Search for Aylesbury's Young Pop Star 2012.

26 August: Song and Dance - Kingsbury

Dance styles from around the world plus Songs from Olivia Jane.

630 Club - meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.
GNOMES (Girls Night Out Men Excluded Sorry) meet, usually in the Royal Oak, every Tuesday 8 pm onwards - all Ladies very welcome - GNOMES specialises in intelligent conversation over a glass of something.

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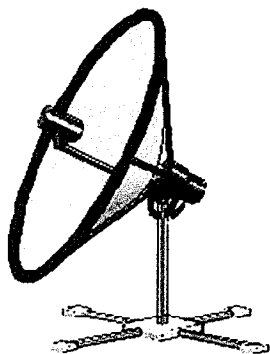
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The Green 10.30am

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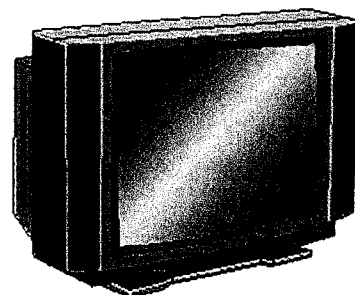
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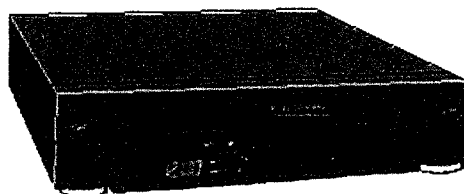


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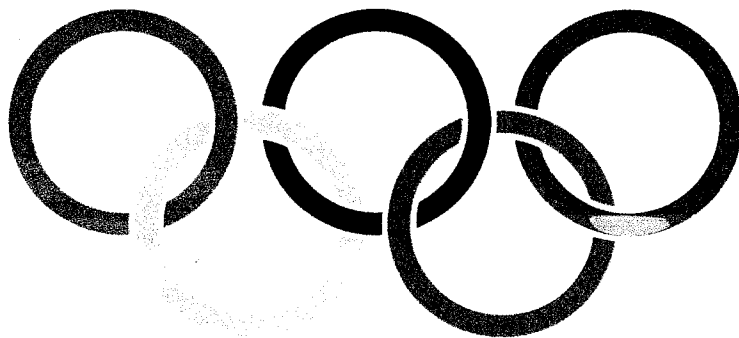
DAVE GOES FOR GOLD!

In a stunning development it was announced this week that Dave Lewis will be competing in the 2012 Olympics.

Dave's participation has been precipitated by his successful intervention in the Under-7's race at the Aston Abbots Jubilee Picnic. Dave invoked his Age Handicap, and joining the field half-way as the starting whistle blew he managed to beat every single one of the seven-year olds across the finishing line (just). Unfortunately he was subsequently disqualified for failing an alcohol test.

Nevertheless, inspired by this success, Dave applied to compete in the Olympic's 'Getting It Wrong With She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed' event. However, upon receiving his application for that discipline the Olympic Committee immediately cancelled the whole event and sent Dave the Gold Medal in the post.

Undeterred, Dave has now decided to run in the 447 metre sprint. Those ignorant of Olympic events



should realise that this is based upon the exact distance from Dave's workshop to the Royal Oak. As he is does this sprint very frequently he should do well, unless he once again succumbs to Friday Night Fever and pleads a lift off Graham Tomlin.

Incidentally Dave holds the unofficial world record for the return leg sprint from the Royal Oak to his workshop of 3 hours and 47 minutes (a time which includes the Hind's Hot-tub Handicap).

We wish you luck Dave - bring home the Gold!

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