

# THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine - January 2013



# Editorial

The wet weather just before Christmas saturated the ground to breaking point. I have never seen my ponds so full - I half expected them to break their banks. Everywhere is so soggy. At least it wasn't snow as otherwise I think we would have been shoveling mountains of the stuff.

The footpath down to the Wingrave crossroad has been completed. Well done the Parish Council in raising a lot of the funds required and for the generous help of many village fundraisers.

Phil Corrigan, who does a wonderful job overseeing our advertisers, has had to ask me to remove quite a few ads as the requests to pay for next year have gone unanswered despite reminders. As you can judge this issue is much slimmer than usual. Let me have your articles for the February edition.

At Christmas we entertained most of our family. The adults agreed to a 'secret santa' so limiting the number of presents we bought each other - this rule did not apply to the grandchildren. The amount of parcels under the tree was still staggering. The bin men were very good and took all the extra bags of rubbish (mostly wrapping paper) we put out.

For New Year we had a small dinner party - unfortunately one couple had to offer their apologies at the very last moment - they'd been struck down by some bug. The consequence of this is that I'm still eating numerous portions of puddings and consuming many varieties of cheese sandwiches.

I took the front cover photo and the one on page 3 on one of those very cold mornings when everything was covered in frost. Whilst walking my dog across the Abbey field you could see the church spire appearing out of the top of a very Christmassy scene.

Well done the bell ringers for ringing in the New Year. Maybe this is the first time this has happened (certainly in my time in the village) and hopefully can be continued next year.

Haven't made any New Year's Resolutions but I must eat and drink less. Well at least try. *John*

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# Alison's Gossip Column

## BIRTHDAYS

### January

Nicholas Oldfield	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jane Plested	7 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Plested	7 <sup>th</sup>
James Clarke	10 <sup>th</sup>
Judy Hardcastle	12 <sup>th</sup>
Archie Abel Smith	13 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Hinds	13 <sup>th</sup>
Meera Markwell	24 <sup>th</sup>
Zoe Hinds	25 <sup>th</sup>
David Lewis	28 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Spooner	28 <sup>th</sup>
Anita Parker	28 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Plested	29 <sup>th</sup>
Chloe Oldfield	30 <sup>th</sup>

Welcome to James and Jenny who recently moved into Church Farm Barn with their dog. At the time of writing they are also looking after 2 ginger kittens that have appeared in their garden. They are keen to know if anyone knows where they might have come from.

**Gnomes** celebrated Christmas this year with partners and friends at a party hosted by April Curnow; and what a spread we had! April had gone to town producing canapés, a delicious shepherds pie followed by a choice of puds and cheese and biscuits.

Around 38 of us had a great evening; on their behalf I would like to thank April for her fantastic hospitality.

Happy New Year to you all.

*Judy Hardcastle*

### FOOTPATH WALKS

Several people have told me they would like to be able to use the public footpaths but do not know where they go. I lead a village footpath walk on the second Sunday of each month from The Green at 2pm. The January walk (subject to weather conditions) will be via The Old Masters, Long Moor, Badgers Oak to Cublington then onto Dunton Road returning via New Dairy Farm, Reads Lane and back via the same route (approx. 1 1/2 - 2 hours)

*Colin Higgs*

### The POPPY APPEAL 2012

The collection in Aston Abbots amounted to £924-41.

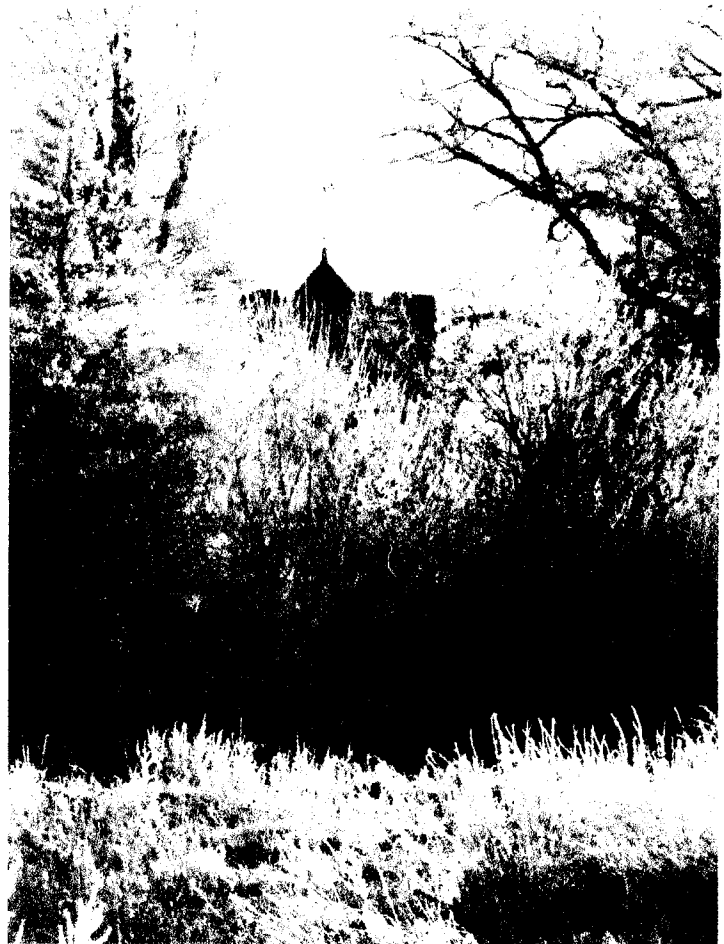
The Area total was £2440-25.

Many thanks to those who gave and to those who collected for this worthy cause.

*A Rawlings PAO*

### Jubilee Tree

On Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> John Abel Smith and Andy Bystra planted fine young cherry in the churchyard to mark the Queen's golden jubilee. It's a 'Royal Burgundy' which should grow to a height of around 20 feet with a max width of 15. It has a vase like shape with burgundy coloured leaves and once matured, should look particularly attractive in the late spring when it produces a profusion of deep rose coloured flowers



### ASTON ABBOTTS THEATREGOERS

The Aylesbury Waterside Theatre has indicated it may continue to allocate 'press tickets' for some shows up to Easter.

I'll keep you posted *Ed*



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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VIC SCOTT ORCHARD

The A.G.M. of the Vic Scott Memorial Orchard (The Village Orchard) was held on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Between 30 and 40 people attended, and apologies for absence were received from 6 villagers.



The organisers felt the evening was a success – it was certainly very pleasant to have a glass or two of wine, enjoy a mince pie and talk with friends.

Peter Knight gave a report of the progress of the project (see below). This was followed by questions and discussions on many subjects raised by those attending. Wendy nearly received a standing ovation for the lovely picnic day that she organised last summer.

The three main conclusions arrived at were:-

1. Everyone thinks it is time we had an orchard sign saying “The Vic Scott Memorial Orchard”. The majority seemed to think that English oak, possible with a brass plaque.
2. Everyone seems to want more “Fun days” in the centre but no concrete ideas came forward for anything new except that blossom time would be a nice time to hold an event.
3. Wild flowers were thought important and that we should try to manage it so that wild flora can prosper.

The overall impression was one of pleasure in the way the orchard is progressing and that we should “keep up the good work”.

The meeting ended exactly how we hoped it would with people standing around chatting about various aspects of the running of our own village orchard.

If anybody has anything they would like to suggest or talk about please give one of us a ring.

Peter Knight 681478 John Hardcastle 688070 Gordon Smith 681373 Wendy Bentley 681926

*Finally, may I just say that one day I hope to sit comfortably in the middle of our village orchard and listen to a group or band playing suitable music - now that could be nice; or possibly wassailing! Peter Knight*

## ANNUAL REPORT VIC SCOTT ORCHARD

*A short resume of the report given at the A.G.M. by the Vic Scott Orchard organisation.*

In the last 12 months we have fenced off the orchard from the allotments.

This autumn we planted 17 more trees which gives us a total of 103.

Apples	36 trees	24 varieties
Pears	17 trees	13 varieties
Plums	27 trees	9 varieties
Cherry	10 trees	10 varieties
“Exotics”	13 trees	8 varieties (these include Mulberry, Quince, Medlar, Walnut, Apricot and Fig)
total	103 trees	64 genotypes

We have 40 spaces left with a possible further 26 spaces if we wished to put in one more row on each side.

We have £700 in the bank; at present all the maintenance work is being done for nothing. We propose to install an orchard sign near the entrance gate to the orchard.

The wild flowers (20 species to date) are being recorded and every effort will be made to see this variation is maintained.

Our only regret is that we have no committed official photographer of the orchard development – regularly photographing events, work and planting, and producing an album for future villagers to enjoy.

My grateful thanks go to John, Gordon, Wendy and Alex and Pam. I would not be happy doing most of the work if I did not know that I could call on the help when needed from good friends. *Peter Knight*

Over Christmas a few printable jokes fell out of Christmas Crackers - here are a few - the answer will be on the next page  
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## ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

We enjoyed a fabulous evening at Val's house for our Christmas Literary Quiz. The questions were cunningly crafted by Les Smith. Three teams of four were each given questions on national flag identification, word meanings all ending with the letters 'city' and 'which artist painted which picture'. There were four rounds of questions and between each round we enjoyed a wonderful meal of a very high standard washed down with wine and water. Val and Les are such perfect hosts - it is very generous of them to provide such a feast.

By a narrow margin the modestly named 'The A Team' (Val Smith, Dierdre Whyte, Alison Lewis and John Hardcastle) won the trophy and 'gold' medals.

The book for January is Val Smith's choice 'The Gift of Rain' by Tan Twan Eng - meet at Val's house on Wednesday 23rd January 8pm.

Our book for February is Kate Curry's choice 'Terra Incogniti - Travels in Antarctica' by Sara Wheeler.

*John Hardcastle*

**The Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies Club** held their Carol Service on Thursday 13th December at 3pm in St. James Church followed by afternoon tea in the Church Room. Everyone brought a wrapped gift to put in a basket and each member of the club selected one to take home.

The next meeting is on January 17th when Mike Paine, from Pinewood Studios, will be coming to give us a talk.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:-

February 21st	John and Jane King - The Story of Stained Glass - Demonstration
March 21st	Spring Lunch
April 18th	Jean Yates - Medieval Dunstable
May 16th	Sarah George - Round the world holiday
June 20th	Club Outing
July 18th	Garden Party

It is not necessary to be a member of the Club to come and enjoy any one of our talks. We just ask for a payment of £2 which covers afternoon tea and a raffle ticket.

*April Curnow*

## Aston Abbots Theatregoers

On 7<sup>th</sup> December we had another pleasurable visit to the Waterside Theatre, courtesy once again of John's Chronicle 'press tickets'. This time we went to the Comedy Club, which took place not in the theatre's main auditorium, but in an area known as the Second Space, with its own bar and tiered seating which appears out of the wall at the back, providing seating for around 200 people.

We had not been to the Comedy Club before, but as we enjoyed our free drink before the show we chatted to a couple who have been many times. They explained that we would be seeing three comedians, one of whom would also be the MC and who would introduce the others. This proved to be the case, the MC being a girl called Angela Barnes (who I actually thought was funnier than the two main acts). Once she had warmed up the lively audience with jokes and banter, she introduced Julian Dean, and after the interval an Aussie comedian called Trevor Cook.

How enjoyable it was to see so much talent and to experience being in such a lively and appreciative audience; the atmosphere was great all evening. The Comedy Club is probably not a show we would have chosen to go to, but we would certainly go again. You really can't beat 'live' entertainment, whatever it is! Thank you once again John for the tickets - I do hope the Waterside will continue to make tickets available to the village in this way in 2013. *Kate & Peter Curry*

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Next Library dates are Tuesday 15th & 29th January 10.30am on The Green.

*Colin Higgs*

## BEETLE DRIVE

There will be a return of the ever popular Beetle Drive in the Church Room on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.**

A supper will be included and you're invited to bring along your favourite 'tipple'.

Further details regarding ticket price/availability to be published in the Feb. issue of the Chronicle.

## TOLL GATES and their houses

During the last century travelers were often barred by a turnpike gate across the road which would only be opened upon payment of a toll. Many of the toll houses survive and can be recognised by their proximity to the road.

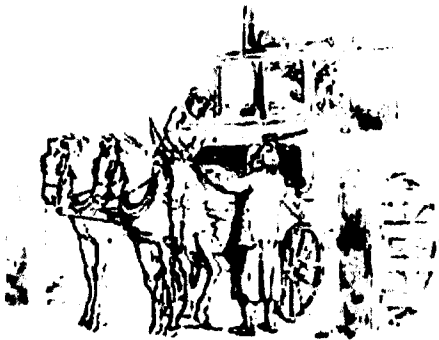
Local gates were put up at Walton Street, Buckingham Road (Holmans Bridge) and at Buckingham.

An interesting court case in 1868 was when a John Tompson was charged at Aylesbury by the Walton Street gate keeper for evading the 4 1/2 pence toll for a cart laden with firewood.

The defendant claimed he was only crossing the trust road from Slake Road to Walton Road but he was followed and seen to go into Park Street into Berton Road and continued to Buckingham Road which was a further stretch of the turnpike road, so the case hinged on 100 yards of trust road which he had covered; the bench delayed judgement for a week.

Toll Gate fees were:-

- Every horse drawn coach/carriage 3d
- Every horse or beast laden or unladen 1d.
- Every score of calves, swine or sheep 5d.



We did not have a toll gate on Lines Hill, but Derek White and myself (I lived in the bungalow by the gate, now a house) used to shut the gate and charged 1d to open it (probably we earned 3d a day - not many cars then, but great fun).

*Colin Higgs*



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# ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, we didn't quite make it. 2012 just missed out on being the wettest year for Britain since records began – by 6.6mm. An average of 1,330.7mm compared with 1,337.3mm in 2000 (the wettest year).

However, England did have its wettest year ever: it was the normally wetter parts of the nation like Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland that lagged behind.

So, what does it mean for the future – or even the coming year? From the figures for the last 50 years, it does seem that Britain is getting slightly wetter. This does support the theory that global warming is happening, in that the warmer it gets, the more moisture is held in the air, which eventually falls as rain. However, I gather that models of climate change effects in the UK predict that we should be getting drier summers. (I don't know why: perhaps the rain is predicted to fall somewhere else). Experts are divided on why we have had so many wet ones recently (four of the five wettest summers since records began have occurred since 2000). Most think that the wet summer last year was caused by the unusual shift to the south of the jet stream coming over from America – which in turn may have been due to the “El Nino” current on the west coast of that continent. However, others believe that the explanation for the shift was the lack of ice in the Arctic, and if so this is due to climate change. The continuing melting of the ice may lead to a continuation of wet summers.

For those of my readers who, like me (until I did some research for this article), are vague about what the jet stream is, it is a “river” of wind about 5 miles up in the atmosphere that habitually blows across the Atlantic from west to east. It is caused by the clash of warm tropical air with cold air from the Arctic. Last year for some reason – probably one of those suggested above – it reached Europe further south than usual.

Nevertheless, I think that, with one exception, we cannot make any prediction about the future. The one exception is that there does seem to be a growing – and noticeable – trend to more extreme weather: less drizzle, and more downpours; which unfortunately is likely to lead to more flooding. Since most of my readers, like me, have the good luck to live on the top of a hill, this will not have the same impact on us as it will on less fortunate members of the community. However, it will have an effect on gardeners: what we want is a little rain, at regular intervals. Months of drought (and hosepipe bans) followed by months of continuous rain do make growing crops difficult.

On a different topic, I read an article recently which told me that government figures indicate that the proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables grown by people in the UK has almost doubled in the last 4 years. Of all fresh beans eaten in Britain 33% are now grown in gardens or allotments! For potatoes the figure is 7%; and tomatoes 6%. Apples are at 9%, and soft fruit at 10%. The figure for all fruit and vegetables had risen from just under 3% in 2008 to just over 5% in 2011. These figures come from a survey of 6,000 households by the Dept. for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. (Are rural affairs what promiscuous characters in the Archers have I wonder?)

It is suggested that the increase is due to the rising cost of fruit & vegetables in supermarkets and greengrocers, coupled with the calls from celebrity chefs like Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Jamie Oliver for people to grow their own food. A spokesman for the National Allotment Society (no, I didn't know there was one either) is quoted as saying that “*Gardening always has a popularity boost during times of recession. Allotments fell out of favour in the 1980s and 1990s, during the yuppie era, but now we are in a gloomy time again, people have gone back to them*”. The Society estimates that 150,000 people are now on waiting lists for allotments – and in some parts of central London, applicants are facing a waiting list of up to 40 years! Interestingly, about 46% of the Society's members are now women – an increase of 11% since 1993.

In conclusion, may I wish a happy new year to all my readers, and hope that 2013 brings us periods of regular light rain – preferably at night – together with long periods of warm (but not too hot) sunshine!

*Peter Shorrock*

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# Aston Abbotts Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012

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

**Apologies:** - Received from Cllr Mr B Carvey, County Cllr Mrs N Glover and District Cllr P Cooper

The Clerk reported that the planning application for the renewal of the temporary permission for siting of an agricultural workers mobile home for a further three years at Norduck Farm, Moat Lane had been refused. We had received invitations to apply to participate in Play around the Parishes and the documentation was handed to relevant Councillor for passing on to interested parties.

**It was noted** that the BCC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Appraisal Report was available to view on the following website: [www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/waste\\_plans/core\\_strategy.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/waste_plans/core_strategy.page).

We had received a letter requesting a donation to Sue Ryder and was **AGREED** that we would not contribute at this time.

**Pecuniary interests:** The Clerk reminded those present that he was still awaiting completed forms and the relevant Councillors confirmed they would complete before the next meeting.

**Village Plan** – Cllr Perkins reported he had circulated the final draft and Councillors agreed to proof read and give any comments as soon as possible in order to finalise the Plan. The formation of the Village Plan Action Committee was discussed and it was felt that residents should be invited to participate and an advert would be placed in the Chronicle to invite interested individuals.

**Wingrave Crossroads Bus Shelter** – Nothing to report as we were waiting to hear from Wingrave & Rowsham Parish Council. The Clerk has since received notification that they are still obtaining 2 further quotes for the work.

**Hedgerows and trees** – The Clerk reported that as agreed he had written to a number of households regarding overgrown hedgerows and Cllr Clarke advised he had spoken directly in respect of one of the sites and was hopeful that the matter would be addressed. There followed a discussion concerning a couple of the sites and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Highways direct to obtain their view of the safety risk as they were ultimately responsible.

Cllr Shorrocks advised he would attend to the issue of overhanging trees that were obstructing the streetlights.

**LAF Meeting** – Cllr Curry reported that funding had been secured for the balance of the monies required for the footpath and work was expected to commence within the next few weeks. Cllr Clarke reported he had attended the recent LAF meeting and the subject of gritting Weedon Road had been raised again. It was noted that BCC had agreed to review the paperwork regarding the road, however he was not hopeful of the current arrangements would be changed.

**BCC – Transportation consultation** - The Clerk updated Councillors on the BCC Traffic management permit scheme that can be viewed at [www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre/Roadworks-Permit-Scheme.aspx](http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre/Roadworks-Permit-Scheme.aspx), and it was noted that there was no dedicated funding allocation for delivery of 20mph schemes therefore the cost of any proposed schemes would have to be met directly by communities or the delegated budget allocation from the relevant Local Area Forum.

**Development meeting** – Cllr Shorrocks advised he had attended the recent development meeting in respect of the retrospective application for Longmoor Farm and a decision had been deferred pending a site visit. The Clerk reported he had subsequently received a note from District Councillor Cooper that the visiting panel had agreed to recommend approval of the application for the rear aspect of the house with conditions that the roof dormer should be fitted with obscured glass, not a film, and that the windows should be fixed permanently shut.

**Safety Check:** - Cllr Clark confirmed there were no safety issues, the Jubilee Oak Tree had been planted and the new seat had been secured.

**Annual Safety Check** – Cllr Clarke reported that he had spoken with our consultant and he had agreed to meet in March 2013. There followed a discussion on the safety aspect of the trees in areas Council were responsible for maintaining. Councillors would consider the matter for the next meeting and the Clerk would discuss with AVDC.

**Precept 2013** – The budget document was completed and the figures would be circulated for confirmation at the next meeting.

**On Line Banking** – The Clerk advised he had put in the circulation folder information regarding on line banking for Councillors to consider whether it was appropriate for implementation, the legal position would also be checked with BALC.

*It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.*

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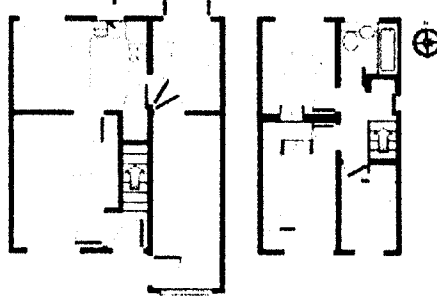
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## Countryside Matters

As an avid follower of all country pursuits and having been brought up in the countryside, you might find it strange that, at the present time, I welcome the decision not to appeal the hunting ban with its badly drawn up legislation. Governments have wasted enough Parliamentary time on futile bills such as this and the fatuous changes to church marriage etc. (Lets not go down that particular road)

People really do not care when there are so many other more important issues. Men and women are being made redundant and families are struggling to cope; are these issues not far more important? Although I do find it strange learning about the recent position of the RSPCA, to run up costs of £330k by taking the Heythrop Hunt to the High Court, the judge only handed out a total of £4000 in fines. This was for the hounds chasing a fox when they were following a trail laid down by a runner. The fox had crossed the trail and the hounds found this much more exciting than chasing a human runner dragging a piece of scented cloth half an hour ahead.

I think the RSPCA want to stick to their excellent job of saving abandoned animals, brutalised cats and dogs etc, instead if being led by their newly appointed left wing Chairman and wasting £330k on a politically motivated agenda.

Whilst on this subject, I also find it strange that the celebrity Brian May has been forced to explain himself, with his stance on anti badger cull when TB is costing the country millions and much distress to livestock farmers, badgers and cattle, yet he allows a deer cull on his 139 acre estate. Its a funny old world.

And finally; yes it has officially been declared the nearly wettest year for 100 years. What an awful summer and to date what a truly dreadful wet winter. You cannot imagine what it must be like being one of the very unfortunate people who have had their homes flooded out; it must be the worst ever tragedy for them and the thought that it is also likely to be foul sewage water invading your home.

I can think of one advantage of the current weather; it has kept our unwanted 'Friends' off the land and prevented them from coursing hares and killing deer with lurchers, stealing diesel, mowers and A.T.V.S. But they have a new pastime and are switching not only from fly tipping leylandii tree cuttings etc, they now dump dead horses, as seen last week, with one on the side of the road in Puttenham. These people need reigning in.

*James Henderson*



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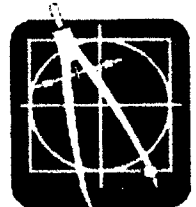
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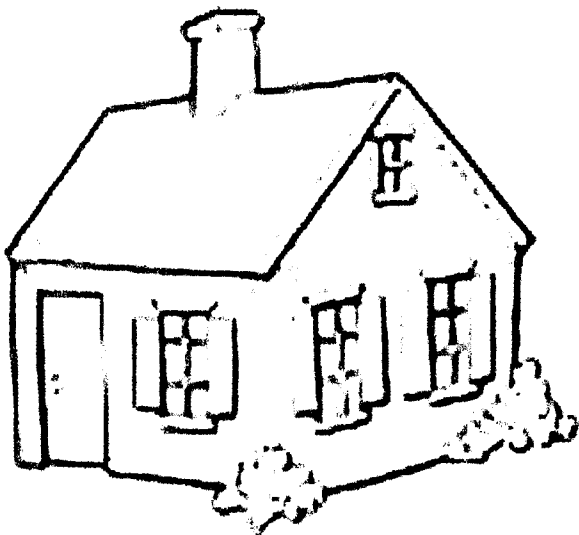
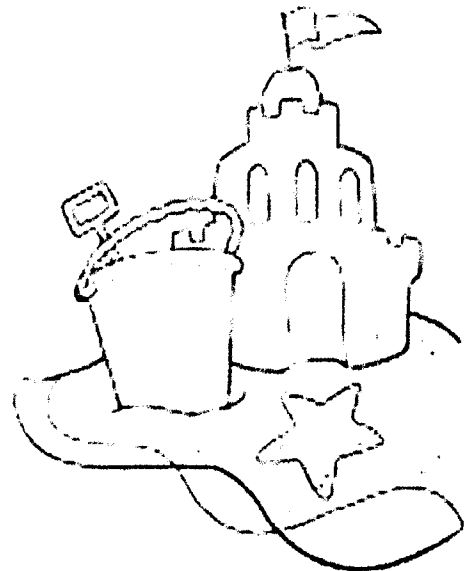
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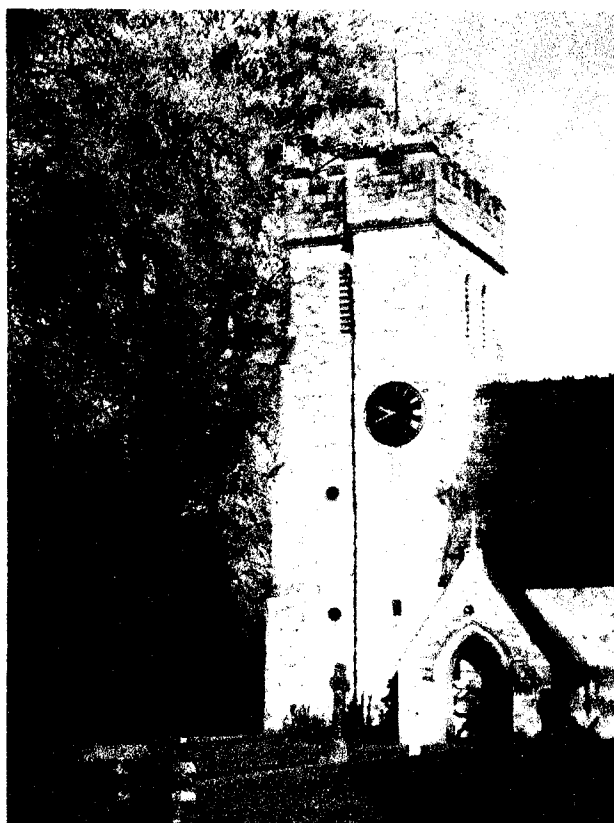
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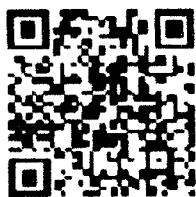
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Thursday 10th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Sunday 16th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Tuesday 15th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Wednesday 16th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 17th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Ladies Club 2.15pm Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room Church Room
Thursday 24th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Friday 25th	PCC talk by Neil Rees 7.30pm	Church Room
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Thursday 31st	Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room Church Room

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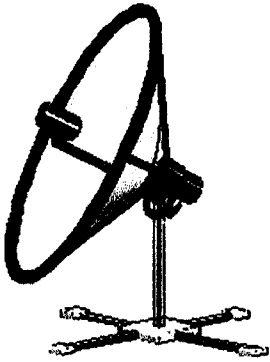
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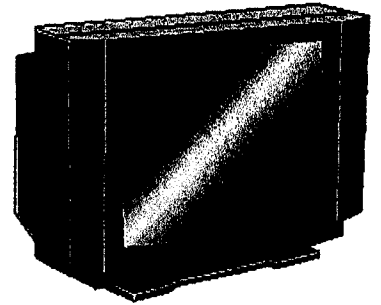
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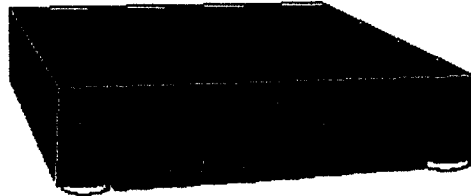


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