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VALENTINE'S DAY

Editorial

Well the snow finally arrived - and very pretty it looked too; for a while. It was excellent tobogganing quality, just the right powdery consistency; not that I did any. I've taken quite a few photos. They've all turned out rather grey; no sunshine to produce those sharp shadows with blue skies.

On the facing page you'll notice two pleas for volunteers to take on the role of printing & distribution manager for The Chronicle and for someone to take on the setting up of Thursday Coffee mornings.

Andy Bystra has been the editor's right hand man for many years - I would like to thank him for all his unsung efforts; Andy has been a tower of strength to me and has given sound advice on many issues.

April Curnow is also one of nature's givers - so many village events have relied on her enthusiasm. I will be sorry to see her leave the village and wish her every happiness in her new home.

So please step forward and fill the gaps left by these two stalwarts.

Aylesbury Theatre have made tickets available for the season up to May. If you would like the chance of having a pair of tickets for one or more of the events listed on page 5 then send me an email or put a note through my door with a phone number that I can contact you on. The raffle for each show will take place two weeks before the event.

Please put a note in your diary that there will be a Litter Blitz on Saturday 23rd March. Every year I'm amazed how much litter is collected - please give an hour of your time to help keep our village tidy. Meet outside the Church Room at 10am - sacks and pickers will be provided - please bring your own gloves.

If you have your camera handy during next month and you spot 'the first sign of spring' then email it to me. Pictures need to be 'portrait' and as contrasty as possible as colours tend to merge into greyness sometimes.

The Chronicle is getting thinner - please let me have your articles and comments.

I'm hoping I get at least one valentine card. *John*

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Please pass items to the Editor John Hardcastle or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

Printed at Waddesdon School and distributed free of charge to all Households in Aston Abbots, our local Doctors' Surgeries and to Wing Police House.

Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Charlie Copping | 2 nd |
| Pablo Gutierrez | 7 th |
| Vikka Drysdale | 7 th |
| Andy Garton | 9 th |
| Christopher Ellis | 9 th |
| Jack Copping | 10 th |
| Richard Clarke | 13 th |
| Paul Hewitt | 14 th |
| Dana King | 14 th |
| Samantha Jay Smith | 15 th |
| Irene Lowden | 18 th |
| Trevor Hall | 18 th |
| Frank McManus | 21 st |
| Fred Poulter | 21 st |
| Sally Dutton | 22 nd |
| Simon Gresswell | 24 th |
| Linda Wheaton | 25 th |
| Alan Jones | 25 th |
| Nikita Dowdell | 25 th |

FEBRUARY FOOTPATH WALK

Sunday 10th 2pm

Commence from The Green

**Chapmans Lea - Westpark Farm
to Wing**

**return via The Church - Old Park
Farm - The Old Airfield
then as outward Colin Higgs**

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DURING THE YEAR. COFFEE AND
BISCUITS WILL BE SERVED.

Welcome to James & Jo Dell and their children Amy, Jessica and Rosie who have recently moved into their newly constructed house 'Abbotts View Farm' off Norduck Drive.
Welcome to Kevin & Nikki Thorne and their children Alice, Sam and Charlotte who moved into Norduck Barn just before Christmas.

Please let the editor have your news for inclusion in next month's Chronicle. If you've been on holiday and have some anecdotes or advice then I'd be pleased to include your item.
Ed

CHRONICLE PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION

Having arranged the printing and bulk distribution of the Chronicle for the past 12 years, I would now like to 'retire' from this task. I plan to continue until the July/Aug. issue this year and so we need someone to take on the activity from the Sept. issue onwards. It involves taking the Editor's 'copy' to Waddesdon School at the end of each month (with the exception of August) for printing and then collect the printed copies a few days later. These are then passed to our distributors for delivery to individual households.

If anyone is interested, please contact me, Andy Bystra, on 681690 and I'll be pleased to give you further details.



COFFEE MORNING HELP!!!!

The coffee morning has been organised in the Church Room almost every Thursday since October 2005 and it has been an enjoyable social morning for many people.

There is a very willing band of helpers who work on a rota system to help me prepare hot drinks accompanied by something to eat each week.

However I have been wanting to take a break from having the responsibility of the general organisation and wonder if anyone would be willing to take it over, even on a temporary basis.

The job involves opening up the Church Room at 9.30am to put the heating on and to set up and lay the tables to ensure its comfortable for when the first people arrive around 10am.

Then its all systems go until midday when the Church Room has been tidied up and everything is cleared away.

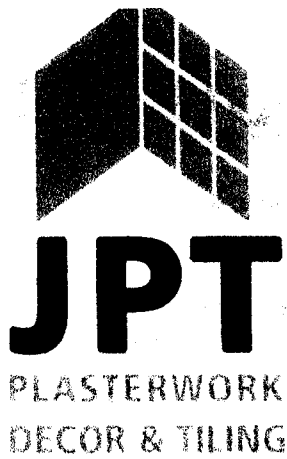
The coffee morning profits have been enough to give support to a number of charities but primarily our Church here in the village. We also manage to provide a nice Christmassy lunch for the regulars and everyone gets something chocolaty at Easter.

I have sold my bungalow and am possibly moving to Cublington so, although I will only be a short distance away, it would be sensible for the coffee morning to be organised by someone living in the village. Please give me a ring on 681459 if you feel you may be able to help.

APRIL CURNOW

Allotment rents are due on Saturday 16th February - please pay these in the Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon.

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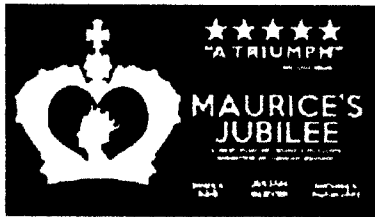
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ASTON ABBOTTS THEATREGOERS

Listed below are the 'press tickets' that The Waterside Theatre have kindly made available to villagers. If you would like to enter the raffle for any of these events then contact the editor by email or a note through his door. If you are successful you will be notified two weeks before the show. It would be good if you could then write a short review for the Chronicle. *Ed*



MAURICE'S JUBILEE

Judy and I went to see this lovely play on 30th January. Julian Glover (Maurice) was magnificent as the elderly retired jeweler who at the time of the Queen's coronation worked for Garrards and found himself responsible for the safe keeping of the crown, sceptre and orb. At a very personal chance encounter the Queen agrees to meet Maurice again 60 years later on the eve of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

For the next 60 years this imagined date with her majesty haunts Maurice. His wife Helena, played by Sheila Reid, is thoroughly fed up with his continual recollection and anticipation of meeting the Queen again.

Maurice has terminal cancer and has only weeks to live. Katy, a palliative nurse, wonderfully played by Nichola McAuliffe, (who also wrote the play) is on hand to relieve Helena who is finding it hard to cope with Maurice's eccentricities.

Katy decides to act out Maurice's fantasy and dress up as the Queen.

The Queen duly arrives and Maurice presents her with a diamond bracelet that he has lovingly crafted for her. The play ends on a poignant note and there is a twist at the very end that no one could have anticipated.

This was a very well crafted play with many resonances of an age gone by.

John Hardcastle

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| RUSSIAN STATE BALLET: COPPELIA | MON 25 FEB 7.30PM |
| WOW – CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF KATE BUSH | MON 4 MAR 7.30PM |
| JOSEPH | TUE 12 MAR 7.30PM |
| CHINESE STATE CIRCUS | WED 20 MAR 8PM |
| GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM | TUE 26 MAR 7PM |
| THE MOUSETRAP | MON 8 APR 7.30PM |
| ONE NIGHT OF ELVIS | THU 18 APR 7.30PM |
| BIRDS OF A FEATHER | TUE 14 MAY 7.30PM |

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St Valentine's Day Bingo

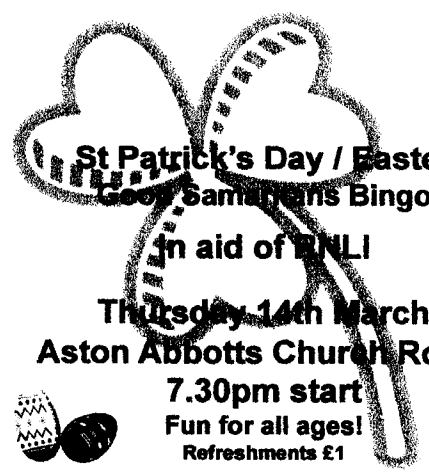
THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

**ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH
ROOM**

7.30pm start

Refreshments £1





**St Patrick's Day / Easter
Good Samaritans Bingo**

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Thursday 14th March

Aston Abbots Church Room

7.30pm start

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Refreshments £1

Pam Dixon 681626 Sondra Dickason 682249

There have been a lot of jokes about the contamination of beef products by horse meat. I've included a few at the bottom of the next few pages. A woman has been taken to hospital after eating horse meat burgers. Her condition is said to be stable.

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ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

We met at Val Smith's house on Wednesday 23rd January to discuss 'The Gift of Rain' by Tan Twan Eng. The book is set on the island of Penang, just before and during the Japanese invasion during WWII. The book centres on the lives of the Huttons who run a successful company. The youngest son Philip, who is a mix of European and Chinese, forms a strong friendship with a Japanese diplomat called Endo. Endo trains him in the art and discipline of aikido. To try and save his family Philip collaborates with the Japanese at the same time advising the 'resistance movements'. This is a long book of gentle pace driven by the approaching horrors of war inflicted by the Japanese soldiers. We all enjoyed this memorable book. Our book for February is Kate Curry's choice 'Terra Incognita - Travels in Antarctica' by Sara Wheeler. Our book for March is Alison Lewis's choice 'The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim' by Jonathan Coe.

John Hardcastle

I've been gently admonished for getting the Christmas Literary Quiz winning team wrong - my apologies to Pam Hewitt who 'importantly' accompanied Val Smith, Alison Lewis and John Hardcastle. Deirdre Whyte was with the team placed a very close second. It must have been the food and the one glass of wine that clouded my memory. *Ed*

KING ZOG FAILS TO COME ASTON ABBOTTS!!

Huge apologies to all of you who bought tickets to hear Neil Reece's talk, which regrettably had to be cancelled at the last minute. Full refunds will be available for all of you who booked and you'll be pleased to know that plans are afoot to arrange another date for this event. Details will be published in a future issue of the Chronicle.



Aston Abbotts Parish Council Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th January 2013

Present: - Cllrs. P Shorrock (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs K Curry, Mrs J Hardcastle, B Carvey, P Bruton (Clerk), County Councillor N Glover, District Councillor P Cooper, PCSO Ms C Pringle and one member of the Public.

Apologies: Received from Cllrs R Clarke and J Perkins.

The Clerk reported we had received a letter regarding the Airport Memorial Spinneys located at the junction of the roads linking Stewkley with Dunton and Cublington to commemorate the anti-airport campaign 40 years ago. The County Council is looking to divest itself of the responsibility for the sites and is offering to hand over responsibility to an appropriate body. Council discussed whether we would be interested in being involved in the project and it was AGREED that the Clerk should write and say we are in principal interested but would need to know some more details before committing any financial support.

County Councillor Mrs N Glover gave her monthly report and it was noted that BCC was not increasing County taxation this year, and a planning application in respect of Luton Airport had been lodged, this could be viewed at the Luton Borough Council Web site www.eplan.luton.gov.uk and the application number is 12/01400/FUL.

District Councillor P Cooper reported that the District Council was proposing a 2% increase in Council tax (no increase last year) in line with the Government cap, this was to help maintain services despite further cuts in Grants from Central Government amounting to 48% reduction over 2 years. Currently AVDC are looking at opportunities to increase income generation in order to mitigate the on-going reduction in central grants that are targeted to be reduced to nil by 2020. Other items of interest were, the boundary commission is reviewing the Districts with a view to reducing the number of Councillors and therefore representation, a new train line was being constructed between Oxford and Bedford by 2017 that would link Aylesbury to the East Coast lines and it appeared the Government were fully committed to HS2 and local groups were now looking to mitigate the effects on the countryside and surrounding areas.

PCSO Ms C Pringle reported there had been no increase in criminal activity in our village although in surrounding areas an increase in burglaries had been noted and current operations were targeting this particular area and residents should continue to remain on the lookout for any suspicious activity.

Village Plan - Cllr Perkins had circulated a further proof of the document however there was concern that this was in fact the previous version. Cllr Shorrock would contact Cllr Perkins to discuss.

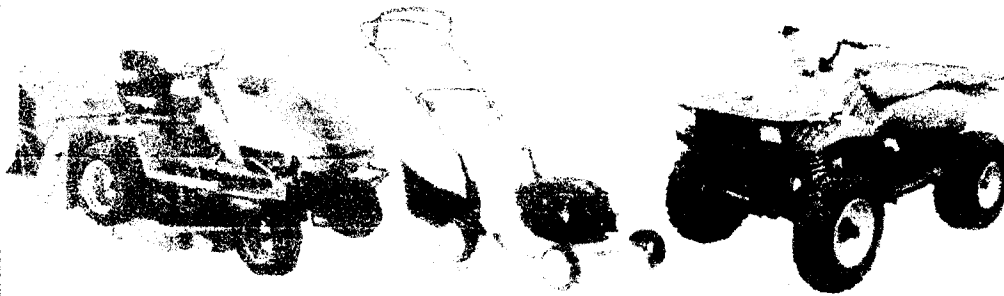
Litter Blitz: It was noted the Village Litter Blitz was scheduled for the 23rd March 2013. *continued on page 9*

Are you in favour of horse meat in your burgers? Yea or Neigh?

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Meetings with Event Organisers: It was noted that the Parish Council would like to hear from all interested parties at the earliest opportunity in order to ensure the necessary arrangements are in place.

Rooks around the Green: We had received a letter from a resident of the Green asking if there was anything the Parish Council could do about the rooks that were nesting in trees around the Green as they felt they were a nuisance. The Clerk advised he had spoken with BALC who had suggested that the resident contacted AVDC Environmental Control. It was also noted that in the past local Gun clubs had sought the permission of the land owner where the rooks roosted in order to control numbers and this may be a possibility. The Clerk would write to the resident along these lines as it was not a matter where we could help directly.

Planning

12/02825/APP (1 Nashs Farm)

Erection of Garden Fence (Retrospective)

The above application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to oppose the application. The development was felt to be out of character with the surrounding properties area as well as creating a potential safety hazard as the height restricted the vision of vehicle movement in the area. Additionally the original planning permission for the site included a condition that no buildings or structure or means of enclosure shall be erected on the site.

Luton Airport – As discussed during the County Councillor report it had been noted an application had been received in respect of the expansion plans.

Recent Planning application: It was noted that permission had been granted for the revised rear loft dormer at the Longmoor Farm development with the conditions that it shall not be glazed or re glazed other than with obscured glass and it shall be fixed shut to a minimum height of 1.6m above finished floor level and it shall thereafter be retained as such.

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

BEETLE DRIVE

Those of you who attended the last one, will be delighted to learn there will be a return of the ever popular Beetle Drive in the Church Room on ;-

Friday 22nd March 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.

A supper will be included and you're invited to bring along your favourite 'tipple'. Tickets will be available from April Curnow (681459) and Andy Bystra (681690). The price is £8.00 for adults and £5.00 for children under 13. Prices includes a hot supper and lots of riotous fun!!!



Wingrave CE Combined School

This term the school has formed a curriculum development and support partnership with Growing Ideas. This exciting new project will see Growing Ideas supporting the planning and delivery of the creative curriculum across all of the year groups for the spring and summer terms 2013. The staff at Wingrave will work alongside specialists from Growing Ideas and will be supported while they get the chance to develop new skills and try out new and engaging activities. A collaborative approach to planning, delivery and the development of new learning resources will be facilitated. Growing Ideas excel at engagement and innovation in education and have expertise in planning and delivering education projects that are not only innovative but which have proven, time and again, to be effective too. Wow activities at the start of term included fire lighting, transporting 'explosives' and problem solving. To see what the children are learning and find out more about what is happening in School, please visit our website which is regularly updated with news, photos and activities. (<http://www.wingrave.bucks.sch.uk/>)

Val Britmall

Apparently there's a poll of customers to find their opinions on horse meat ... conducted of course by Gallup.

Just found some out of date burgers... and they're off!

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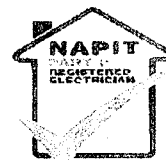
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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, it's that time of year again. The time when all gardeners start thinking about the coming growing season. The time when catalogues from seed and plant companies thud onto the doormat (and you hurry to get them before your little dog can start shredding them). The time when each day brings a fresh e-mail from a company from which you have bought plants or seeds in the past, encouraging you to take advantage of their tempting new offers.

And you have to make decisions: do you stick with the tried and tested varieties that you have been growing for the last few years, or try some of the whizzy new varieties, that are "F1 hybrids", or "blight resistant", or "bred to be mildew resistant" – or, even better, are "much sought after by gourmet chefs"? And the colour photographs make all the vegetables look wonderful: no scab on any of the potatoes, all the tubers a nice shape and similar size, no carrot fly attack on the carrots, stems of tomatoes so laden, you wonder how the branch does not break, etc. One thing you quickly learn is that if it is a new variety – and particularly if the word "gourmet" crops up in the text - it will be more expensive than the old standard varieties.

Every year I try to grow something a bit unusual or exotic. Last year it was blue potatoes, which were a bit disappointing – they tasted fine, but were purple rather than blue, and the crop yield was pathetically small. This year I'm going to try something I have never seen in a catalogue before, a New Zealand yam – also known as an "oca" – which are said to have a "zesty, lemony, flavour", and can be eaten either raw in salads, or boiled, baked or fried, like a potato.

The other thing you have to decide is what to do with the seeds you have left over from last year, or even the year before. Many seeds are sold in packs that contain far more seeds than any individual gardener needs, so that you always have some left over. The packs nearly always have a "use by" date on them: but how genuine are these dates? Are they bona fide, or largely an attempt by the seed suppliers to get you to throw away some perfectly good seeds, and go out and buy a new packet? The problem is that if you get it wrong, and try to use seed which is really past it, and which does not germinate, you may then miss the "window" of time within which you need to sow seeds of that vegetable in time to get it to germinate for the coming year. I usually take the gamble of sowing seed which has passed its "use by" date, but try to keep an eye on the pots, and if there is no sign of any shoot breaking the surface within about two weeks, I bite the bullet and go out and buy some more.

In previous years I have always bought potatoes from a seed supplier like Thompson & Morgan to plant for the coming year, but this year I have kept back some potatoes from my own crop and stored them. Some of them are already "chitting" nicely, but others have not yet produced any shoots. However, the catalogue I have just received from Thompson & Morgan contains the useful advice that if potatoes are slow to "wake up" from their dormant phase, one can encourage them to chit, by putting them in egg boxes or seed trays in a cool, bright, frost free position. I am now going to try this.

Last year I did not suffer from potato blight, but it is clear from the catalogues that gardeners in some areas of the country were affected: they are offering new strains of potatoes which are allegedly blight resistant. There is a family of growers in Hungary called Sarvari, who specialise in producing blight-resistant varieties, and these varieties usually have the name "Sarpo" – Sarpo Mira, Sarpo Axona, Sarpo Shona, and recently Sarpo Gwyn (grown at the Savari Research Trust in North Wales). It could be worth having one of these varieties in your garden/allotment, just in case we have another wet summer. But beware: Sarpo Axona and I believe, Sarpo Mira do not boil well: they suddenly turn to mush if you boil them fractionally too long.

Peter Shorrocks

Allotment Rents

Please pay these in the Church Room on Saturday 16th February 10.30 - 12 noon

I got fired from the meat factory because I got an e-mail about a delivery of horse meat and I marked it as spam.

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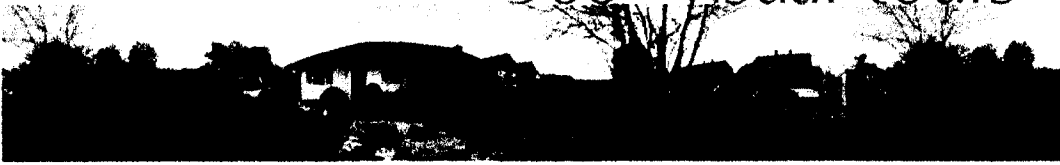
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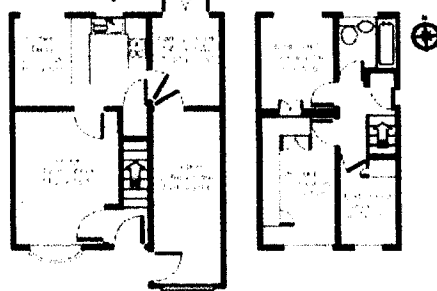
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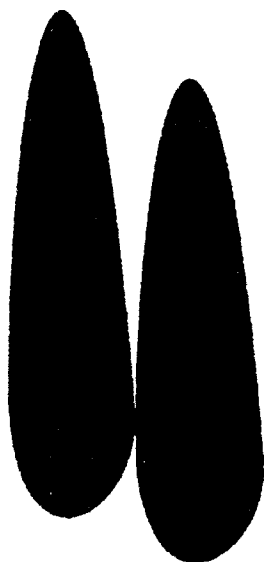
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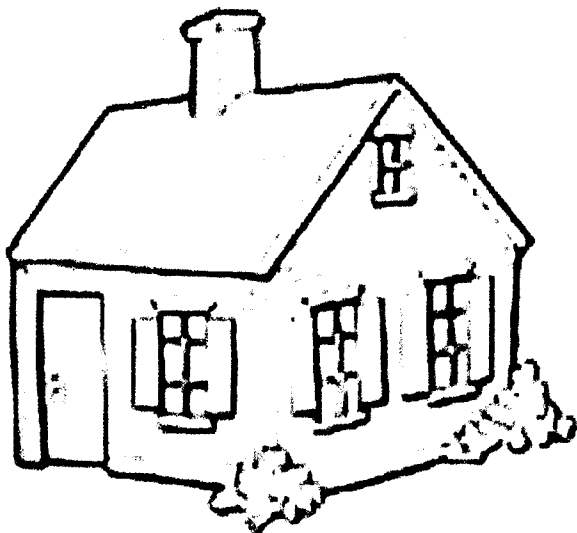
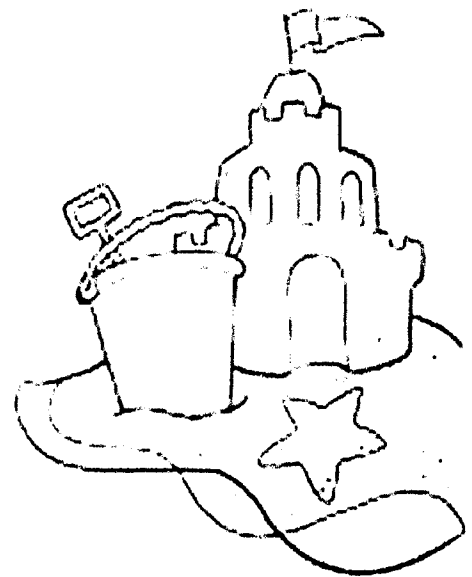
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Chinese New Year 2013, the Year
of the Snake, falls on 10 February.



VALENTINES DAY 14th February

St James Church

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 3rd Feb. | Evensong. | 6pm. | Rev. Philip Derbyshire |
| 10th Feb. | Communion | 10.15am. | Rev. Peter Binns |
| 17th Feb. | Communion. | 10.00am. | Rev. Derek Witchell |
| 24th Feb. | Communion. | 10.30am. | Rev. Roger Hale |
| 3rd March. | Evensong. | 6pm. | Rev. Derek Witchell |
| 10th March. | MOTHERING SUNDAY 4pm. | | Rev. Philip Derbyshire |

Afternoon tea will be served in the Church Room at 4pm on Mothering Sunday before the Church service.

CHURCH DUTIES

| | <i>Cleaners</i> | <i>Flowers</i> |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| 2nd Feb | Colin & Caroline L | Donated |
| 9th | Ann & Gordon | Donated |
| 16th | Andrew & Shirley | No flowers |
| 23rd | Anita & April | No flowers |

The Rev. Karen Gorham, who is the Archdeacon of Buckingham, is coming to take our service on Easter Sunday at 10.15am.

Dear all,

Happy new year - first drop of snow I see!

February 2nd. is Candlemas, otherwise the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Joseph and Mary. In the US it's Ground Hog Day when these subterranean hibernating creatures poke their heads up to see what the weather is doing!

Snowdrops begin to appear eventually and we get a small glimmer of the end of winter.

Hope is very important for we humans - we've just journeyed through Advent/Christmas when we feel the hope of the people of Biblical times and our own hopes for the coming of the infant Jesus.

How much our world needs peace and good will to be shared. Even a minority in Belfast still can't get the point that the way forward is cooperation/negotiation not open conflict with the beleaguered Police.

Nobody 'enjoys' a recession (double dip or otherwise) but I suppose it serves the purpose of waking us up to our real values. I was leafing through some old papers recently and came across something I wrote in 1992 called 'Thatcher's other children: young men in Prison'. Some of the content is still relevant now: unmotivated young girls having a baby to get a flat, the gap between welfare and work not being big enough etc etc! So many issues need addressing and we seem to bog ourselves down in details rather than having a fundamental discussion about what our values and motivations are about.

Which brings us back to Joseph and Mary doing what was required of them under the old law in order to bring about the necessary change in understand what their son would begin just thirty years' later as He launched His public ministry.

Enjoy the first signs of Spring as the Ground Hog pokes his head up to see what's going on!

All best wishes,

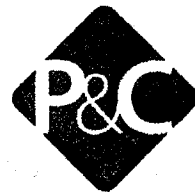
Philip

Groundhog Day is a day celebrated on February 2. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

Horse meat into burgers: it's been in there a fur-a-long time!

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| Sunday February 10th | Ireland vs England | 14:15 | 15:00 |
| Sunday March 10th | England vs Italy | 14:15 | 15:00 |
| Saturday March 16th | Wales vs England | 16:30 | 17:00 |

More information : David Harnett, Tony Lambourne, Tony Horne

THINGS TO DO AT HALF TERM - *best to phone and/or check web sites*

See lambing, Hertfordshire

Willows Farm Village near St Albans has cleverly timed the arrival of its new lambs for the holiday. You can also see other baby animals, take a ride on Tristan the Runaway Tractor and let off steam in the wonderfully named indoor playground, Woolly Jumpers.

10am-5.30pm; adults £10.95, children £9.95, under-twos free (0870 1299718, www.willowsfarmvillage.com).

Cook revolting recipes, Buckinghamshire

Create your own Tongue Rakers and Devil Drenchers at the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden.

Feb 16, 2.30-3.30pm, £3.50, age six-plus. Other events throughout the week: 10am-5pm; adults £4.95, children £3.50, under-5s free (01494 892192, www.roalddahlmuseum.com).

Climb chimneys, Bedfordshire

Wardown Park Museum in Luton reveals the contrasting lives of children in Victorian England, including a climb through a chimney. Tomorrow (not sure about this bit Ed), there's a traditional Victorian funfair, peopled with costumed characters, as well as crafts to try.

Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm; admission free but £1 charges for rides (01582 546722, www.24hourmuseum.org.uk).

Drive a bus, London

The London Transport Museum in Covent Garden reopened last year with even more hands-on activities.

Sat-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 11am-9pm; adults £8, under-16s free (020 7379 6344, www.ltmuseum.co.uk).

February is always a time to hunker down in front of the fire and enjoy some of the events planned for February. No only do we have the traditional celebrations, but also live music and a fun evening in the Wine & Cheese Call My Bluff. Make sure you book early as these are always popular.

What's on this February

Live Music - Friday Feb 8th

Tuesday 12th - Live Folk Music

Pancake Day

Booking for ...

Valentines Day

Thursday 14th - Bookings now being taken
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20th Call My Bluff
Wine & Cheese

Friday 22nd
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Saturday, 2 February

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Sunday, 3 February

1500. Italy v France

Saturday, 9 February

1430. Scotland v Italy
1700. France v Wales

Sunday, 10 February

1500. Ireland v England

Saturday, 23 February

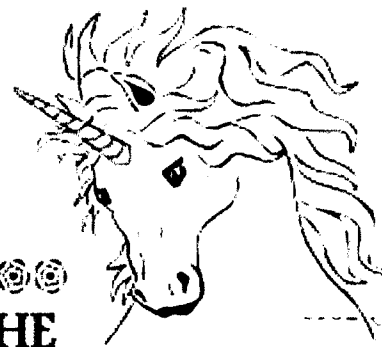
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1700. England v France

Sunday, 24 February

1400. Scotland v Ireland



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| Wednesday 6th | PCC Meeting 7.30pm | Church Room |
| Thursday 7th | Coffee Shop 10-12noon Whist Drive 7.30pm | Church Room Church Room |
| Sunday 10th | Village Footpath Walk 2pm | The Green |
| Tuesday 12th | Mobile Library 10.30am Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day | The Green |
| Wednesday 13th | Ash Wednesday 1st day of Lent | |
| Thursday 14th | Coffee Shop 10-12noon Bingo 7.30pm St Valentine's Day | Church Room Church Room |
| Thursday 21st | Coffee Shop 10-12noon Ladies Club 2.15pm Whist Drive 7.30pm | Church Room Church Room Church Room |
| Tuesday 26th | Mobile Library 10.30am | The Green |

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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

BOOK THESE DATES

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| Friday 22nd March | Beetle Drive |
| Saturday 23rd March | Litter Blitz |
| Friday 17th May | Quiz Evening |
| Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th | July Festival Weekend |

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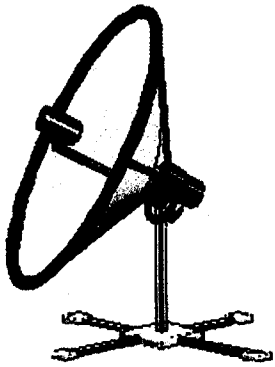
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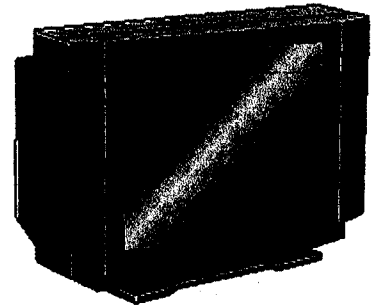
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DAVE'S CHAMPAGNE DIET!

It was a done deal! As soon as Dave read about the Champagne Diet (it's really true folks!) in The Daily Mail he decided that it was time to lose a few pounds. We have seen Dave turn into an obsessive-compulsive dieter, but what do other people think about dieting ???

My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. Unless there are three other people. - Orson Welles

Obesity is a condition which proves that the Lord does not help those who help themselves... and help themselves... and help themselves...

No diet will remove all the fat from your body because the brain is entirely fat. Without a brain, you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office. - George Bernard Shaw

A diet is when you have to go to some length to change your width.

Diets are for people who are thick and tired of it.

Dieting is not a piece of cake.

The toughest part of a diet isn't watching what you eat; it's watching what other people eat.

Sweets are the destiny that shapes our ends.

When you're on a diet, remind yourself that it's not the minutes spent at the table eating that put on weight, it's the seconds.

Food has replaced sex in my life; now I can't even get into my own pants.

She looked as if she had been poured into her clothes and had forgotten to say "when". - P.G. Wodehouse



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