

THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine - June 2013



Editorial

I'm pleased to report that Mirisa Abel Smith and Zandy Ayres have offered to take on the responsibility for the printing and distribution of the Chronicle. All we need now is someone or a group of villagers to take on the role of editor.

On behalf of the Chronicle I would like to thank the Fete Committee for agreeing to again give £500 towards the cost of printing each month's edition from the proceeds of our village fete. The advertising raises approximately £800/£900 per annum. Each of the eleven editions cost £140/£150 to print. There is a small reserve that could allow the Chronicle to print about three further editions if no more funds were available. Myself and Andy Bystra make no charge for our own expenses.

The Chronicle relies on villagers to submit articles and opinions for the editor to assemble. It represents the enthusiasm of our village for all sorts of events of which we should feel rightly proud. I've enjoyed being your editor but feel it's time to let someone else pick up the reins. It was commented at the Annual Parish Meeting that every time there was a change of editor there was an improvement - new enthusiasm, a new approach. I've been the editor for far too long now - time for a change.

The July edition will be my last - I do hope that our next editor is out there. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss things with me - no obligation and I can assure you your potential interest will not be divulged to anyone, even the Chronicle's proof reader.

Judy and I will be celebrating our 45th Wedding Anniversary on 22nd June. 1968 seems an impossibly long time ago - but doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself. We hope the weather will be a scorcher as we have planned to have a celebratory garden party.

In his 'Orchard Report' (see page 7) Peter Knight comments that we could do with some rain - well as I write this editorial it's bucketing down. At least the party lawn is looking particularly green and our village orchard will be increasingly flourish.

I do hope that a new editor can be found. Give me a ring, please.

John

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Alison's Gossip Column

BIRTHDAYS

June

Sally Clarke	5 th
James Perkins	9 th
Emily DeLooze	17 th
Bernard Osborn	18 th
Dave Wheaton	21 st
Paul Drysdale	21 st
Rob Howell	22 nd
Pat Stevens	24 th
Sharon Wilkinson	26 th
Kim Picking	27 th
David Hewit	28 th
Kirsty Lewis	28 th
Adam Oldfield	30 th

Fathers Day Sunday 16th June

**Stonehenge Summer
Solstice will occur
at 4.52am on Friday
21st June 2013**

The wedding between Rachel Sutton and Paul Sim took place on April 20th at St. James' church and there was a reception afterwards at Saddlers farm. Congratulations and Good Luck.

Congratulations also to George and Christine Fox who became great grandparents on April 26th. Harrison James was born to Laura and Reece at Stoke Mandeville hospital, weighing in at a respectable 6lbs 8ozs considering he was a bit early.

I would like to thank all the thoughtful people who sent me cards and flowers, following the death of my Mother, they were all so very much appreciated. *Carol Spooner*

At last some real progress regarding the Lease for the Church Room. See page 23 to read an extract from recently received letter from the Church's solicitor. *Ed*

CHRONICLE PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION HUGE THANKS

I'm delighted to be able to announce that arrangements for the printing and distribution of the Chronicle, from the September issue onwards, are now in hand. This has been entirely possible, to the generosity and public spiritedness of two lovely ladies, Mirisa Abel Smith and Zandy Ayres. They've evidently agreed to 'team up' to ensure future issues continue to reach your doors each month. All we need now is an Editor, or Editorial team, to ensure our beloved village magazine will endure for a further thirty three years. Thanks again Mirisa and Zandy



In early May a coach load of Czech students stopped off in Moat Lane to get a sight of the Abbey and later the bus shelter.



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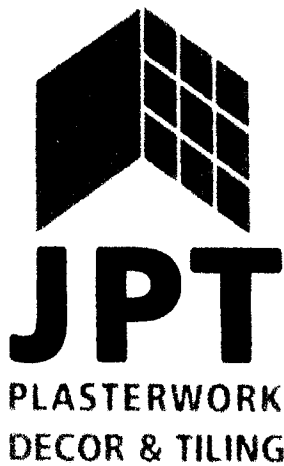
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PARADE OF WINNERS TO FIND TOP DOG

Aston Abbots Fete

Saturday 27 July 1.00pm

The first meeting was very successful with three of the four vacancies being filled: Church Room Teas - Louise McManus, Band Teas – Tracy Hinds & Vanessa Worrall and BBQ – Lol Hinds & Adrian Bystra. There were no volunteers for the Bric a Brac but fortunately Liz Hall has since been in touch and kindly agreed to continue (with the help of her family and friends) for one more year. Is there anybody out there who would be interested to take this on for 2014? Liz will offer her support and guidance – she has years of experience and has suggested that anyone considering this may like to help her this year to learn the ropes. Great Horwood Silver Band, Morris Men and Children's Rides have been booked. Sally Clarke and her team will organize the increasingly popular Dog Show. David Gray has taken over as Fete Treasurer from April Curnow. Huge thanks to April for all her hard work in the past.

Many regular helpers have come forward to offer their services but as always, we still need more. So.....if you could help in any way, on the day or earlier, please get in touch. You may be only able to offer an hour or so but all offers will be gratefully received so please get in touch.

Details of raffle tickets and collection of donations etc will be in the July Chronicle but in the meantime you may like to start sorting and decluttering! Do you have any unwanted gifts, bric a brac, non perishable food items, jewellery, toys or books? If so, put them to one side now, ready for collection later.

We can sell ANYTHING except clothes, electrical items, out of date cans and knives.

The next Fete meeting will be on Tuesday 18 June - 7.30 at 14 Bricstock. Please come along; it would be lovely to see some new faces. You may even get a glass of wine!

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Countryside Matters

We have heard so much lately about Europe, either staying in or coming out? Some of the daft rules made by Brussels have really tested the establishment. Some of the worst rules and regulations apply to Agriculture, for instance sow stalls, where pregnant sows were housed for most of their pregnancy being tethered by a leather strap around their neck and standing on concrete slats for months on end. This practice has been illegal in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland for years and quite rightly so. These practices still continue in other countries even though they've had 10 years to change their ways. Battery hens are another prime example and there are still significant numbers in countries in the EU where no changes have been made. Yes, you've guessed it; in the UK farmers have changed to much lower density housing, free range and barn production. The majority of the EU has not and this is a disgrace.

British farmers always try to tow the line and under tight UK legislation keep to the rules. It costs us millions more to produce pork, ham, bacon and eggs. I wonder what would happen if the boot was on the other foot. It makes you mad to stick to the rules and watch while others flout the law and still get away with producing illegal produce. Maybe another reason to give Europe the victory salute?? And it would be nice to know which supermarkets import this illegal produce to sell on their shelves. Surely they cannot fall foul of another meat crisis!

James Henderson

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ORCHARD REPORT

Having just 'inspected' the orchard I have some very positive things to report, but, believe it or not, we could do with some rain. To this end I have refilled the water trough in the orchard so that anyone visiting can get a bucket from the shed and water their tree. The freshly planted trees will be most in need of water and Gordon and I are attending to them.

Fifteen trees have blossom which I find amazing. They are as follows:-



Apples	Laxton Superb Brownlees Russet Worcester Permain Api Noir Ladys Finger of Hereford Discovery Thorpe Peach Golden Russet	Plums	Marjories Seedling Cambridge Gage Czar and two Old greengages
		Cherries	Morello Bedford Prolific Merton Glory

Now, in theory, any or all of these trees could set fruit but most probably wont, they are only babies. If a tree happened to set a lot of fruit most of that should be picked off when tiny and only 1 or 2 allowed to develop. After all it is growth of the trees themselves that we need. Should this unlikely situation occur John, Gordon and myself will get together and decide what to leave and what to remove.



What of flowers? Again very positive. This year we have three really splendid cowslips plants putting on a great show (one shown on front cover) - I just love them. There are also some primroses doing their very best and bluebells on the the side by a telegraph pole. Hopefully these flowers will gradually increase.

Some fritillaries planted under a tree have put on a great show this spring - it would be rather special if they spread themselves around.

Is everything positive? Well not quite. I am unhappy with the number of mole hills and should have chain harrowed the ground two months ago. I can't do it now for fear of damaging the flowering plants.

It also amazes me that one allotment holder thinks its acceptable to throw stones from his allotment into the orchard. We don't want them and my topper certainly doesn't need to hit them.

Peter Knight

THE ROYAL OAK

For the past couple of months or so, regulars at The Oak have had the interesting experience of seeing their beloved pub slowly morphing into a hostelry more akin to a 'gastro-pub'; even as they 'supped'. There was some consternation as the bar was being dismantled but it was soon replaced by a new and smarter one in the next room. All this was done without any loss of facility, and, once fully commissioned, found to be serving an even better range of beers.

Once the old bar area was cleared it was transformed into a very pleasant, 'country pub style' restaurant area, comfortably seating around 30. We dined there at the beginning of May and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly since there's now a door between the bar and restaurant areas. Furthermore, a new menu has been produced which we liked and which seems to have been met with the approval of others who've seen it.

Garry and Terri assisted by Andy, Paul and the rest of their family have worked extremely hard to achieve these improvements in 'short order' and with minimal disruption. Of course, there's still more work planned to improve the toilets, parking area and garden, but I'm sure all who have witnessed these huge changes taking place would join me in congratulating them on improving a valuable village facility.



ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

In April we discussed Sally Clarke's choice "The Diary of a Nobody" by George & Weedon Grossmith. This is an amusing account of the life of a city clerk Mr Pooter. It reads like a Victorian edition of a soap opera except that the characters are all middle class. The book was first serialised in Punch in the 1880's to great acclaim. It's a short book with many illustrations and is a revealing account of how things were. May's Book Club will be hosted by David Gray on Wednesday 22nd - his choice is "The Hundred Year Old Man who climbed out of the window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson. Our book for June is Carolyn Guse's choice of 'Jude the Obscure' by Thomas Hardy. Meet at her house on Wednesday 19th June.

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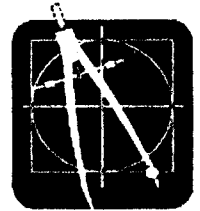
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Listed below are the 'press tickets' that The Waterside Theatre have kindly made available to villagers. If you would like to enter the raffle for any or all of these events then contact the editor by email or a note through his door. If you are successful 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*

Show	Date & Time
SOFIA NATIONAL BALLET – DON QUIXOTE	MON 8 JUL 7.30PM
ROY ORBISON AND FRIENDS <i>(Limited tickets)</i>	FRI 12 JUL 7.30PM
MICKEY'S ROCKIN' ROADSHOW	TUE 6 AUG 4.30PM
SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME	MON 26 AUG 7.30PM
UK PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE	SAT 7 SEP 7.30PM

Steve Hackett - Genesis Revisited

I was lucky enough to win last minute press tickets to the above at the Waterside Theatre on 9th May. It was my first experience of our new theatre and I was very impressed. A very Scandinavian look with all that wood. The stalls had all been removed for "standing room only" and the tiers were packed. Most of the crowd did seem to be of a certain age and, weirdly, predominately men. I did notice a couple of our own well known musicians there.

Steve Hackett was a member of Genesis 1971-78 and has now put together this multi-talented group which is touring the world.

I loved the concert. The atmosphere was electric. Tracks were played from albums Foxtrot, Selling England by the Pound, Spectral Mornings, Los Endos and many, many more. It was amusing to look down on all these middle-aged mens' heads, nodding in unison!

Steve has astonishing classical guitar talents. The lead vocalist, Nad Sylvan, had hair to rival our own Ian Roberts! There were also special appearances from Nik Kershaw, Amanda Lehmann, Stephen Rothery and John Wetton. All in all a very good night. Let's hope the Friars Club puts on many more concerts. *Alison Lewis*

A Night with the King

I was fortunate enough (depending on your point of view) to win 2 Waterside Theatre tickets in the raffle that our Chronicle editor kindly runs for villagers. 'One Night of Elvis' was a lively and thoroughly enjoyable experience. I went with an enthusiastic Elvis loving friend, and we really got into the spirit of it. The audience was a little reserved we felt, but we soon made up for them! The seats were excellent and we had a very good view and we were also suitably lubricated with a free drink. I would encourage everyone to have a go at the theatre raffle; The Waterside is an intimate cosy theatre, right on our doorstep. Many thanks John, for a really great night out.

Carol Spooner

Birds of a Feather We really enjoyed seeing Birds of a Feather, at the Waterside theatre courtesy of The Chronicle. It's been a long time since the comedy series has been on the TV but who wouldn't remember those three lovely ladies from Chigwell? The television show ran from 1989 to 1998 with 102 episodes, and the play caught up with what they are up to now. Sharon (Pauline Quirke) is still living with her sister Tracey (Linda Robson), and Tracey's son Travis (played by Pauline's real life son Charlie Quirke) also lives with them. Dorien (Lesley Joseph) is in a Retirement home, running the place, not a resident. Dorien gets accused of murdering one of the residents and has to go and stay at Tracey's. The show is full of laughs, a couple of mishaps with the props added to the amusement. Seeing Pauline and Linda acting was like seeing old friends we hadn't seen for years. And what can I say about Lesley Joseph, she's 67 and can still get away with those short dresses Dorien loves to wear, she still has amazing legs. It was a bit of a shock when Tracey pulled her wig off though..... A lovely evening had by all.

Melanie Smith

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, as I write this piece, a third of the way through May, things are looking good from a gardening point of view. The winter moved rapidly into summer, without pausing for spring, but normal service seems to have been resumed, and the weather has become windy and showery, and the latter is just what the doctor ordered so far as we allotmenters are concerned. My first and second early potatoes are already sprouting, as are my onions, and we have just planted out the first of the sweet-corn, which grew so quickly in the greenhouse, you could almost see it grow!

Still waiting to be planted out are my cabbages and cauliflowers (this year I am growing a species called Romanesco, the heads of which grow into curious regular geometric forms); and these are thriving at the moment in the green house, as are my courgettes. Only one of my cucumbers has germinated so far, and this has got a lot more growing to do. My new crop, the Oca, seems to be doing well, and has produced lots of clover-like leaves. (The plant is a member of the oxalis family, of which the best known English relative is the wood sorrel, and the leaves of my plant are very similar to those of the wood sorrel). My leeks are a bit behind, but that was my fault for not planting them early enough; and the same fault looks as though it means I will not have any parsnips this year.

So far as I can see, my fellow allotmenters are also prospering.

Unfortunately, from a gardening point of view, I am about to go away for three weeks, and I can see that the weeds are just beginning to establish themselves: Heaven knows what they will be like when I return!

One bit of gardening news that appalled me, is that for each of the last 3 years, the half-acre garden at the back of 10 Downing Street has cost around £50,000 to maintain. I am sure their garden is better maintained than mine but I have a garden which is, I believe, over half an acre, and I doubt if I have spent more than £50 on it in each of the last 3 years! I appreciate that Adam & I do not make any charge for the work we do (whereas I doubt if David C. ever gets his hands dirty), but we would have to charge an astronomical hourly rate to get anywhere near £50,000! I hope the visiting dignitaries appreciate the garden!

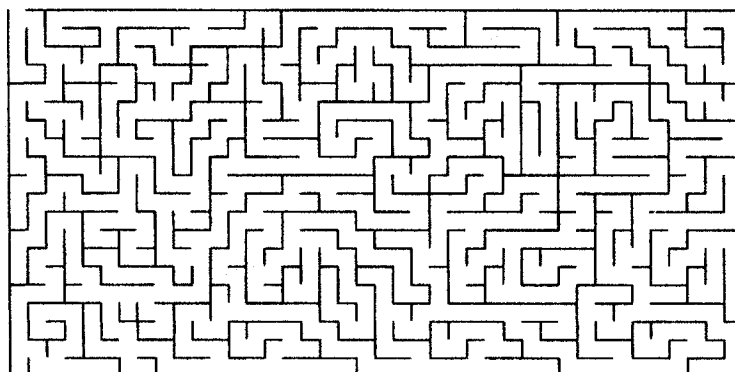
A recent newspaper headline that caught my eye was "Allotment Holder cast out over his forbidden fruit". It turned out that an allotment holder in Hastings had decided to grow fruit rather than vegetables on his allotment, and allegedly paid £600 for 11 fruit trees. The Hastings Council clearly did not want him growing fruit, but the allotment regulations did not expressly forbid it. However, they took him to court, and succeeded in getting an order that he remove the trees, on the ground that there was a condition that "75% of every plot" should be cultivated within 2 years of its uptake, and that "the soil must be planted with productive crops or other plants". The Judge held that this condition was not met by planting fruit trees with grass between them. Not surprisingly, the allotment-holder is talking of appealing, and says that, if necessary, he will take the Council to the European Court of Human Rights!

Finally, there was a headline in today's Sunday Times which attracted my interest: it read "It's getting dark – turn the plant on". However, on reading the article, it was apparent that it was journalistic exaggeration. Scientists are using genetic engineering to produce plants that glow in the dark. However there is virtually no chance of the work producing a plant that would produce a significant amount of light, because of the energy this would require – so that the energy companies can sleep easy!

Peter Shorrocks

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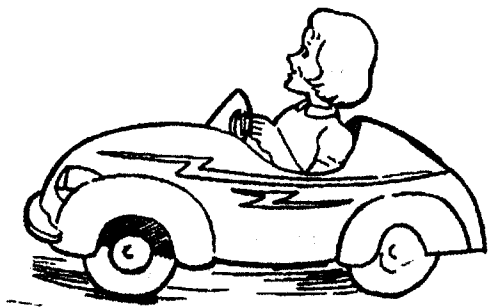


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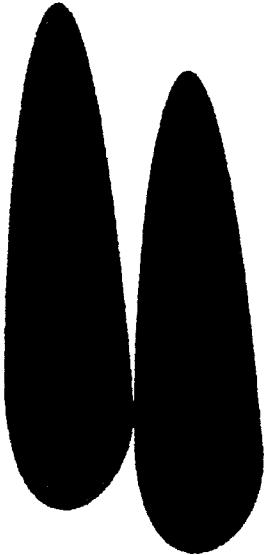
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13th July 2013

Ah the memories....It seems like only yesterday when we were watching in awe as an elderly gentleman(ish) climbed a ladder in the middle of the dance floor in a duet(ish) with a rather feisty lead singer dressed in an afro wig. Good times but that's the Aston Abbotts Summer Ball.

Yes it's that time again folks. The Summer Ball returns for its 4th year on Saturday 13th July. For those that are new to all this we will give you a little overview. Basically it's a party. There you go (only joking). The Ball is much more. Imagine a grand marquee, complimentary drinks on arrival, a sumptuous dinner prepared by an award winning chef followed up by the best live music. That's what we are talking about.

There is also a more formal aspect to the evening which is a charity auction. This year it is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We have chosen Macmillan as we know they do amazing work for so many people. They provide practical, medical and financial support and push for better cancer care. A truly worthwhile cause.

The Ball was started to get people together following the village fete. Although we have decided to move the date this year, so people who are involved in the fete are not rushing around, the sentiment is still the same. The Ball is an opportunity for you to get together with friends in and out of the village. To have a great night out and help to raise money for a great cause.

So if this sounds like your glass of bubbles then come and join us! You will love it!

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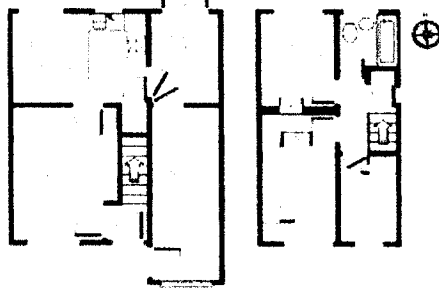
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Sunday 9th June 2013

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Sunday 16th June

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9th June.	10am.	Communion.	Rev Philip Derbyshire
16th June.	10am.	Communion.	Rev Robert Wright
23rd June	10.30am.	Communion.	Rev. Roger Hale
30th June.	10am.	At Stewkley.	Rev. Philip Derbyshire

The service on 30th June is a cluster service Aston Abbotts, Cublington, Soulbury and Stewkley.

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22nd	TBA	Wedding	Gordon
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100 Club

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Look out for the application forms which will come through your letter box this month.

David Gray

extract from a letter to Caroline Abel Smith from the Church's solicitor - letter dated 14th May

Dear Caroline **Aston Abbotts Church Room**

Thank you for your letter of 25 February, further to which I am now very pleased to attach a final and completed scheme made by the Charity Commission authorising the lease to the Village Hall Trust. It has been difficult and tiresome to encourage the Charity Commission to agree to the scheme after they made stylistic and aesthetic amendments in order to comply with their new policies and "in-house" trends. Their amendments have not, however, changed the desired substance of the Scheme.

The Scheme now authorises the lease and so I very much hope that we can now proceed to complete the same.....

A Spectacular Flower Festival

From June 28th to July 1st a spectacular Flower Festival with music is being hosted at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, the oldest recorded parish in England. This will feature over 30 flower arrangements to admire based on the lives of Christian saints as well as a wide choice of classical, church and contemporary music to listen to. There will also be a display of local history, the carrying out of an archaeological dig, a chance to buy garden plants, and an opportunity to relax with refreshments and cream teas. A 'songs of praise' style service will be held as part of the celebration and monies raised from this weekend will be used to repair the stonework and stained glass windows of the church. For further details please log on to www.stdunstanchurch.com or Elaine Barker (01844 344554) or Rev. James Tomkins (01844 275944)

St Dunstan's, Church Mill, Lane Monk's Risborough, Bucks HP27 9JE

Entrance £2.00 per person, young

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Friday 28th June 10am-7pm Saturday 29th June
10am-5 pm Sunday 30th June 12 noon-6 pm
Monday 1st July 10 am-5pm

Dear Friends,

We all apparently like a good 'natter' - even President Obama recognises it! Whether it be discussing the weather (always have an opinion/feeling), a sporting event, the state of the economy, the world or Jordan's latest cosmetic surgery disaster.

If you're like me you sometimes find yourself starting a conversation when you're driving along, rehearsing an argument for or against something, usually in preparation for a meeting. So, even if we're physically silent, we might be 'talking' in our heads.

Prayer is a form of talking, usually associated with being in Church, but in fact it can happen anywhere and also be vocalized or silent.

A great deal of mystique has grown up around prayer, which is a great pity because it's really very straightforward and indeed ordinary.

As a priest I pray in various ways and situations: my own private 'office' early morning to set the tone for the day. Leading worship in Church--- more formal kind of prayer usually---on behalf of the community and the world. But also in meetings with individuals or small groups: colleagues, those in distress or seeking guidance. All different but all are related because they are about communication.

I've mentioned silence and it's important in our increasingly frenetic world. It gives us space and it gives space to God to talk to us. Some people find such concepts spooky or just nuts but millions derive great comfort and guidance from such 'activity'. Why not try a 'natter' with God, simply talking to Him about what matters to you. You might find you are pleasantly surprised or even challenged by the results, just as we can be by a chat with a friend or loved-one. God Bless you, *Philip*



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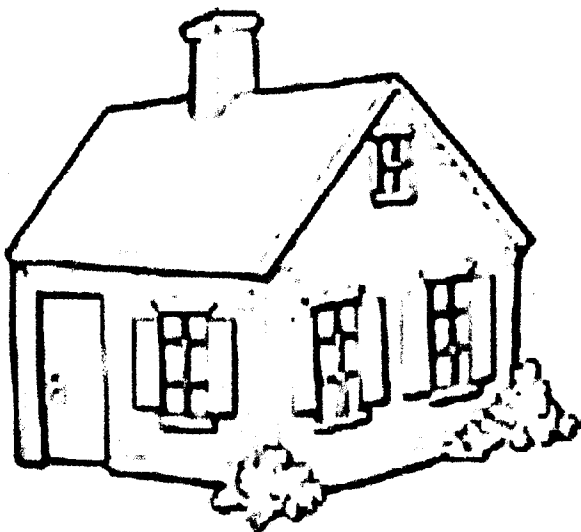
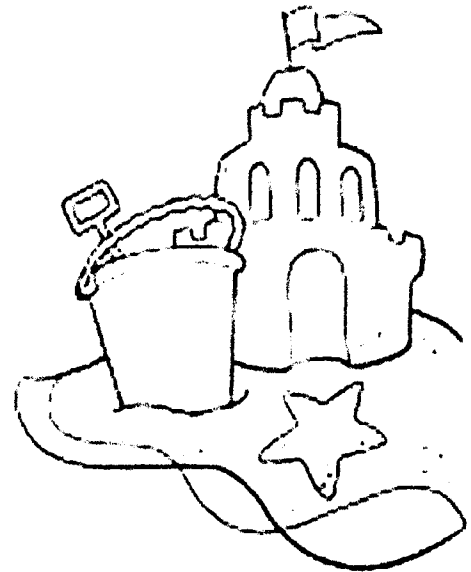
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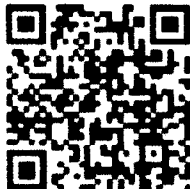
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Thursday 6th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 8th	Music in Quiet Places 7pm	Dunton Church
Sunday 9th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Thursday 13th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Good Samaritans Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 15th	Cublington Fete 1-5pm	The Rectory
Sunday 16th	Fathers Day	
Tuesday 18th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 20th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 26th	Parish Council 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 27th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room

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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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Sunday 9th	Cublington
Sunday 16th	East & Middle Claydon
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