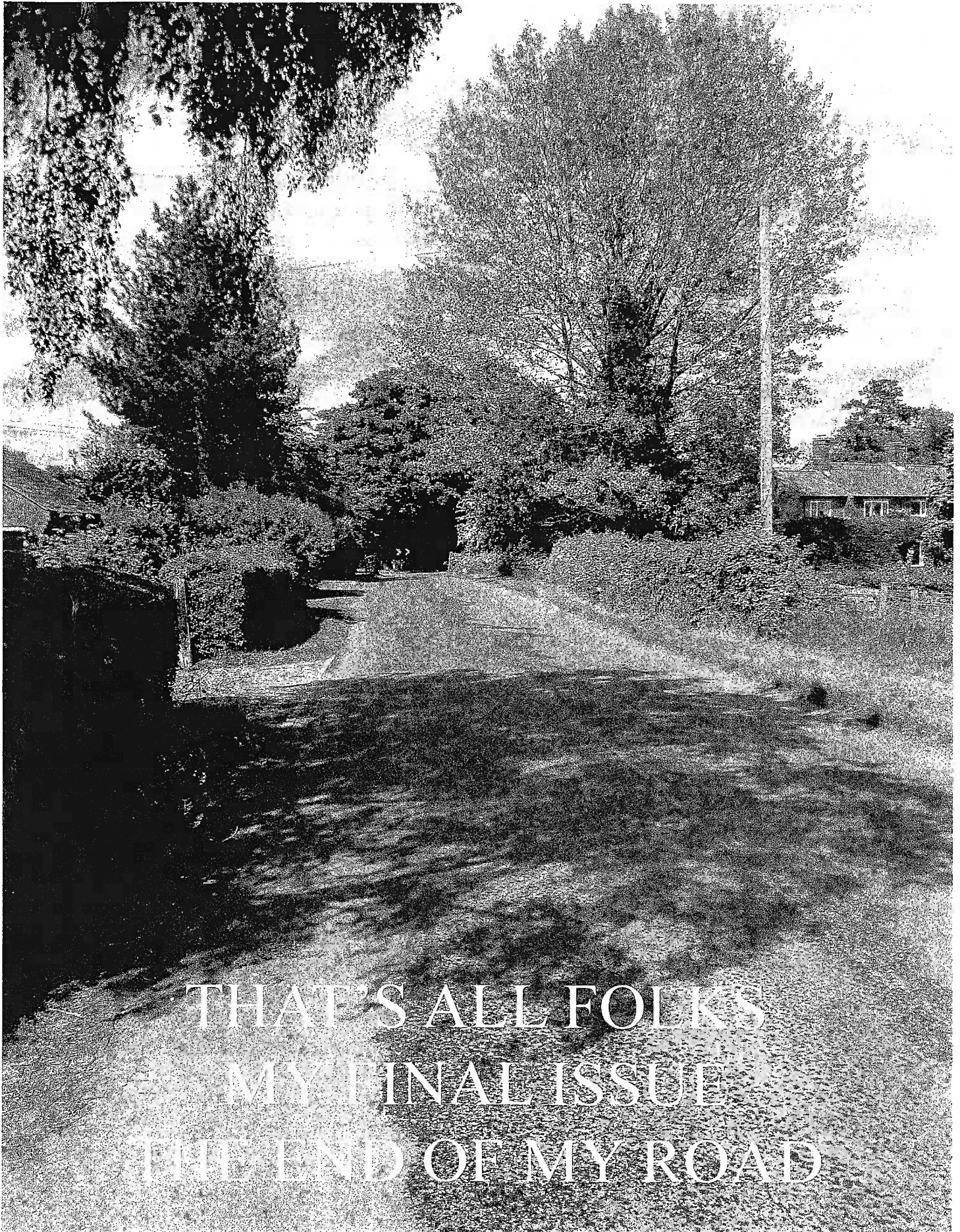


THE CHRONICLE

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine - July & August 2013



THAT'S ALL FOLKS
MY FINAL ISSUE
THE END OF MY ROAD

Editorial

My first Chronicle was issue 252 on January 2006. The front cover comprised two drawings of 'My Village' by Tom and Ellie Farrands. In those days we were discussing the proposed chicken farm at Norduck - there was a massive explosion at the Buncefield Depot - Alison's Gossip Column revealed all - Peter Knight wrote his Countryside Diary - Geoff Curnow reported on Vic Scott's lectures - Andy Bystra reported on an outing to Towcester Races organised by Tony Hinds - Nigel Palmer recalled the delights of The 'Eggs' Factor Show at the Church Room - Alison Lewis remembered 'Six Go to Tobago' - Bob Willmott wrote his Clergy Comment - Rod Rothero compiled his first crossword.

The Chronicle's format was picked up from the many issues produced by my predecessor Phil Spooner who is the timeless compiler of the Back Page.

For a grand total of 11 years Andy Bystra has organised the printing and distribution of the Chronicle. Clare Gresswell was originally handling the advertising but resigned in May 2006 when Phil Corrigan took over. Phil has been handling the advertising ever since.

It was my hope that I would be able to tell you who will be your next Editor but that is not possible. Mirisa Abel Smith and Zandy Ayres have kindly agreed to be responsible for the printing and distribution as of September.

I do hope someone takes on the role of editor of our Parish Magazine. I think it is important the Chronicle continues to thrive. It does help to knit our community together.

You'll note on page 3 a photo of Caroline Lane signing the lease for the Church Room. This will allow the Church Room Trustees to start work on important repairs and consider the extension and improvement of the building.

Obtaining the lease has been a very long process. Peter Shorrock has had interminable negotiations with the Church's solicitors lasting nearly 10 years. It's the sort of saga that Charles Dickens wrote about. At last we can consider the Church room as our own. Hopefully the Chronicle will keep you up to date with progress.

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

Mega Congratulations to George and Christine Fox who will be celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary on 8th July.

Did anyone else see Ken Bruce and his wife driving along the Weedon Road in a Corvette and being closely followed by a film crew? The AA joggers (ok, walkers!) think they might have been filmed / deleted! Watch out!

Congratulations to John and Judy Hardcastle who will have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on 22nd June.

We would like to say a big thank you to John for all his work as Editor of the Chronicle and for making such a good job of it for the last few years. Thank you John and best wishes from Sally and Richard Clarke

My personal thanks to all those people, regular and occasional, who have contributed to the Chronicle over the years. 'Thank you' to the Fete Committee who have consistently provided funding. My special thanks to Andy Bystra and Phil Corrigan who have given their time and support for so long. Thanks also to the small army who deliver the Chronicle each month.

The final big 'thank you' has to go to the Chronicle proof reader and computer guru, namely my wife Judy. Without her eagle eyes and help some embarrassing errors might have crept through. Here's wishing the new Ed every success! Ed

Fete Countdown see page 21

Play around the Parishes - Cublington

Bring your friends and family along for some fun in the sun. Aylesbury Vale District Council and SureStart Centres are providing a series of play, sports and arts activities for children aged 1-11 years across various parishes in the Vale.

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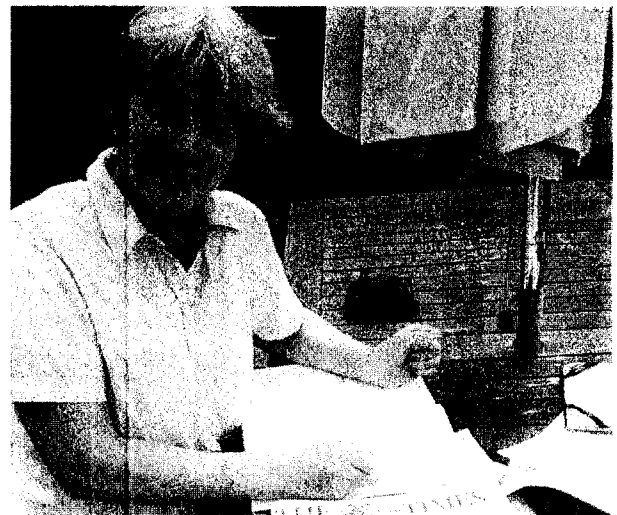
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Adults, Children, Young People

Photo opposite shows Caroline Lane signing the lease for the Church Room on behalf of the Church Room Trustees - Peter Shorrock also signed the lease. We now await the Church to sign their part of the lease after which the Trustees can put in place the structural repairs and improvements it is hoped can be achieved with the help of grants and monies raised by the village.

The new Trustees are John Hardcastle, Peter Shorrock, Caroline Lane, Nigel Palmer, Liz Hall & John Whyte. The previous Trustees were Caroline Abel Smith, April Curnow and Rev Philip Derbyshire.



Front cover is photo of Lines Hill towards Moat Lane - the end of my road. Ed



FUN DOG SHOW



Saturday 27th July



Aston Abbotts Fête

Fête opens 1pm, Dog Show starts 1.15pm

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PRETTIEST BITCH



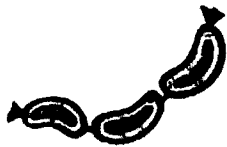
GOLDEN OLDIE (8 years and over)

BEST RESCUE DOG

BEST PUPPY (under 1 year)

MOST APPEALING EYES

WAGGIEST TAIL



FASTEST SAUSAGE EATER

**SIT CHALLENGE (last one to sit
when whistle blows leaves the ring)**



DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

PARADE OF WINNERS TO FIND TOP DOG

Aston Abbotts Fete programme Saturday 27 July 2013

- 1.00 Fete formally opened by Mr William Elliott (92)
- 1.05 Great Horwood Silver Band
- 1.15 Dog Show in the Grove
- 1.30 Clay Pigeon shoot in Church Farm (times TBC)
- 2.00 Teas available in Church Room and frontage
- 2.45 Great Horwood Band
- 3.30 Aldbury Morris Men
- 4.00 Raffle Grand Draw

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 please check your own
 timetable

Stalls and attractions

Village Green	The Grove
Bric a Brac & Toys	Bouncy Castle
Books Plants	Childrens rides
Bottle Tombola	Hook a duck
Bottle Game	Coconut Shy
British Legion	Dog Show
Caremark	Doggy treats
Cakes	Face/Nail painting
Craft	Vintage tractors
Fire engine	
Gifts	St James The Great Church
Handbags	Come and see the flower arrangements for the Festival of Saint James in our beautiful Church.
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Plants	
Raffle	
Chuck the wet sponge	
Skittles	
And much, much more.....	

Refreshments

- Church room: Cream teas, cakes, biscuits, hot & cold drinks.
- BBQ on the Green – premium burgers, hot dogs & cold drinks.
- Pimms on the Green - Ice cream – in corner of Green by the Grove

English Village Fete - A Great English Summer Event

One of the great summer events in English culture is the traditional village fete which is a fund raising opportunity for the benefit of the village.

This year Louise McManus and Stella Dutton will be organising the Church Tea Room. In the warm country kitchens of Aston Abbotts some of the most delicious cakes are baked! Please bake a cake or two so the traditional Church Room Teas will be as successful as last year, the more slices of cake, cups of tea and scones we can sell the more profit for the village community.

Tucked away between St James Church and the Village Green is an oasis of calm where you will find steaming teapots, scrumptious scones and a selection of traditional homemade cakes served by friendly efficient staff, in the cosy and intimate wood panelled Church Room.

I shall be calling the regular cake bakers to bake and helpers to come forward to give a little of their time again this year so the afternoon will run smoothly.

If you would like to bake a cake or offer some of your time serving teas in the Church Room, please contact Louise McManus or Stella Dutton

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

As anyone who has visited the allotments during the week before I am writing this piece will know, from the state of my allotment, this is largely another "Not on the Allotment Diary". I have just spent over three weeks away in Europe, and the pristine brown patch I left, with a few vegetables like potatoes and onions just pushing through, has changed into a sea of nettle green. I have just spent my first couple of hours weeding, and discovered that, somewhat to my surprise, there were vegetables growing underneath the weeds.

My anti-carrot-fly screen came apart while I was away, and I think that I did not make it strong enough for the job. A further problem is that although the gardeners' fleece I used lets some light through, it has clearly had an inhibiting effect on the plants: the carrots (but curiously not the nettles and other weeds) were noticeably less developed in the parts that were shielded from the sun by the sides. I suspect it may also be partly due to the relatively cool summer we have had so far: Gordon Kemp tells me that many of his carrots have not yet germinated.

My trip to Europe involved Adam & I driving down through Italy and catching a ferry to Greece, where we have relations. After staying with them we drove back through Bulgaria, Romania, and Hungary, and then home through Austria, Germany and Belgium. We were astonished by the obvious poverty and primitive farming methods we saw in Bulgaria and southern Romania. The workers we saw in the fields – as many women as men – were still tilling their land by hand, using the old-fashioned spades that are common in parts of the continent, where the blade is at 90° to the handle, and you "chop" the earth with it, rather like an old carpentry tool called an adze. Until we got to northern Romania, we never saw a tractor, and instead we several times saw workers steering a wooden hand plough, pulled by a horse, between the rows of the crop they were weeding. Incredibly, they had obviously trained the horse to step between the growing plants.

The vehicle of choice which we kept on seeing in the fields and on the side roads was the horse and cart, not the car. The carts were nearly always in the same style, longer than they were wide, with sloping sides – rather like a trough on wheels. Walking back from their fields at the end of the day, the locals would normally carry their spade over their shoulders, with a scarf forming a bag tied over the end of it, like a lot of rather unglamorous Dick Whittingtons. We always knew what crop was being grown locally, since there were frequently stalls at the side of the road, all offering the same fruit – strawberries, cherries, melons, etc. In one village in Bulgaria, every other house seemed to have had jars of something on sale: one white, one honey coloured and one blackish. I jotted down the words on cards on the stalls, and looking the words up on Google later, we discovered that they were offering sheep's milk and sheep's cheese, but could not identify the blackish stuff

If the women in the fields had been wearing skirts down to their ankles, what we were seeing would, I suspect, have been identical with what went on several hundred years ago. It was not until we got to northern Romania that we started to see farming in the manner to which we have become accustomed, with enormous fields of corn and other crops that were clearly being worked by tractors and other 20th Century agricultural machinery: and as we progressed westward through Hungary into Austria and Germany, the farming became more and more sophisticated.

Another farming curiosity: as we drove through southern Austria, we saw numerous fields of elderberry bushes, all in neat rows. Presumably they are grown for the blossom or the fruit, which is made into elderflower or elderberry cordial. I had no idea that there was such a commercial demand for either.

Our guess was that the farming we saw in Bulgaria & Romania was probably being done by families, each of whom would own a relatively small tract of land. All the work would be done by family members. They would endeavour to be self-sufficient, and then try to sell any surplus – or barter it with neighbours who were growing or farming something different

Which leads me on nicely to my next item, for which I am indebted to Phil Spooner. He directed my attention to an item on the BBC News iPhone App: the rise in this country of the food swapping movement. It started in New York in the USA, and involves organised events where members of the local swapping group meet to swap food – either home-grown, home-produced or foraged from the countryside. There are already six such clubs here, of which the nearest is one in St. Albans. Typically food swapping meetings last for about 2 hours. During the first 30 minutes members set up their stalls, and fill out cards with information about what they have to offer (including the ingredients of anything prepared). For the next hour members walk around and see what is on offer, and may be able to try some of the things available: and if interested they write their names down and indicate what they are prepared to swap. Then during the last 30 minutes the bartering and swapping take place. Clearly such clubs could be a boon to gardeners who from time to time have a glut of fruit or vegetables. However, I can see difficulties for allotment holders joining such a club, since for about 9 months of the year they would have nothing to trade!

Peter Shorrock

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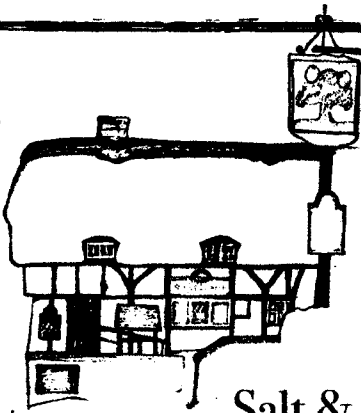
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Minutes of the Aston Abbots Annual Parish Meeting 8.00pm 8th May, 2013

Present: Mr Peter Shorrocks (Chairman, Parish Council), Mr Paul Bruton (acting secretary), Mrs Netta Glover (County Councillor), Mr Peter Cooper (District Councillor), Ms Paula Boston (PCSO, North Wing) and 24 parishioners.

1. Apologies: Mr Richard Clarke and Mr James Perkins
2. The Minutes to the meeting held 9th May, 2012 were approved and signed as a true record
3. No matters arising.
4. County Councillor Glover addressed the meeting giving a summary of the achievements of BCC over the past 4 years and these included.
 - BCC have increased the independence of Schools, we have seen the appointment of a Police and Crime Commissioner and the introduction of a Scrutiny Committee, it was hoped these would make a difference locally.
 - BCC had to cope with the reduction in Government funding and had frozen its share of Council tax for 3 years, reducing spending by £85m, there was potentially worse to come and they would be interacting with residents to obtain their spending priorities.
 - The quality of education was improving with an 83% rise in Level 4 English & Mathematics and 70% rise in students achieving 5* in physics, Aylesbury Technical College was working with sponsors promoting apprenticeships for 13 to 19 year olds.
 - Economic help to local businesses as BCC introduced 10 day payment terms instead of 30 days, support via Thames Valley Local Enterprise had enabled 60 Bucks. based businesses to obtain contract on the 2012 Olympics with Dorney Lakes being voted best venue.
 - BCC are doing their best with roads with £300million of the current budget allocated, equal to 15% of Council tax. They are looking at energy efficient ways to reduce costs in the longer term.
 - The transfer of Libraries to operation by volunteers from the local community had been a success with training provided by existing staff who would become redundant on transfer. Performance related pay had been introduced and there had been a reduction of 1,500 jobs – equating to 23% of staff.

A question regarding the condition of some of the roads was raised as it was felt they were particularly dangerous for cyclists, the area around Wing and Cublington was of particular concern. Councillor Glover advised that all County representatives had been asked to prioritise the roads in their areas, selecting 5 roads for improvement and the Cublington to Wing road was at the top of her list.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Glover for her report.

Councillor Cooper, after congratulating County Councillor Glover on her recent election success, addressed the meeting with a number of updates to local issues affecting Aston Abbots and the Aylesbury area in general.

- The development of the Waterside area around the new theatre continued with the Waitrose store scheduled to open in July 2013. The plans included a new Car Park as well as a hotel, the next stage was to hopefully introduce Restaurants in the area with land around the Canal basin although compensation with land owners had to be finalised. There was also the possibility of Sainsbury's store and petrol station located opposite the Council offices.
- Planning – As mentioned last year the South East Plan was scrapped in April 2012 and a new Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VAP) was being completed. The initial document had been prepared and consultation was now in operation. The document proposed 14,000 new homes over 25 years compared to 25,000 in the SE Plan. Taking into account permissions already granted this left a net figure of 8,500 new approvals. The current problems created during the gap in the abolition of the SE Plan and the new VAP had resulted in 3 planning applications for developments from opportunistic developers in Hampden Fields, Fleet Marsden and Watermead – 2 of these applications had gone straight to the Government Planning Inspectorate with the other being considered within AVDC. The proposals were not welcome as they did not address infrastructure issues, locality and style. It was important the applications were refused.
- AVDC were continuing to consider ways of dealing with the reduction in Local Government Finance from Central Government as grants were being reduced with a further £1.5 million reduction next year, it was felt that the aim was that by 2020 there would be no Central Government Grants. AVDC had therefore to look at finding savings or income generation to replace. One area that Councillor Cooper felt offered potential was the move to a Unitary Council reducing the number of District Councils from 5 to 1.
- The revised refuse collection and recycling scheme was working well and appeared popular, there had been teething problems, resulting in nearly 60% of refuse being recycled, resulting in savings. The food waste was being used to generate electricity.
- Rural broadband continued to be an issue for residents and a £14million grant from the EU had meant that we will see an improvement in Bucks. and Herts. Contracts for the installation were anticipated to be placed by the end of May with work to start immediately. The big question was where they would start as the project would take 3 years to complete. It was hoped the investment would start in North Bucks and the figures suggest it should as 60% don't have access to fast broadband.

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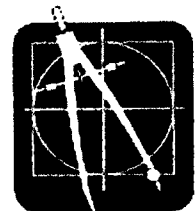
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- Bus service – The No 100 Bus service had been withdrawn by Aviva as it was uneconomical, they were indicating they would improve the timing and quality of the No 150 to compensate.
- East – West rail link – The propose rail link was going ahead with the opening scheduled for 2017. This would link Aylesbury to Milton Keynes, Oxford then Cambridge providing access to all services to the North and West.
- Travellers Sites – The Cublington site was currently empty and up for sale at £100,000 , it was quite small and was contaminated, currently it has planning permission as a Caravan site however we could see a change of use application from any potential purchaser. Currently AVDC does not have enough traveller sites under the Government’s guidelines and there will be a consultation with stakeholders and the public on where any sites should be located.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Cooper for his expansive and informative report.

- PCSO Boston advised that a review of the areas under the responsibility of Wing Station had resulted in an increase in size of area to be covered and some villages had changed areas, Aston Abbotts remained the responsibility of Wing North & South. However the increase in size had resulted in resources being stretched as they were now responsible for 20 villages. Currently Wing station had a new Inspector and Sergeant with 3 police officers and 5 PCSO’s.
- Overall crime in the village continued to be low with 2011 -12 being 6 reported and for 2012-13 2 reported. These figures exclude domestic related incidents.
- PCSO Boston recommended signing up for the Thames Valley Alerts as this provided useful information on current crime activities and prevention opportunities. The meeting also mentioned that Dog Watch was another excellent site for crime awareness and it was surprising how many dogs were taken.
- A question from the floor concerned speeding in the village – PCSO Boston advised that the Parish Council could share the speed watch system with other smaller councils, volunteers would be required to operate the system and training is provided. Vehicles recorded as speeding would receive a letter from the police and action may be taken for repeat offenders. It was noted that in the past when the Parish Council had asked for volunteers for such a scheme the take up had been nil.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Boston for her report.

5. Parish Councils Chairman’s Report, Mr Shorrocks summarised the work undertaken during the year;
 - The village plan had been completed and a presentation would follow his report.
 - The footpath to the Wingrave crossroads had been completed with funds from the Local Area Forum, Aston Abbotts Summer Ball fund, The Fete and the Parish Council.
 - We were contributing to the improvements being carried out to the Bus shelter at the Wingrave Crossroads by Wingrave and Rowsham Parish Council.
 - An Oak tree had been planted in the Recreation Ground as part of the celebrations of the Queen’s Jubilee.
 - VAHT had kindly donated a PA System for use of villagers and enquiries should be made to Councillor James Perkins.
6. A visual presentation of the village plan was located around the Church room and photocopies of the plan were available for those present. James Perkins acknowledged some photograph anomalies in the version on display and assured all that these would be rectified before formal publication. The plan provided a framework for the development of the village. Input from residents had been obtained from a number of consultations and the resulting action plan summarises what we will look at in the future. We will now look to form a Village Plan sub-committee to implement the plan and it is sincerely hoped villagers will want to be involved. The plan is an evolving document to be reviewed on an annual basis. Kate Curry and Peter Shorrocks had been involved from the start of the process and it is vital we get people involved as it is not intended that the Plan is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Sally Palmer congratulated all those involved in completing the Plan.
7. Peter Shorrocks gave a brief summary of the current views of the Parish Council in relation to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, a power given to Parishes as a result of the Localism Act. We were currently awaiting the publication of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan before finalising our decision on whether to create a Plan, it will require the input of residents and ideally the committee developing the document will need to consist of residents.
8.
 - Andy Bystra reported on the activities of the 630 Club that was started in 1985 and meets at 6:30pm every Saturday night, originally at the Bull & Butcher Pub to enjoy a social gathering of conviviality and newcomers were welcome. On the closing of the original location the Club had relocated to the Royal Oak who had made them very welcome and over 40 people attend regularly. There were no plans to change although Wingrave were looking to form a similar club. The recent refurbishment of the Royal Oak gave the opportunity to hold some events at the pub and a St George’s Day dinner was being planned for Saturday the 24th May 2014 and the Bean competition was scheduled for the 14th September 2013. The club would be 30 years old in 2015 and ideas for celebrating were under way.
 - April Curnow reported that the GNOMES (Girls night out men excluded) met every Tuesday night on a similar basis to the 630 Club with numbers varying between 5 and 20 – newcomers were always welcome. They organise a number of events during the year including an annual Christmas dinner, theatre visits, and even go karting.

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- Deirdre Whyte as Fete coordinator reported on the 2012 Fete that had been well attended and thanked everyone for their help. The Fete had the usual attractions and the dog show proved very popular, Neil Cheshire opened the Fete and visitors seemed to enjoy the traditional charm of the event. The day had raised just over £4,000 and this had been distributed to the Chronicle (£500), Footpath (£1,000) and the Church (£2,593). A thank you to April Curnow for her help and for taking in the role of treasurer, next year David Gray had kindly volunteered to take on this responsibility. The 2013 Fete was scheduled for the 27th July (Deirdre's birthday) and plans were under way with volunteers to run stalls needed, particularly the Bric a Brac. Peter Knight was standing down as Master of ceremonies after many years of excellent work, James Perkins kindly stepped forward to take up the challenge.
 - John Hardcastle reported on the Book club that was started in 2009 and now had 14 members (2 male) who meet once a month at one of the member's homes to discuss the book of the month (chosen by the host) and enjoy the odd glass of wine. The size of the club seemed to be just about right and if other people were interested then it may be an idea to start another club.
 - Shirley Ford reported that the Ladies Club had suffered recently and activities had been a bit reduced, however membership was picking up and they have resumed meeting once a month with more interesting and effective speakers and are planning Garden parties and outings, they meet in the Church room and the dates and times appear in the Chronicle.
 - John Hardcastle reported that Orchard had been a real success and on behalf of all thanked Peter Knight for all his work and efforts. There were currently 120 trees and plans were for a maximum of 160, although it may be possible to squeeze another 30 trees in. Currently we are looking to plant fruit trees that are part of the history of Bucks, so we are all busy trying to trace trees that meet the criteria. He also wanted to thank Wendy Bentley for her work in organising village events in the Orchard and mentioned that he was looking forward to winning this year's Sunflower competition.
9. Mr Shorrocks updated the meeting as to the status of the village acquiring a lease for the Church Room. It was noted that this purchase continues to present problems, mainly caused by the solicitors who had now advised that the file had been discarded by the Charity Commission and as a result had to start again. The matter is now with the Charity Commission for consent and will be actively progressed.
 10. John Hardcastle reports that the July edition of The Chronicle would be his last edition and having produced over 75 editions he believed it was the right time for a change. At present nobody had stepped forward to take on the role and it was hoped either an individual or group of people would take up the role as it was felt by all that the magazine was a vital part of the village. The finances were in good shape and the usual donation from Fete Funds of £500 would be very well received to ensure the sustainability of the Chronicle. It was noted that volunteers for handling the distribution had stepped forward to take over from Andy Bystra. John passed on a vote of thanks to all helpers. Kate Curry on behalf of all residents thanked John Hardcastle for all his work as editor.
 11. The distribution of profits from the 2013 fete was discussed and a debate followed on the needs of the various village organisations. It was agreed that the profits from the fete would be distributed as follows - £500 to The Chronicle, the balance to be shared equally between The Church, The Church Room and The Recreation Ground.
 12. AOB – Colin Higgs reminded residents that there was a Flower Festival and Craft Fair in the Church in the Sunday after the Fete.
Jo Perkins asked who owned the hedge running alongside the allotments down the road to the garages behind the houses along Wingrave Road as it was not being maintained by anyone and she wanted to thank David Gray for cutting it back. After discussion it was concluded that the Church owned the hedge and Colin Higgs would ensure that the hedge was maintained in the future.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Buckingham Festival of Ecology - Owls in the Evening

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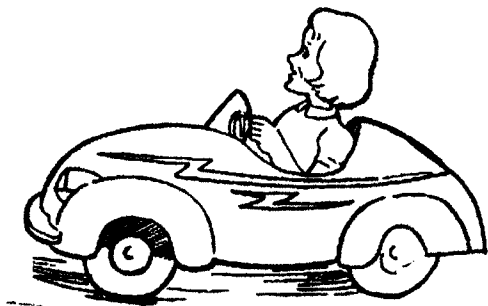
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Summary of Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 29th May 2013

Present: - Cllr's C Higgs (Chair), R Clarke, Mrs K Curry, B Carvey, P Bruton (Clerk),
Apologies: Received from Cllr's P Shorrocks, J Perkins, Mrs J Hardcastle, Count Cllr. Mrs N Glover and District Councillor P Cooper.

Election of Chairman:- Cllr Shorrocks had informed the Clerk that he was willing to stand as Chairman and Cllr Carvey proposed and Cllr Clarke seconded, Cllr Shorrocks. It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Shorrocks as Chairman for another term.

Election of Vice Chairman: - Cllr Higgs was unanimously voted Vice Chairman.

The following Committees were AGREED:

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: To be discussed at next month's meeting.

Clerk's report: - The Clerk advised he had received a letter from BCC regarding the HS2 Action Alliance and the campaign opposing HS2. The letter invited the Parish Council to join 51m in support of the campaign. Council discussed the letter and felt the concept was good and AGREED to join, the Clerk would take the appropriate action.

The Clerk advised a note had been received advising that the Boundary Commission were carrying out a review of the current structure of Aylesbury Vale.

AVDC has asked for Council's view on how Bucks Home Choice works and advised it was reviewing its allocation policy. Councillors were aware of the proposals and confirmed they were in agreement with the outline, it was AGREED that the Clerk would respond to the on line consultation accordingly.

BCC had written to Council to request their help in identifying emergency contacts for the village in the event of a major incident. After discussion Cllr Clarke advised he would be willing to be one of the contacts and the Clerk would notify BCC.

County Council: - County Councillor Glover N Glover had sent her report that included details of a further £3million into the road improvement programme for the year. The additional funds will come from the Council's capital reserves. Even with the extra money there is not enough resources to repair all roads. BCC is sending a message to Government asking them to provide substantial capital funding to enable existing roads to be repaired and new roads to be built where genuine need exists. It has also called on the Government to cancel its HS2 project and instead use the funds to resource a national programme to repair and upgrade road and rail infrastructure.

Neighbourhood Plan: - Cllr Carvey reported to the meeting that the Vale of Aylesbury Plan is forming and it is likely to indicate a number of houses into villages of our size. However it will not indicate how many may be allocated or built. It is therefore advisable that we should do something along the lines of a Neighbourhood Plan, we should continue to consider potential opportunities and await the final Aylesbury Vale Plan.

Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy – The Clerk advised we had received the VAP Strategy document that had been published in order for comment to be made before it is submitted to Government for an independent examination. Cllr Carvey commented that the Plan appeared sound and recommended that Councillors read the Overview and Context summary document and he would circulate via email to Councillors.

Changes to the scheme of officer delegated powers – It was noted that the trial of the changes had started and was due for review at the end of September.

Refuse collection - Cllr Curry advised that Norduck Farm bridleway surface had been improved and the refuse vehicles were now going to the houses to collect the weekly rubbish, as a result it was anticipated that the issue was resolved.

Review of Rural Bus routes – It was noted that Transport for Buckinghamshire was reviewing the contracted bus routes and this included the No 165. Whilst there was no intention to reduce the level of resource currently provided, in the current financial climate budget is not available to fund new bus routes. Final decisions will not be made until August.

Geocache on The Green – We had received a request to place a Geocache on The Green, after discussion it was AGREED to proceed with the idea and review the decision in 6 months.

Textile recycling – We had been approached to see if a charity could locate a textile recycling container in the village. There followed a discussion about possible locations and Cllr Clarke advised he would discuss potential sites with owners to see if they were agreeable to the proposal.

Annual Safety Check: Cllr Clarke advised that ROSPA had carried out the annual inspection and sent in their report. The majority of the issues raised were of low risk.

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Monthly Safety Check: - Cllr Clarke gave his report referring to the above Annual report.

Grass Cutting – Although not relating to the Recreation Ground there was concern over the quality of the recent Grass cutting within the village envelope. It was AGREED that the Clerk would raise the matter with AVDC and record our disappointment over the standard of the work. Subsequent to the meeting it has been brought to the attention of Parishes that BCC have taken over this role from AVDC and as a result the Clerk will direct the comments to the appropriate department.

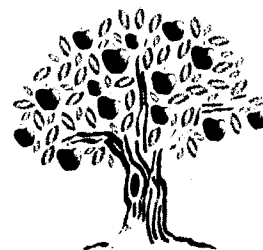
Annual Accounts 2013: - RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements for year ended March 2013. The Accounting Statements were signed.

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

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7:30pm in the Church Room.

VIC SCOTT MEMORIAL ORCHARD

A small footnote to Peter's report in 'The June Chronicle': I am delighted to relate that the quinces at G10 and H10 both had blossom. The 'Champion' at H10 was positively prolific. I don't think that I have knowingly seen quince blossom before; in bud it looked like a small rose.



One of the less-frequently mentioned apple trees in the orchard is the 'Wotton Costard'. I thought I would report especially on the blossom on this tree: there was none!

Apparently in Shakespeare's time 'costard' became slang for 'head' presumably because the apples were so big. (Much as people now refer to someone's 'bonce', a bonce actually being a large marble.) So, in King Lear, Edgar says: 'Nay, come not near the old man ... or Ise try whether your costard or my ballow be the harder' (ballow being a cudgel). Or more worryingly, in The Merry Wives of Windsor, a character called Evans threatens: 'I will knog his urinals about his knave's costard when I have good opportunities for the work.' This hardly bears thinking about.

Shakespeare also mentions a fruit called an 'apple-john', which apparently had a very crinkly skin: 'I am withered like an apple-john' (Falstaff).

Gordon

(By way of explanation I should reveal that the Wotton Costard is the apple tree that Judy and I contributed. When the first batch of trees were collected from the nursery we were shown an example of the apple this tree might bear. It was enormous and has since been given undue publicity by Peter and Gordon - as Kenny Everett used to say - 'All in the best possible taste'. Ed.)

ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

In May we discussed "The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson. The (fictional) book describes how Allan Karlsson's skill with pyrotechnics and gift for languages saw him contribute to most of the major events of the 20th century; along the way he not only met but also dined with most of the key players (Franco, Churchill, Stalin, Mao, etc.). His adventures were accompanied by a fair amount of luck that saw him get out of many a tight squeeze. The book is fast moving and very funny and whilst the purists amongst us thought it dragged towards the end, it was generally thought to be a thoroughly good read.

The next Book Club will take place on Wednesday June 19th at Carolyn Guse's house when we will review her choice of Thomas Hardy's "Jude the Obscure".

David Gray

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Sat 27 July –

- **9.30am onwards Help needed!** Please join us at the village green to help set up tables, chairs, gazebos, bunting etc.
- **Cakes:** Please bring cakes and other fresh produce to The Green from 10.30 onwards.
- **Plants:** Please bring any donations to Alex and Caroline.
- **1.00pm** – Fete officially opens. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your purse & bring your wallet.
- **4.00pm** – **Help needed!** Please stay and help us to clear the Green if you possibly can. Even half an hour can make a difference.

Hope to see you all there.

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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 (Limited tickets)	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

The Oxford Philomusica Concert (24th May 2013)

I was the lucky person to win the press tickets for the Oxford Philomusica concert at the Waterside Theatre on 24th May and what a fantastic concert it was! It featured three 20th century Russian composers, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and Stravinsky.

The concert opened with Nicola Benedetti (violin) brilliantly playing the Shostakovich *Violin Concerto No. 1*. Shostakovich composed this work during the post WWII years in Soviet Russia, a time of severe censorship. Because of this hostile environment, Shostakovich kept the concerto unpublished until after Stalin's death.

The second half of the concert started with Prokofiev's the *Lieutenant Kije Suite* composed for the Russian film, *Lieutenant Kizhe*, in 1933. The film covered a satire on official bungling and was very successful. It may have been too popular as it was taken off almost immediately. Prokofiev then converted his music into a five movement suite and it was finally published in Paris, hence the change of title to *Lieutenant Kije*.

The final part of the concert featured the well known *Firebird Suite* composed by Igor Stravinsky. Stravinsky originally composed this work for the *Firebird* ballet based on Russian folk tales of the magical glowing bird that is both a blessing and a curse to its captor. In 1919 Stravinsky produced a new *Firebird Suite* with a much reduced orchestration which is the version we heard in this concert.

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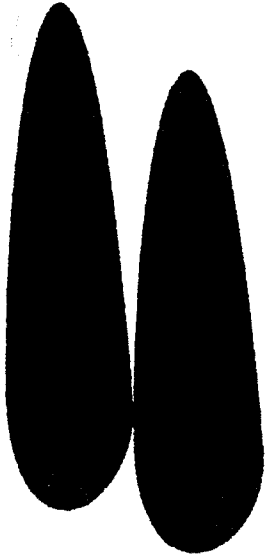
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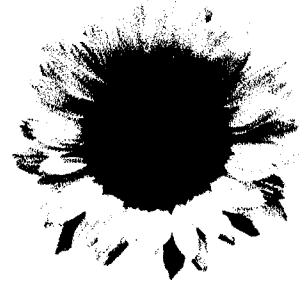
Sun 7 th	Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sun 14 th	Steaming Day
Sat 20 th /Sun 21 st	Peppa Pig & George
Sun 28 th	Steaming day
Wed 31 st	School holiday steaming

AUGUST

Sat 3 rd /Sun 4 th	London Transport Tube 150 Event -	MET1
Wed 7 th	School holiday steaming	
Sat 10 th /Sun 11 th	Moving the Mail with Postman Pat & Jess the Cat -	MET1
Wed 14 th	School holiday steaming	
Sat 17 th /Sun 18 th	A Victorian Country Day Out by Metropolitan Railway -	MET1
Wed 21 st	School holiday steaming	
Sat 24 th	Family Fun Day + Teddy Bears' Picnic. -	MET1
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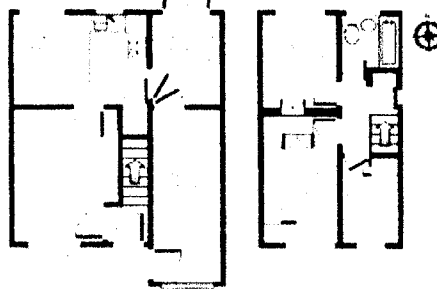
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The Ball was started to get people together following the village fete. Although we have decided to move the date this year, so people who are involved in the fete are not rushing around, the sentiment is still the same. The Ball is an opportunity 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.

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The Outer Aylesbury Ring - the O.A.R. - is a new 53 mile waymarked Ring Route designed by volunteers to include many of the best views in Aylesbury Vale. In addition to the walks of the actual Ring there are circular walks from it. These vary between 4 and 14 miles.

Aylesbury & District Ramblers have now published 14 Walk Guides detailing each section of the Ring, each with its own detailed map. All the information relating to the routes is available on the Aylesbury Ramblers' website – www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk and is available to the general public.

In addition display stands with full sets of the Guides have been placed in Tourist Offices – Aylesbury, Wendover, Princes Risborough & Buckingham as well as in Aylesbury Public Library. In addition more limited sets of the Guides can be found in the following libraries – Haddenham, Wendover, Leighton Buzzard and Wing. The Walking Guides have local information, photographs, a large scale map and route guidance.

If you enjoy walking the footpaths of the Vale then do go to one of these venues to obtain your set of Guides.

Aylesbury Ramblers hope you will enjoy walking the Ring as much as we have enjoyed producing this wonderful resource and perhaps you might like to join us on Sat 7th Sept when we are hoping to have people walking on every stretch of the Ring. More information on this event will be on our website nearer the time – there will be a walk near where you are. www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk



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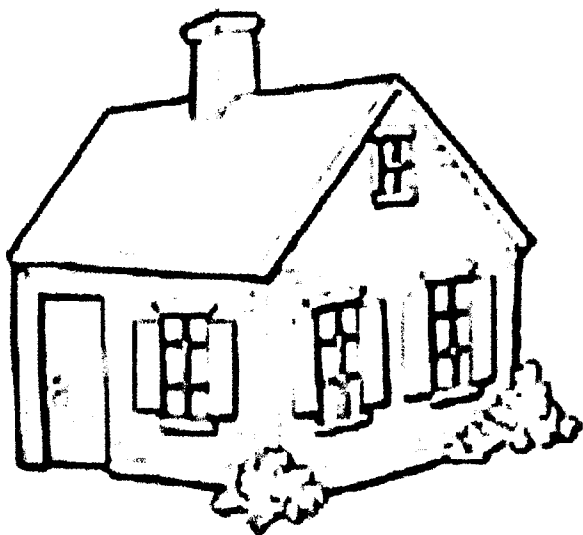
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21st July	10.00am	Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
28th July	5.00pm	Songs of Praise	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
4th August	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Derek Witchell
11th August	10.15am	Communion	Rev. Peter Binns
18th August	10.00am	Communion	Rev. Mike Butterworth
25th August	10.30am	Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
1st September	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
8th September	10.00am	Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
15th September	10.00am	Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell

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6th July	Caroline L & Colin	Ann	Marcus
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20th	Anita & Alex	Wedding	Nigel
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24th	TBA		Danny
31st	TBA	TBA	Bob

100 CLUB

A big thank you to the many of you who have already subscribed to the 100 club for 2013/14.

For those of you who are meaning to but have not got around to it, then if you hurry and get your money to me by the end of June, I can include you in the first of 12 monthly draws that start in July.

Thank you for your support

David Gray (PCC Treasurer)

If you would like flowers in Church in memory of a loved one then let Colin Higgs know

Dear friends,

Earlier in the year I was at Diocesan Synod (a layer of Church government above Parishes) and an amazing character called Andy Goslar spoke. He is an eminent scientist at Oxford University and he told us that he was deeply indebted to Professor Richard Dawkins (famous atheist biologist at Oxford) for helping him find faith! When we all recovered from the stunning effect this statement had on us he explained that Dawkins' constant attack on faith (of any sort) drove him to go and look at the New Testament. There he found a man, more than a man, Jesus, who clearly had some things to say to the human condition which nobody else had managed either before or since. This revelation was all the more remarkable because Andy is of a Jewish background. Recently in the national press one or two columnists have been saying things like why don't we back off from attacking those of faith and try to listen and respect those we don't understand but who actually have something to say tho' the human condition --- just because it might be ancient or wrapped around with strange words and rituals (try rugby or cricket, parliament or the stock exchange!) doesn't mean it's wrong or irrelevant.

Jesus threw back at Pontius Pilate the question 'What is true?'. All I know is that all truth is true whatever it's source and we should try to learn from it and develop ourselves. There will always be disagreements, conflicts, arguments. It's how we deal with them which is the important thing, not always being right. If you're planning a break enjoy, if not love where you are. God bless, Philip.

Aylesbury Vale Pub of the Year 2012-13



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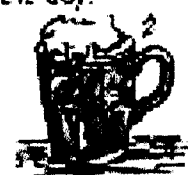
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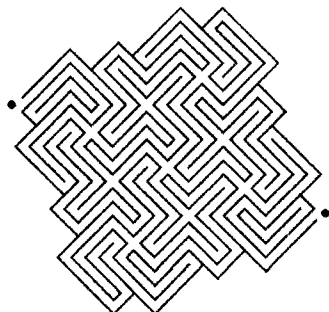
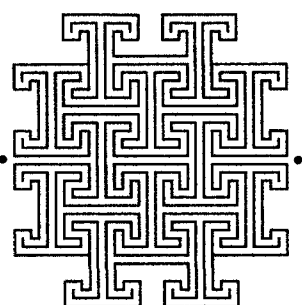
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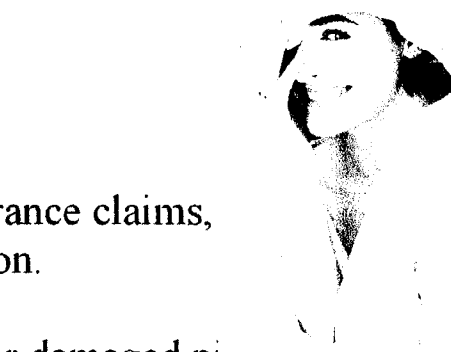
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Change's to PCC members

Please note that April Curnow, one of our Church wardens, has moved house and so her new phone No. is 707833

Also, Gay Walker, tel. 688 632 has now been welcomed onto the PCC team.

This information will be up-dated in the next issue of The Chronicle.

PARISH SHARE

This is the amount of money each parish is asked to pay to support the Church of England. Within our Diocese the total amount needed is divided between 29 'deaneries' or groups of parishes using a formula that seeks to recognise the need that some parishes in poorer areas will need to be supported rather more than others. The process is quite complex and so booklets have been produced explaining the 'parish share' system within the Diocese of Oxford. If you are interested in finding out more about this important aspect of running our church, booklets are available through PCC members or inside the church.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

SONGS OF PRAISE

To 'round off' what we hope will be a wonderful Fete/Festival weekend, there is to be a 'Songs of Praise' Service on **Sunday 28th July**, commencing at **5.00 pm**. This is very much a 'family' style service which we hope you will all come along to with your family and friends.

Our ever popular **Harvest Festival Service, supper and auction** will be held on **Sunday 6th October** 2013. Further details in the next issue of The Chronicle.

Also,

Dates for the following are currently being arranged

Colin's Quiz

Be prepared to make up a team of Bell ringers, Cabaret stars, 630 members, Church goers, 'Allotmenters', GNOMES, Royal Oak regulars and anyone else who would like to come along as individuals or as a team to support this ever popular quiz.

A cheese platter supper will be included and you're invited to bring along your favourite 'tipple' to 'oil' the grey cells.

Full details of tickets sales will be announced in the next Chronicle. The price is expected to be a thrifty £5.00 each and includes a light supper and lots of riotous fun (especially as Colin's answers are often 'negotiable')!!!

All proceeds to go to church funds so please come along and support us.

KING ZOG LIVES!!!!

Neil Reece has been persuaded to come along and give to give an interesting and at times humorous talk on the rise and fall of this fascinating character. It promises to be a very entertaining evening with a supper included in the admission price

The exact date and details are not available at the time of 'going to press but will appear in the next issue of The Chronicle

What's On in JULY & AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
	AV Transport Meeting 2pm	Methodist Church Ayl.
Thursday 4th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 7th	Rambling Club 2pm	Whitchurch
	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Thursday 11th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Good Samaritans Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 14th	Village Footpath Walk 2pm	The Green
Tuesday 16th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 18th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Thursday 25th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
Saturday 27th	Village Festival	The Green
	Teas in Church Room	
	Floral Displays in Church	
Sunday 28th	Floral Displays and Crafts	St James Church
	Songs of Praise 5pm	St James Church
Tuesday 30th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 30th	Coffee Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
AUGUST		
Tuesday 13th & 27th	Mobile Library 10.30am	The Green
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th	Coffee Shop	Church Room
Thursday 29th	Bucks County Show	Weedon Park

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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 25th October Quiz Evening 7pm

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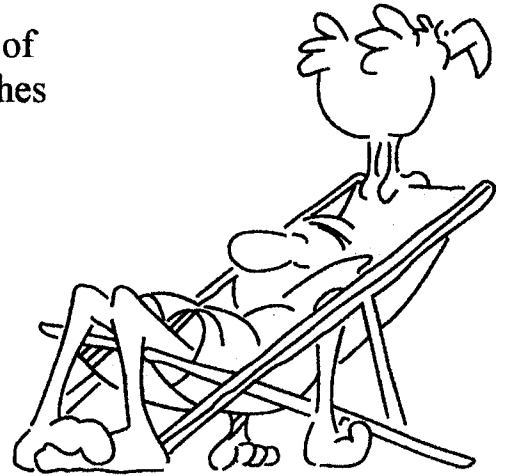
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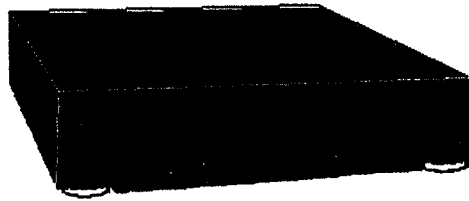
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...and what about the Weather ????

Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it. ~ *Mark Twain*

The storm starts, when the drops start dropping. When the drops stop dropping then the storm starts stopping. ~ *Dr. Seuss*

When all is said and done, the weather and love are the two elements about which one can never be sure.

~ *Alice Hoffman*

But who wants to be foretold the weather? It is bad enough when it comes, without our having the misery of knowing about it beforehand. ~ *Jerome K. Jerome, Three Men in a Boat*

It always rains on tents. Rainstorms will travel thousands of miles, against prevailing winds for the opportunity to rain on a tent. ~ *Dave Barry*

It was one of those perfect English autumnal days which occur more frequently in memory than in life.

~ *P.D. James, A Taste For Death*

He cursed himself for having assumed the weather would be sunny. Perhaps it was

the result of evolution, he thought—some adaptive gene that allowed the English to go on making blithe outdoor plans in the face of almost certain rain. ~ *Helen Simonson, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*

After three days men grow weary, of a wench, a guest, and weather rainy. ~ *Benjamin Franklin*

There is no way that we can predict the weather six months ahead beyond giving the seasonal average ~ *Stephen Hawking, Black Holes and Baby Universes*

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get. ~ *Mark Twain*

I don't know if there is actually more rain here in England, or if it was just that the rain seemed to be so deliberately annoying. Every drop hit the window with a peevish Am I bothering you? Does this make you cold and wet? Oh, sorry. ~ *Maureen Johnson, The Madness Underneath*

I have discovered that the world over, unusual weather prevails at all times of the year. ~ *Edgar Rice Burroughs*

The days draw out, the weather gets warmer, and it's what we call summer, with a bitter laugh when we've said it. ~ *Stan Barstow, A Kind of Loving*

The weather is like the government, always in the wrong. ~ *Jerome K Jerome*

Would you bet your paycheck on a weather forecast for tomorrow? If not, then why should this country bet billions on global warming predictions that have even less foundation? ~ *Thomas Sowell*

Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans. ~ *Marcelene Cox*

There are two seasons in Scotland: June and Winter. ~ *Billy Connolly*

You can have money piled to the ceiling but the size of your funeral is still going to depend on the weather. ~ *Chuck Tanner*

Weather is uncontrollable. Only the Lord above can control the weather. Whatever we get, we have to work with. ~ *Maurice Greene*

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