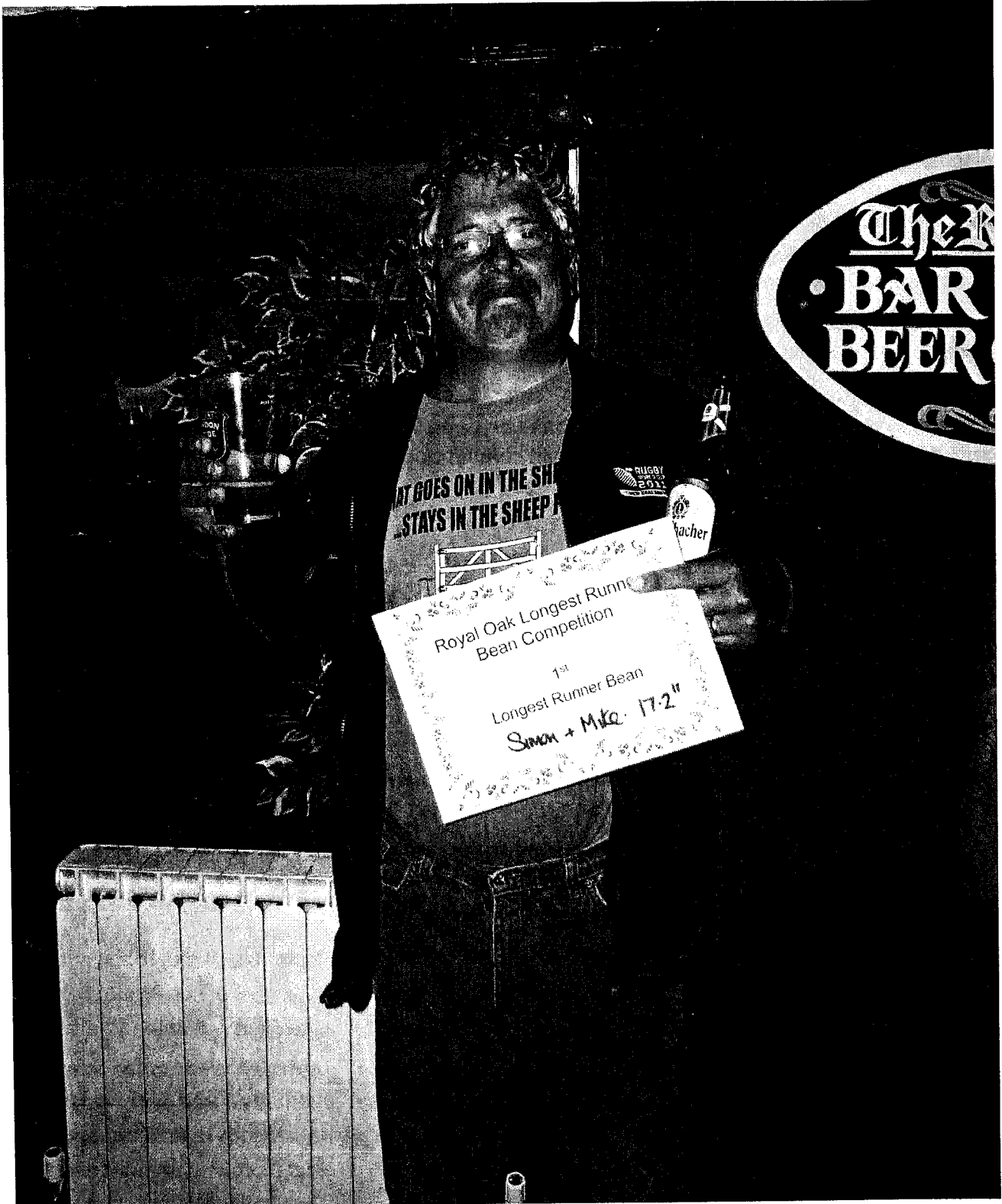


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EDITORIAL

Firstly thanks must go to Phil for a great September edition. My view (which isn't worth much these days) is that the Chronicle needs to keep going. It is a great publication of information to keep you all informed about what's happened and what's going on in Aston.

A lot of things have changed over the course of time in this village. People come and go. Things close. New events take place etc. etc. The Chronicle has always been on hand to record the changes and if it were to finish I think a lot of people would miss it. So if you fancy taking on the editorship even be it for a short while get in touch. I mean if an IDIOT ☹ like me can do it anyone can.

Even if the editorship seems like it might be a little too much of a big step. Why not write an article. There's always plenty going on in this village!

There is a lot going on in this month's edition everything from reports on the Bay City Rollers to Runner Bean competitions. I'm sure there aren't that many places where you get this sort of reading variety.

Just while I think of it thanks must also go to Marisa and Zandy for taking up the distribution role for the village. Good work ladies.

Whilst I have got a bit of space ☹ I thought I would pick up a couple of points from last month's edition. I noted from the grass cutting rota that we have a new member in the form of Marcos. Who is this new guy? Furthermore and most importantly who is the naked granny? Maybe these questions can be picked up by Phil in the next edition.

Well that's enough waffle. Finally let me apologise for any mistakes I've made ☹. If there is something missing or placed incorrectly then I will let Phil pick it up in the next issue.

It's been emotional.

James

Just a note re double issue, as the October issue was running late have made this cover two months, normal service from December. – Ed.

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Alison's Gossip Column

Bryony Barber, from 8, The Green was the victim of a burglary on 4th October. A laptop and jewellery was stolen.

She would like us all to be vigilant and report anything unusual to the police.

LOCKED IN THE LOO

A well-known Aston Abbotts resident was locked in the toilet on a train recently. Here is his story in his own words, but we have obscured names and places to prevent his humiliation and your derision.

Left #### ##### by train and managed to get stuck in the loo. Closed the door with a bang and just couldn't get it to open. Thought it had jammed but there was a bolt on the outside as well and the motion of the train had moved the bolt across the door. Metal door so I had no idea what the problem was. After maybe 10 mins of rattling the door it finally opened.

Needless to say ##### hadn't missed me.

~ your correspondent, #### #####, OBE

The ear-ring that was found last month has been happily reunited with its owner, a lady from Cublington. It was of great sentimental value. So thank you to Juan who actually picked it up.

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All in a days work

It was a usual kind of day, in fact it wasn't, the sun was shining, and just a steady breeze, the kind of summers day we dream of. Anyway I was in my secret hiding place, it's a bench by the conservatory which the wife never goes to, when there was the huge scream STEVE.

Well my mind went into panic mode, what on earth have I done, it must be pretty bad, it can't be the usual "why can't you put your pants in the linen basket" or "will you stop wearing those shoes in the house" or "you are not going out looking like that". In fact I could write a book "500 well know sayings that I still get wrong"

But this time I thought jump to attention, quick march straight into action and try to look innocent on arrival. However, there was real cause for concern and one that the wife couldn't blame on me, she probably would have tried but the panic took over.

She had just seen a snake wriggle up the stairs just outside the kitchen and curl up in a corner. It was dark brown and when I approached it I first thought it was a lizard so I decided to take a closer look and when it hissed, a female snake I thought. For once some common sense came over me as I thought perhaps and that picking it up by the hand was not such a good idea.

Now the last time my wife screamed at me with such venom (excuse the pun) was when she broke her back, now some 8 weeks ago. She's fine still can't cut the grass though which I think is a real poor show but one of her friends gave her one of these gadgets that people use to pick up litter and we both went I know!. So again luck was with me as for once I actually knew where it was otherwise another well known saying would have resulted "why can't you put things back where they should go"

Anyway the dogs weren't aware of the panic and we shut the doors whilst we proceeded to approach the snake. I had the gadget, I thought I'll get the snake and get some brownie points at the same time (always need brownie points). I wasn't sure if it was going to work but lucky again, it worked a treat and managed to grasp the snake in one go. The wife went to get some plastic bags, doubled them up and managed to get the now ultra wriggling snake into the plastic bag. I was now the hero so I thought and took the bag with snake to the adjoining paddock I guess some 20 foot from our hedge.

I now triumphantly let the snake loose by tipping the bag whilst on the grass, the snake slowly appeared from the bag as both my wife and I watched. And then it really moved but guess where right back towards the house into the hedge. Of course that was my fault. "why didn't you take the snake further away", so all brownie points gone in an instant and thought of being a hero a distant memory.

Oh yes it was an adder.

Steve Markwell

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ALLOTMENT DIARY – by Peter Shorrock

A company called Net Voucher Codes – I've no idea why they have such a peculiar name - has monitored the amount of time a group of 100 gardeners spent on gardening over a period of 4 weeks, to try to find out how many calories they burnt off by working on their land over that period. They found that the average gardener spends five & a half hours gardening a week, burning up 722 calories – which equates to around 19,000 calories during the six month period that the land is actively worked. They also concluded that three hours of doing regular gardening tasks works out at roughly equivalent to an hour working hard at a gym. If you had ever wondered why we allotment holders had such lithe, athletic bodies, you now know the answer!

If anyone wants to lose any flab, or tone himself/herself up, I'm prepared to hire out my allotment out for some therapeutic weeding!

I am delighted to be able to tell you that my experiment of putting a barrier of horticultural fleece around my carrots has been a great success: I have never before had carrots free of carrot-fly; and, so far as I can see, even though the fleece disintegrated in early July, the carrots do not seem to have been affected by the carrot-fly after that date. Richard Clark tells me that his carrot-fly screen has had exactly the same effect. Incidentally, I was incorrect in saying last month that he had used net curtain material for his screen: he had in fact bought some specially designed carrot fly netting from a specialist garden supplier. I shall do the same next year, since his netting is still going strong, three months after my fleece disintegrated, and I recommend the idea to you.

In the greenhouse, my cucumber plant has done spectacularly well: six large cucumbers from the one plant. My aubergine fruit are still growing, and I expect to be able to pick 3 or 4 usable aubergines. The only current disappointment is my tomato plants. While I've been picking tomatoes steadily for some weeks now, there are still a large number of green tomatoes which are big enough to eat, but which are obstinately refusing to turn red.

Following the example set by the Chronicle's last editor, I will finish on a literary note: I have discovered that in Gibbon's "Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire", he reports that the Emperor Diocletian having abdicated (the only Roman Emperor to do so), he retired to a palace on the Dalmatian Coast, where he spent his declining years tending his vegetable gardens. While there, was pressed by Maximian to resume power. However, Diocletian resisted the temptation with a smile of pity, calmly observing that if he could show Maximian the cabbages which he had planted with his own hands, Maximian would no longer urge him to relinquish the enjoyment of happiness for the pursuit of power!



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Councillor Neil Blake was elected Leader of Aylesbury Vale District Council on 11 September 2013. He will also continue in his role as Cabinet Member for Resources.

Councillor Sue Polhill is now Deputy Leader, and will remain as Cabinet Member for Planned Development, Design and Conservation.

Councillor Steve Bowles is Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Major Projects, with Councillor Howard Mordue becoming Cabinet Member for Leisure.

Councillors John Cartwright, Michael Edmonds and David Thompson are no longer on the Cabinet. However, Councillor Edmonds will continue to chair the Strategic Development Control Committee.

The full list is as follows:- **Position** **Councillor**

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting number 07/13. Held in the Church Room on Wednesday 25th September 2013

- **Present:** - Cllr's. P Shorrocks (Chair), C Higgs, Mrs J Hardcastle, B Carvey, P Bruton (Clerk), County Cllr. Mrs N Glover, District Cllr P Cooper.

1/07/13 To accept apologies for absence:

- Apologies were received from Cllr's R Clarke, Mrs K Curry and J Perkins.

2/07/13 Declarations of Interest:

- None

3/07/13 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2013.

- Minutes of the meeting were signed as approved.

4/07/13 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

- Cllr Higgs updated the meeting on the matter of overgrown hedge rows causing a safety risk to pedestrians. It was noted that the hedge at Wingrave Road had been resolved but the hedge rows along Moat Lane either side of the road were still a cause for concern. County Cllr Netta Glover advised she would contact Paul Foot of BCC to chase up his previous letter and the Clerk would also write and ask for the owner's cooperation.

5/07/13 Clerk's report

- **Privately Funded A E D** – The Clerk reported he had been unable to get a response from the contact details given on the letter offering this facility and given the length of time that had now passed the offer had probably expired. It was agreed to file the documentation.
- **Correspondence to note** – The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors a booklet produced by BCC regarding traffic calming that Councillors may find useful in considering this subject bearing in mind this was one of the items raised when preparing the Village Plan. We had received requests for donations from Sue Ryder and Dial a Ride and after due consideration it was decided not to donate at this time.

6/07/13 County council, District and Police matters

- County Councillor Glover presented her monthly report and advised that she had driven round the village with Paul Foot from BCC Highways to look at matters in the village. He was going to look into the possibility of introducing signage to direct lorries around The Green in the safest route. It was also noted that at the present time BCC had not been approached by any developers to carry out any Shale gas exploration. She reminded all about reporting pot holes on line at the one stop shop for all Transport issues - www.transportforbucks.net/transport-and-roads.aspx. Bucks CC is set to replace 7,500 street lights with LED's over the next 3 years to reduce costs.
- District Councillor Cooper reported that AVDC would not be appointing a new leader and were instead making changes to the Management Structure enabling the salary budget to be used to support other areas of the council's work programme, It was also noted that staff in the Planning department are being consulted on a range of proposals to restructure the service over the next 3 years. AVDC has been working with other local Councils to produce a joint Gypsy, Traveller and traveller show people Accommodation needs assessment. Early indications are this may mean that up to 54 new pitches will be required up to the period ended 2023. There is an Aylesbury Business Show taking place at The Gateway on the 22nd October aimed at local small and medium sized businesses. The event is free to visitors. It was also noted that following the Planning Inspectorate's decision regarding the retrospective planning application at Nashs Farm the owners have until the 26th October to comply with the decision. Finally Cllr Cooper advised that the issue of responsibility for grass cutting in the County was being reviewed again as the changes made last year had not achieved the required results. *continued on page 15...*

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7/07/13 Village Plan and other Village matters.

- **Village Plan** – Cllr Perkins had sent in a note advising he would forward the current copy of the Village Plan to Council shortly, leaving the new photography to be agreed before printing.
- **Wingrave Bus Shelter** – Cllr Shorrocks advised that there had been no movement on this matter and he would speak with his contact again to find out the current position.

8/07/13 Highways

- **LAF Meeting** – The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Curry regarding the recent LAF meeting as unfortunately our other representative had also sent in apologies for absence. Cllr Curry had raised concerns over the usefulness of the forum as a lot of the subject matter did not seem relevant, additionally the PA system was very poor as they had struggled to hear what was being said. It had also been difficult to raise any questions. County Cllr Glover was surprised by the comments but agreed that the PA system was probably inadequate. There followed a discussion where the history of the LAF was clarified and that the Agenda was set by the Parishes. It was also noted that without the support of the LAF we would not have been able to afford the footpath to the Wingrave cross roads. The matter would be further discussed when our representatives were present.
- **Heavy Duty Lorries** – The Clerk reported he had received a positive response from the owners of Norduck Farm and it was AGREED he would meet with them and indicate the route Council felt would be safer for any lorries to follow. They had also asked for any evidence regarding the recent damage to the wall at the junction with Moat Lane and Cllr Carvey would try to obtain copies of any photographs for the Clerk to pass on.

9/07/13 Planning

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Nothing to report.
- **VAP: Scope of Development Policies** – The Clerk reminded Councillors of this consultation that had a response date of the 10th October. Cllrs Shorrocks & Carvey would review the document and advise the Clerk of any comments that Council wished to make.
- **Officer Delegated Powers** – District Councillor Cooper advised the trial period was due to end shortly and he would keep Council informed as necessary.

10/07/13 Recreation Ground

- **Safety Check:** - No report received.

11/07/13 Accounts

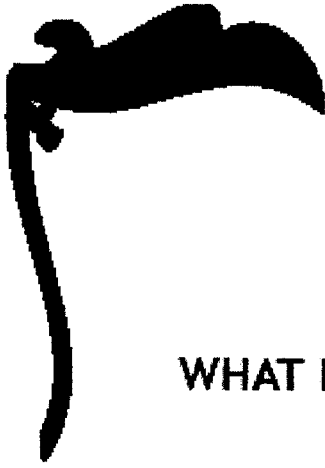
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Total	£ <u>462.80</u>

12/07/13 Date of next meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.



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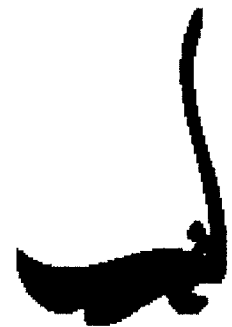
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Countryside Matters

The future for the Red Squirrel in The British Isles has taken a slight turn for the better. Against the Greys, they are starting to hold their own in certain places, but still under immense threat the further north you travel. In the south, The Isle of Wight, has a dedicated band of enthusiastic volunteers, who are keeping a keen eye on the Red Squirrel project, with no living grey getting a foothold on the Island. (Penalty for bringing one onto the island is £5000). This project is a nationwide effort, not only to keep the greys at bay but also to eradicate it from many areas to speed the red's recovery.

The grey squirrel was introduced in 1876 by a certain Mr Brocklehurst in Henbury Park, Cheshire. The red on the other hand can be traced back 10,000 years to the end of the ice age, when the land bridge between Britain and Europe began to disappear. (none too soon if you ask me!) By the 18th century the red had become virtually extinct in Scotland due to extensive felling of woodlands, to meet the need for timber, in industry, war and agriculture; a position I firmly believe was the start of the red squirrels fate north of the border and steadily moving south.

There are certain strongholds, and at times reds can still be sighted in Cumbria, Dorset of course has a colony also. But those of you who read The Telegraph Weekend section, cannot fail to have been moved by the efforts of Robin Page (one man and his dog) and his followers that flew 20 red squirrels, with the help of the RAF Air sea Rescue, on a training manoeuvre of course, to the Scilly Islands, to start a new colony for the future protection of the species. 18 of the 20 survived the journey, and in future, they hope to bring the offspring back to the mainland to recolonize different parts of the UK. What a wonderful project, will any of us be alive to see it bear fruit?

Lastly to be controversial as ever, I did read an article from the Country Pastimes of 1895, "The easiest way to make a perfectly tame squirrel, is to take a new borne one and place it under a cat whose kittens have just been drowned. Generally the cat takes very kindly to the changeling. A young squirrel will soon become as tame as a cat, and may be trusted with complete freedom". Also in another paragraph, "sadly, grey squirrels have never been very popular eating in this country, unlike the Americans who have more of a taste for them". The grey Squirrels in the countryside was first noticed by keepers, who are frequently the first to observe any changes among wildlife. There is no doubt that without the gamekeepers controlling greys over many decades, the situation now would be far worse. Gamekeepers are often maligned, but nobody monitors the countryside better. I rest my case.

James Henderson

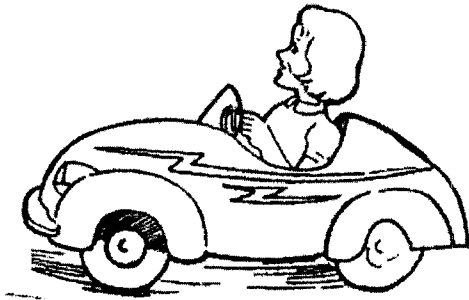


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Aston Abbotts Theatre Goers

The Bay City Rollers

Well, good people of Aston Abbotts, it seems there was no mad rush to take up the complimentary theatre tickets to see this iconic band from the 1970s so I gallantly stepped up to the plate and went along gleefully with a trusty companion! I need no excuse to visit the Waterside Theatre as it is such a good local facility in my opinion. If you have yet to visit, then it is heartily recommended for good value, a unique ambience and wonderful live entertainment of all genres.

The Bay City Rollers now comprise a four piece band of musicians - none of whom is an original member (so no Eric whose good looks made him the most popular, back in the day!). The band is fronted by the original vocalist, Les McKeown. Les is a cheeky Scottish chappy who added a dash of dry humour to the show. He performed with all the energy of a three toed tree sloth, complaining of his advancing years at the age of 57! He needed a sit down and a drink of water between numbers! However, his voice is still true and so there was no option other than to sing along with the all too familiar hits of the seventies...very nostalgic and quite therapeutic!

The faithful fans had turned out, some dressed in their Tartan outfits, fully filling the first twelve rows of the stalls. They cheered enthusiastically and sang along to numbers such as Remember, Summer Love Sensation, Shang-a-Lang, Be My Baby, All of Me Loves All of You and Bye Bye Baby. There was dancing in the stalls and in the aisles. The band also performed some new material which in all seriousness was very good.

It was another uplifting evening at the Waterside Theatre and a good time was had by all. Thanks John.

Name and address withheld to protect street cred!!!!

Save The Last Dance For Me

We obtained tickets via The Chronicle to attend this relatively new musical on Bank Holiday Monday. Penned by the creators of 'Dreamboats and Petticoats' it is a "jukebox musical" written around a group of popular songs from the early 60s. In total it included 28 songs written by Pomus and Schuman in America in the late fifties and early sixties. Not all of the songs were familiar to me, probably because they were hits before I became a teenager. Songs included Sweets for my Sweet, Rhythm of the Rain, Please Mr Postman and, of course, Save the Last Dance for Me.

The story, whilst essentially a vehicle for the songs, was reasonably promising. Two sisters, one aged 16 and still at school, the other older and a little more street-wise, go on holiday together to a caravan in Lowestoft. The holiday is pretty dull and damp until they meet an American airman from the nearby air-base and take up his invitation to go to a dance at the base. The younger girl falls for an older, coloured airman but is dismayed that he doesn't write when she goes home. It turns out that Mum has hidden the letters and when this is discovered, the girl returns to the base for a predictably happy, if unbelievable, ending. Personally I felt the casting of the male love interest slightly odd as he was supposed to be a Negro from Tennessee but was very light skinned. I thought the darker skinned actor who was cast as the Officer fitted the character much better.

Overall this was an entertaining evening, the music being performed by accomplished musicians who were on stage throughout and the dancing, based on the popular dances of the period, very energetically performed. The show captured the period well even though the sets were pretty basic. The story, while a bit flimsy, did have some interesting aspects. Definitely a nostalgic show for those aged around 65.

Sally Palmer

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A Canal Walk

It all started because I was bored. So I decided to walk The Oxford Canal, but where to start?

Looking at the map I chose Thrupp, because it has two pubs. Thrupp is near Kidlington. So starting on August Bank Holiday Monday I started to walk the canal in sections, out and back completing between 8 and 18 miles per day

It has been a fascinating experience and I have been surprised by the sheer beauty of the walk.

As a contour canal it twists and turns, meanders even, through the Oxfordshire countryside. The full canal is 78-mile-long and I have completed some 55 miles so far. It is a narrow canal in linking Oxford with Coventry via Banbury and Rugby. It connects with the River Thames at Oxford, to the Grand Union Canal at the villages of Braunston and Napton on the Hill and to the Coventry Canal at Hawkesbury Junction in Bedworth just north of Coventry.

The Oxford Canal passes mainly through the Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire countryside, and is often considered to be one of the most scenic canals in Britain. Started by James Brindley, after an act of Parliament in 1769, it was one of the earliest canals and completed in 1790 and was once an important artery of trade between the English Midlands and London

It is now highly popular among pleasure boaters. These seem to be divided into people who have hired their boats for a short holiday, those regulars who own a boat and have displayed the owners name such as 'Jacqueline and George' or 'The Wentworth Family', and including those memorable boat names such as 'DILLIGAF'.

The third group are the liveaboards. It did concern me how a lot of these did seem to have scant regard for the environment and polluted the banks and the hedges around their boats with discarded batteries, old bikes, chunks of timber, sacks of coal, like some pykies back yard.

The other casual observation is that not many slender people are seen on the canals. For me I found I could walk faster than the average barge and really would not fancy being cooped up in a long thin tube with almost no ability to see out.

The walking is easy and is full of surprises. I was lucky to see twice, in the same spot, a Kingfisher diving for fish and then resting on a branch. You get fantastic views over open countryside and the benefit of doing out and back walks is that the views on the way back are quite different. In another field was a herd of what I assumed to be African Buffalo, and in another canal side yard were two Connaught historic racing cars.

The river Cherwell runs adjacent to the canal for a long period, at times forms part of the canal and also flows across it as well. Much of the canal takes on the looks of a river and adds greatly to the beauty and delight. Access at various places is easy, with free car parks. At times around Banbury the M40, the railway and the canal all come together vividly illustrating the progress in forms of transport over the years, each in their time having had some form of protest such as the current HS2 debate but each giving way to good sense in the end.

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A Canal walk continued -

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North of Cropredy (Battle of Cropredy Bridge 1644) are two massive new marinas, one built and one under construction. They cover an estimated twenty acres. It does show the increased usage of the canal and the demand for space. It also shows that, like yachting, the majority of boats at any one time are in harbour costing money.

It is best to have a canal map so you can tick off all the numbered bridges as you go. So far I have got down to the Thames at the Duke's Cut and north as far as Napton.

I plan to do the final three miles into Oxford at the southern end down to where, in 1951, the basin and wharves were filled in and Nuffield College and a car park were built on the site.

The trip north as far as Braunston, where it meets the Grand Union canal, will be the final part of my journey. The experience has been such fun that I am starting to plan the next adventure.

~ Neil Chesher

Aston Abbotts Book Club

We met at Brigitte's house at the end of September to discuss 'The Thread' by Victoria Hislop. The novel centres on the turbulent history of Thessaloniki during the two World Wars when the city was devastated by fire and later destroyed by the Turkish army and subsequently with the city's occupation by the Germans. Historically the book was interesting - the plot lines and characters were somewhat predictable. It was an easy book to read, a good holiday choice. Victoria Hislop's first book 'The Island' was judged to be her best so far. Many thanks are due to Brigitte's generous provision of food and wine and thanks also to Juan for an exceptional Spanish omelette.

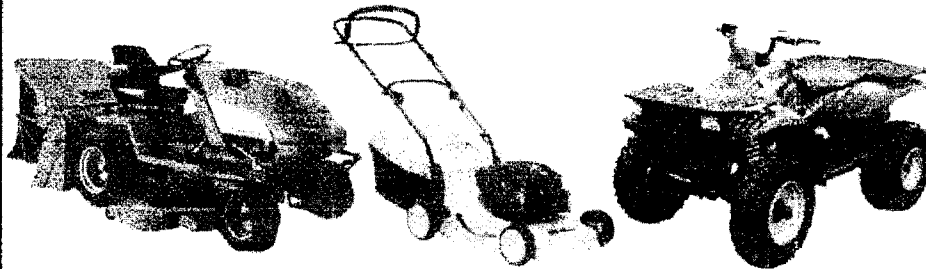
Our next book is Sally Palmer's choice 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee. Meet at Sally's house on 23rd October. Our book for November is 'Passport to Hell' by Terri Daniels; meet at Pam Hewitt's house on 27th November.

~ John Hardcastle

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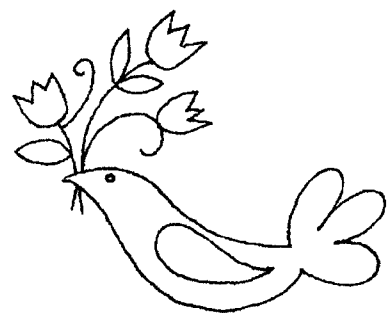
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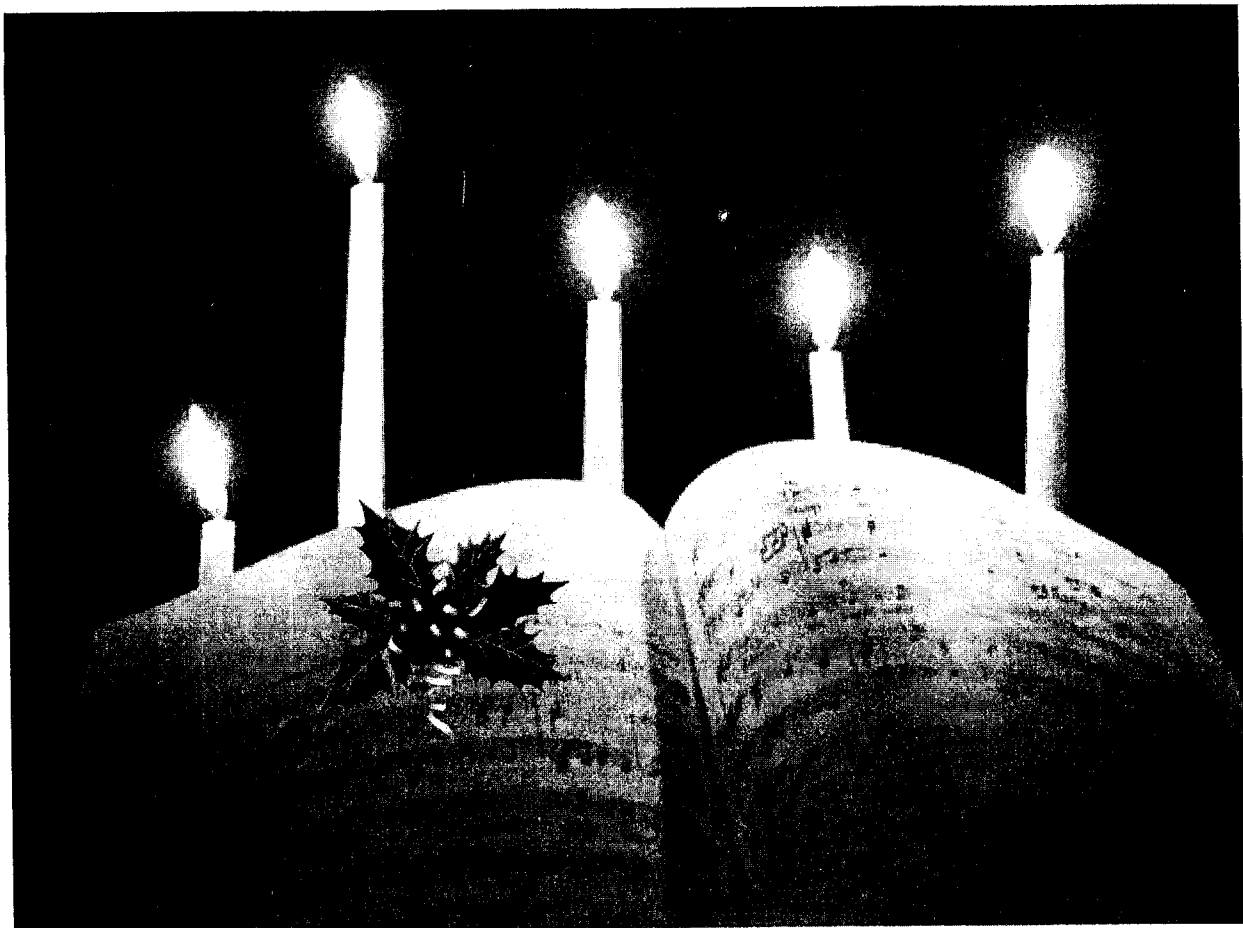
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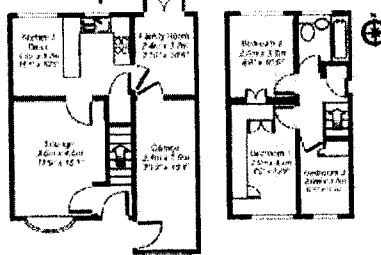
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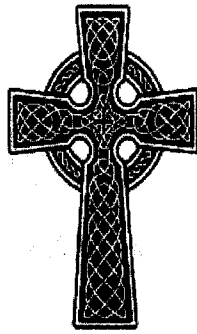
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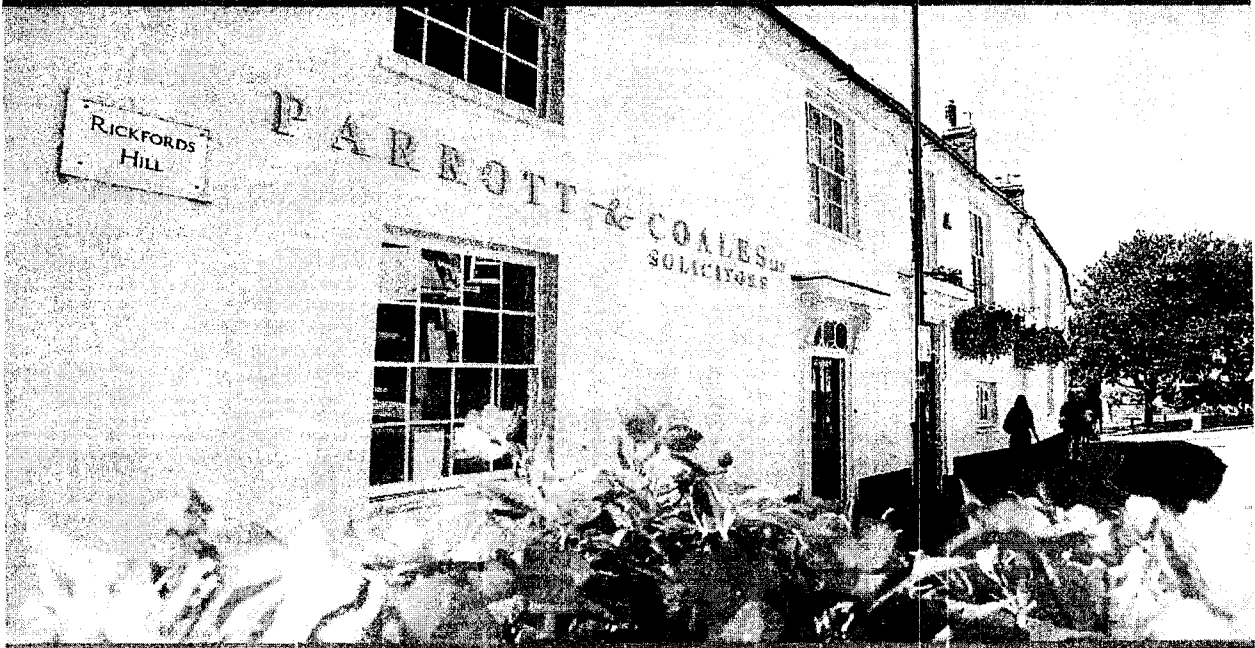
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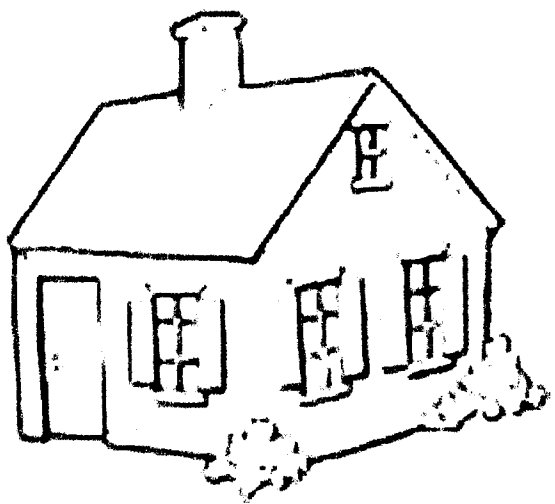
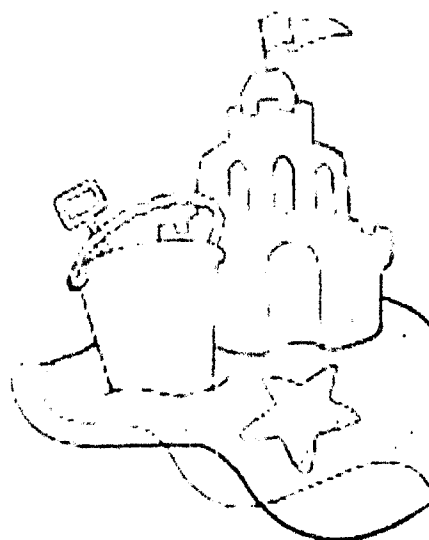
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Thursday 7th	Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.00 -12.00 <i>also:</i> Whist Drive in the Church Room. 7.30 pm
Sunday 10th	Remembrance Day service at St James. 10.45 am. <i>also:</i> Village footpath walk from The Green. 2 pm.
Thursday 14th	Coffee and shop in the Church Room. 10.00 – 12.00 <i>also:</i> Bingo in the Church Room at 7.30 pm
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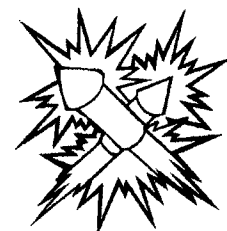
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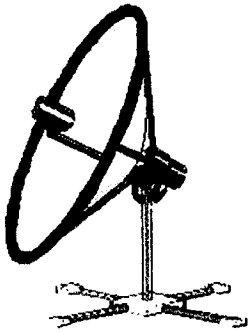
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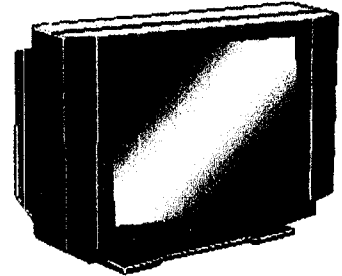


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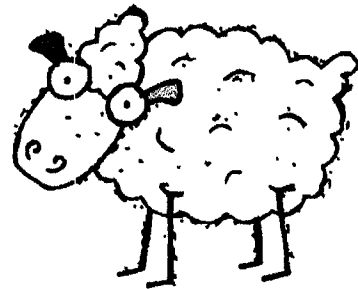
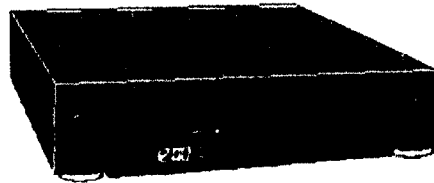


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Dave Lewis is Welsh !!

Startling news from the recent gathering of Aston Abbots tax exiles in Portugal.

It has been discovered that Dave Lewis is actually Welsh! That astonishing revelation means that Neil Cheshier is no longer the only ga.... errr.... Welshman in the village!

I went to Cardiff last week and had a run in with the Taffia, the Welsh contingent of the Mafia; They made me an offer I couldn't understand...

What do you call a Welshman with a stick up his backside? A Taffy apple!

A married couple are on holiday in Wales, and they stop for lunch at the famous town of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch.

The husband calls over the waitress and asks, "I was wondering if you could settle an argument, how exactly do you pronounce the name of this place?"

The waitress looks at him and says, "Burger King."

How does a Welshman find sheep in long grass? Irresistible!



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