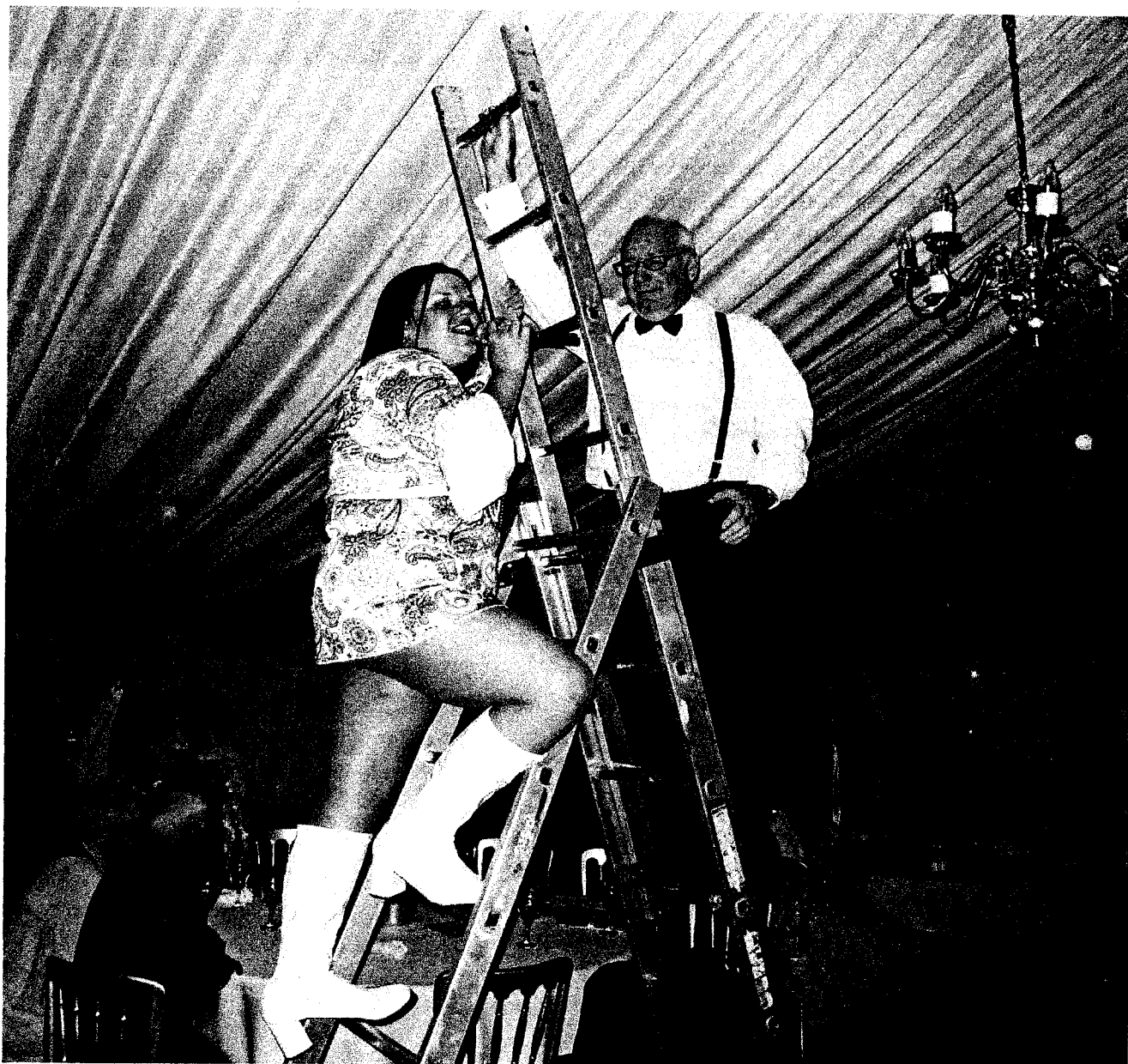


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# EDITORIAL

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And so to the annual Village meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May, I was wondering whether I should attend as editor of this organ when I received a call from the Chairman Peter Shorrocks summoning me to attend and make my case for funding for the Chronicle

I thought this a bit feudal, the serfs of the village being summoned to plead for their corn before village hierarchy.

Anyway an informative and entertaining meeting with the discussions ranging from the intricacies of American Bingo and that recent village favourite “the Dung Heap” or “Muck Heap” as it seems to be referred to in more polite circles. Although pleased to say that the main protagonists were seen sharing a pint in the Oak after the meeting, well drinking their own rather than sharing it wasn't that friendly.

The full minutes of the meeting are in this Chronicle, and not wishing to pre-empt them let's hope that a good proportion of the hundreds and thousands of Poppy seeds that have been planted throughout the Village flower during the summer to commemorate the start of WW1.

There are several reminders about what is becoming a Village tradition, the Summer Ball which last year raised £2,340 for Macmillan Cancer support (don't let the Chronicle cover put you off) and a meeting at Tracy's, 69 The Green on 10th June for those involved in the Fete.

It seems the biggest challenge facing the Village will be raising the necessary funds to develop the Village Hall, even with matched funding it is estimated that somewhere in the region of £50,000 will need to be raised, any benevolent donors out there? All fund raising ideas will be passed on to the Trustees.

Alas no travel report this time from Neil (Alan Whicker) Chesher as .....He's travelling!

This edition may be a few days later than desired as the school where it's printed is closed for half term.

Phil Corrigan

## Snippets & Miscellanea

### **Royal Oak News**

#### **May Guest beers**

London Pride

Doom

Trelawney

Roast lunches every Sunday,  
recommended that you book.

World Cup BBQ for the first England  
match Sat 14 June.

Welcome to James and Kate the new residents of  
Church Farm Barn.

&

Sally and Adam who have recently moved  
into 81 The Green.

### **Church Flowers**

7<sup>th</sup> Ann

14<sup>th</sup> Ann

21<sup>st</sup> Colin

28<sup>th</sup> Colin

### **Fete News**

There is a meeting at  
Tracy's 69 The Green

7.30 June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 pm to  
discuss the Fete if all  
interested parties could  
attend.

I understand wine may be  
involved.

### **CLEANING**

7<sup>th</sup> Caroline L & Colin

14<sup>th</sup> Ann & Gordon

21<sup>st</sup> Alex & Anita

28<sup>th</sup> Gay & Colin

### **MOWING**

7<sup>th</sup> Gordon

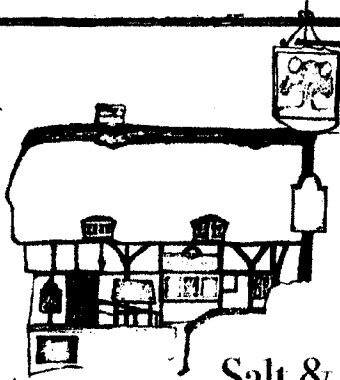
14<sup>th</sup> Andy

21<sup>st</sup> Phil

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## What's on in June

Sunday 1st	Rambling Club	meet at Emerson (MK)	2pm
	Evensong	St James	6pm
Tuesday 3rd	Aylesbury Vale transport meeting bus & train queries to Colin		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whitsunday		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library	The Green	10.30am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12
	Bingo	Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cublington Fete		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Village Footpath Walk	The Green	7.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12
	Whist Drive	Village Hall	7.30pm
Monday 2nd	PCC Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10 – 12

### Local Gardens open in June:

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hillesden House (Nr Buckingham)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Great Brickhill Village
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Aylesbury Gardens

June

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When I wrote last month that this Spring had been nearly perfect for sheep and lambs I knew that I was tempting fate. Sure enough we have now run into a really bad spell of lameness in lambs. Lameness is reasonably easy to cure but the process involves a lot of hard work for the shepherd and a great deal of stress for the sheep. The simple way is to run the sheep through a footbath - sounds easy, but sheep naturally will not step into water so presenting them with an evil smelling disinfectant and asking them to walk slowly through a trough of this mixture is like asking Neil Chesher to go calmly through the Channel Tunnel without stopping!

The second cure for lameness is to catch each individual infected sheep and treat it with an antibiotic spray. The problem here is that when the sheep are gathered into a pen you cannot easily tell which ones are lame – out in the field they could hardly walk – try to catch one in a pen and it is a different story. We always used to say on the farm that a spell of good frosty weather was needed to kill the bugs and I think there's some truth in that statement.

I hope you all noticed that, as always, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May the young rooks left their nests and were taken away by their parents to learn how to fend for themselves. Years ago when there were about 80-100 rooks nests in the Cover, it was considered necessary to reduce their numbers a bit. So, every year about 10<sup>th</sup> May a party of Farm chaps would sally forth and shoot a good number of the young rooks before they could fly really well. The young rooks were given to Percy Rickard who prepared them and his wife Ruby cooked rook pies. Yes, Ruby always gave me a rook pie – it contained rook breasts and boiled eggs and even in the 1970's it was rather a thing of the past.

There are so many changes to rural living. Wood pigeons were once shy, persecuted birds. Walk into a field and the pigeons would fly out of the trees on the far side. Now pigeons nest next to the house and feed on the plants in my garden, half the vegetables I grow have to be covered against pigeon attack. Perhaps I should buy a silencer for my gun!

As some of you realise life "out there" is not Disneyland. I recently watched a Moor Hen defending her newly hatched chicks against a Heron. What a mismatch, the great grey Heron with its dagger of a bill being bravely attacked by the Moor Hen. Amazingly I can report; two weeks later there are still 3 well grown chicks alive and well – a 50% success rate is a splendid achievement.

Our attempts to provide nesting boxes for wild things has, as usual, had considerable success but with the usual aberrations. We have two custom made, de-luxe BUMBLE BEE homes – Bumble bees have taken over a Blue Tit box; a specially made House Sparrow box has housed a family of Sparrows but we suspect that the Bat box has Blue Tits in residence – how they built in there we cannot imagine. To-day a huge queen Hornet has been inspecting the Blue Tit box where Hornets resided 2 years ago – trouble free they were too. On top of all that mix and match a large number of our bees recently left home and took up residence in Andy Bystra's chimney. A cautionary warning – beware of strange men selling the new Black Honey as a cure-all.

Going to be the fern and hosta garden of a good friend, but he moaned about the Cow Parsley so we won't have that one either. As an Agriculturalist I see great beauty in a perfect field of wheat and as a livestock man above all farm crops I see great beauty in a bountiful field of grass, particularly if it has a good mix of clover in it as well. The wealth of this country was once founded on the ability to grow grass in abundance – grass for grazing, and grass for hay. This month's Star Prize is a field at Lower Burston – organic grass at least 200 years old, a real pasture, thick and lush feeding 200+ sheep, producing something and not being wasted on horses or alpacas. The field can't be cut as it is too uneven for machinery – no sprays, no fertilizers, just grazing yet vibrant with health and goodness. Windmill field comes a very close second. Walk the footpath through Windmill, look at the growth and production – few of you will agree with me but I think it is truly beautiful.

Peter

## **Music in Quiet Places**

Saturday 14th June at 7.30 p.m. Concert, 'Oboe and Flute Delights', preceded by a Village Walk led by Chris Harrison, leaving from Church Street entrance at 6.30 p.m. The concert will include a quintet for flute, oboe and string trio by Pleyel, and a trio, chorale and gavotte by Bach. Light refreshments available.

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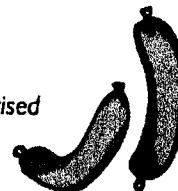
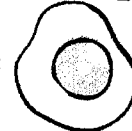
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**Monday 9th** - Quiz

**Tuesday 10th** - Folk Music

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**Saturday 14th** - BBQ 5-9pm

**Sunday 15th** - Fathers Day

**Monday 16th** - Quiz

**Saturday 21st** - BBQ 5-9pm

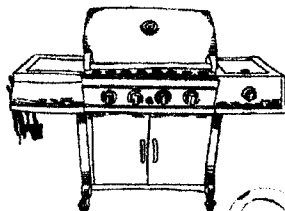
**Monday 23rd** - Quiz

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# ORCHARD REPORT

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

First the bad news - two apple trees have died. The good news is that both were associated with my own family so no one else will mind! One failure has been replaced – AMERICAN MOTHER – and will need regular watering. The second failure – BUCKS SHEEPS NOSE – is rather rare and I have had to order one to be planted in the autumn. Other than these, plus one Mulberry that looks a bit pecky, all is well in the orchard.

Forty two trees bloomed this Spring against 16 last year and quite a bit of fruit has set. There are a few cherries, Victoria plums, the odd pear and quite a few varieties of apple will show a bit of fruit this autumn. Really it is too early in the trees lives to fruit and they should concentrate on growing for the first three years.

At present there is lovely medlar blossom and a few late apple trees are showing colour. Bess Pool is a very late variety AND having seen the Wotton Costard flower – one bloom, the Reverend Wilks has produced three flowers and may even set fruit. WOW! April Curnow's Old Greengage has been covered in blossom and looked a real treat – one or two greengages here would be very nice.

Strips of the orchard have been mowed, leaving other strips to produce flowers and seed, thus keeping the wide variety of herbage and hopefully allowing the cowslips to increase in number again.

Two fine gentlemen of the village have volunteered (been press ganged) to paint the Trig point and put a gutter and downpipe on the shed, thus, hopefully curing the soaking wet back wall which the shed had last winter.

We are exploring the internet, whatever that is, for suitable benches, two in number, to be placed in the orchard.

Finally, we need help. Surely we must have another 'Picnic' or happening in the orchard for children – similar to the event two years ago. I would like the Rousham band to come and entertain us while we amuse ourselves with games and feast on strawberries and cream. Please may we have some volunteers to get such an important event going again and give the village children something to recall about their village orchard.

Peter

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## ALLOTMENT DIARY

Well, as the man said, each time he passed a window, having fallen off a sky-scraper: so far, so good. All my crops seem to be coming along nicely. Some of my potatoes developed brown patches on some leaves, but Simon Guy assures me that it is only frost damage, and the plants certainly look healthy enough now. My onions and beans are also flourishing (onions always do, in my experience: they must be one of the easiest and most reliable vegetables to grow). Meanwhile in the greenhouse my other plants have now all germinated, and are growing well: brassicas, leeks, courgettes, cucumber (unfortunately singular – the other got eaten by a slug), sweet corn and peppers. My bought-in tomato plants are excelling themselves. We have only had two or three mild frosts, so far as I am aware, and my fruit blossom seems to be unaffected.

The days have been warm for the time of year, and we have had just about the right amount of rain. I refuse to believe that some malevolent deity is going to give us a prolonged drought or fierce storms, and reckon we're in for a good year from a gardening point of view.

My attention was drawn recently to the nice headline "Pickles has eaten all our pies. Now he's snatching our home-grown veg!" It was the story that before allotments can be sold, the sale must be authorised by the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles – who as the article said, does not look like man who is overly familiar with vegetables. In the past he promised to defend allotments; but last year a freedom of information request revealed that between 2010 and 2013 he has authorised the sale of 70 hectares of allotments – turning down only 2 of the 83 requests he has received to sell such land! 70 hectares represents 5,531 standard sized allotments. And this is at a time when the government is exhorting us to "eat 7 a day"; and when it is estimated that as many as 100,000 people are on waiting lists for allotments (and there are thought to be only around 300,000/330,000 allotments in the country). The reason, of course, is financial. All councils (who normally own allotment sites) are hard up, and they can make small fortune by taking the land back and selling it for development. Sad, but I suppose, inevitable.

I also read recently some interesting information about the history of allotments. The modern allotment movement was in effect invented by the Rev. Stephen Demainbray, rector of Great Somerford in Wiltshire, in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He asked King George III to spare for the use of the villagers, six acres of the village which had been common land, and was due to be enclosed under the 1809 Enclosure Act. The king agreed, no doubt influenced by the fact that Demainbray was his private chaplain, agreed.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the church kept a tight grip on allotments, and, for example, in 1848, allotment holders at Husbands Bosworth in Leicestershire were warned *"Every occupier is expected to attend divine service on Sundays, and any occupier who digs potatoes or otherwise works on his land on Sundays shall immediately forfeit the same"*

It was not until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century when the 1908 Allotments Act transferred many allotments to local authorities that the church's influence waned. The heyday of the allotment movement was of course during the Second World War, when as a result of the "Dig for Victory" campaign, there were estimated to be around 1,500,000 allotments – five times as many as today.

Peter Shorrocks

June

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## Countryside Matters

If you recall we have a small brown working cocker spaniel bitch called Fudge. She always was slightly timid from the time we bought her from the trainer, seven years ago; we had her sister a year earlier as a pup, the trainer wanted to go the whole 9 yards and keep her as a Trial dog. This meant competing in gun dog trial competitions all over the country. Alas she did not make the grade and could not take the rigid discipline required and luckily she came to us. Initially she was shy and quiet but once she found herself in a loving home she thrived. Then a couple of weeks ago something happened that set her back to the dark days. We let her out in the garden at about 10pm generally she never goes more than 20 yards, on her return we opened the door and she went quickly to her basket. It was apparent something was wrong, on inspection we discovered she had a horrific gash in her rib cage; a triangle about 3 x 4 inches, it was as though she had been opened up by a razor blade. The wound did not bleed but was full of wood particles. We rushed her into the vets and he operated on her immediately. Firstly he did internal stitching on her rib cage and then stitching the main wound. The vet said he could get his hand inside the flap. We got her home at 1am and she has spent the last two weeks with a collar on and has made several successful attempts to scratch and pull at the stitching.

I am very happy to say that she is now nearly back to her old self but still won't venture out into the garden without one of us with her. The only possible explanation for this wound is that she met a badger in the flower bed and it lashed out with its razor sharp claws, hence the Word scratchings and resulting inflicted mess, the vet agreed.

I hope it is not just us but we seem very short of swallows this year. Is it too early? Have they been trapped on their epic journey from Africa via the Sahara desert, a journey that puts Sat Navs to shame? We have only seen three pairs to date. ?? Have thousands perished on their way?? We wait to see however I am now getting worried.

James

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1. Apologies: County Councillor Mrs N Glover.
2. The Minutes to the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 were approved and signed as a true record
3. No matters arising.
4. County Councillor Glover had kindly sent in a report for the meeting and the Chairman gave a précis of the main points.
  - Roads: Bucks CC will not be re-surfacing our road in the near future, but in the year 2015/16 the road from Wingrave Crossroads into and through the village will be resurfaced, together with a stretch of Cublington Road.
  - Potholes: One can now report potholes by iPhone, iPad or Android devices, as well as laptops and computers, by logging onto [www.buckscc.gov.uk/telltfb](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/telltfb). If wished one can send a photo of the offending hole. However, the team who check for potholes were in our area last week, and found no category 1 holes in Wingrave or Cublington Roads.
  - Finally two topical items: (1) the fire brigade urge people not to set dish-washers, washing machines or tumble driers to come on while they are out or asleep. A woman in High Wycpambe who had gone out while her dish-washer was on, fortunately came back early, to find it had just caught fire!
  - Secondly she asked me to remind you that one of the most prevalent crimes at the moment is doorstep callers who call on elderly or vulnerable people and persuade them to have work done which is unnecessary; or for which they will be grossly overcharged. Anyone who thinks that he or she has a dodgy doorstep caller can ring one of three numbers:  
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District Councillor Cooper addressed the meeting with a number of updates to local issues affecting Aston Abbots and the Aylesbury area in general.

- The proposed development of a Crematorium at Cane End appeared to be well received and all those who attended the recent presentations appeared they have no objections. The current proposals covered an area of 6 acres with 120 car parking spaces. The design was sympathetic to the landscape and the emissions controls were in accordance with the latest standards. The planning application has been submitted and will take 3 to 4 months before approval with the development being completed within 18 months to 2 years.
- The development of Aylesbury town centre was continuing at present located around the Theatre area. The new University building was under way and on the Northern side – the open car park – the proposal was to demolish the rear of the old Police Station and back of the buildings, this area would then become the car park, with a development to provide shopping and some residential housing. The discussions on this development were on going at present and it was noted that most present felt the current open car park was really well supported and one of the most popular. The decision on this development appeared to be some time away.
- Planning – As most of you are aware the new Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VAP) was rejected by the Government and as a result we have no Local Plan and the date for completing the re written Plan is currently 2017. The reasons for rejection were that the proposed housing was too low, the previous plan had 25,000 houses compared to only 6,000 in the VAP, and not cooperating / consulting with neighbouring

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planning areas. The effect of there being no plan is that the Planning Inspectorate has nothing to judge proposed developments against so we may see a number of speculative development applications. Those communities that are developing Neighbourhood Plans may have some protection against this speculative development following a recent judgement so it may make sense for Aston Abbots to re visit this opportunity.

- A review of the boundaries for the Electoral Wards had been concluded necessary due to the increase in population. The objective was to equalise the number of voters per Ward and although there was no change for Aston Abbots Councillor Cooper had gained Slapton but lost Cublington, these new Wards would apply at the next election in 2015.
- Finally he confirmed that Sainsbury's would be building a superstore in the Gatehouse Road areas that would include a Petrol station. They would retain and rejuvenate the existing town centre store, it was anticipated the work would start this year.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Cooper for his report and making the effort to attend given the other meetings he was committed to attend this evening.

- PCSO Hobson who had kindly attended on behalf of PCSO Boston gave a summary of the crime figures. In 2012-13 there were 3 crimes of note that included one theft and one criminal damage. In 2013-14 there had been 1 burglary, 2 thefts, 1 vehicle interference and 1 dog out of control. Aston Abbots continued to have a low crime rate compared to other villages and areas. Never the less they were patrolling more and were continuing to target and address speeding in villages. There was advice on the Thames Valley Police website on protecting your property in the summer period and individuals can sign up to the Neighbourhood Alerts which had proved very popular with residents and businesses. If anyone has any intelligence on local crime they can contact Andy Dunn@ Aylesbury Police Station who is the Intelligence Officer and any calls are always treated in strict confidence.
- A question from the floor concerned parking in the village – PCSO Hobson advised that she would discuss the issue with PCSO Boston and have a look at matter.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Boston for her report.

5. Parish Councils Chairman's Report, Mr Shorrocks summarised the work undertaken during the year;
  - The most important has been the completion of the Village Plan document. This is a pre-production copy: the printers will be producing the number we have ordered in the next week or so, and we intend to deliver a black & white copy to every house in the village. You may recall that over the last couple of years we have asked you to complete questionnaire, and some of you may have attended the meeting in this hall, when we asked for your opinion on various issues.
  - All these views have been included in this document, and it is intended to set out what the village is like now, and to provide a vision of how we would like it to be. It contains issues of social, economic and environmental concern. Documents like this are regarded by the district council as supplementary planning documents, and the planning elements should be regarded as material considerations to be taken into account, when making decisions that could affect this village.
  - The document contains an action plan; and the intention is that this should be kept up to date by a committee. We hope that some members of the community will volunteer to join this committee, so that it is not just composed of members of the PC. When you have read it, if you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with me or our parish clerk, Paul Bruton.
  - As you may know, it is intended that on planning matters the document will eventually be superseded by a further document, to be called a Neighbourhood Plan. However, we cannot produce this yet, since our Neighbourhood Plan must dovetail with the similar plan prepared by Aylesbury Vale; and as you may have read, the plan they had prepared was rejected, and they have had to go back to the drawing board again. We cannot prepare our plan until theirs is approved, which I think is unlikely to be before 2016

- The next item I would like to mention is that during the year we had to accept the resignation of James Perkins, who had served as a councillor for almost 4 years with great enthusiasm, due his having left the village. We were delighted to be able to co-opt Phil Spooner as a councillor in his place
  - Thirdly we were able to get BCC to erect a sign to try to persuade heavy Lorries not to use the section of road running past the entrance to Bricstock, but to go round by the Green. We would like to stop them from using the road leading to Weedon altogether, but this was impossible - and the route they are now asked to take is the lesser of two evils.
  - Fourthly we discovered there was some confusion about who was entitled to use the notice board outside this hall. The parish councillors thought it was for council use only; but a number of villagers believed it was for general use. We on the council had not appreciated that there was no other notice board available – since the one on the bus shelter was locked, and the key had been lost. We have accordingly removed the defunct lock from that board, and it is now available for general use – and anyone who needs to use the Village Hall Notice Board is invited to ask our clerk Paul Bruton for permission to do so.
  - Fifthly we contributed £250 towards the cost of refurbishing the bus shelter at the Wingrave crossroads. While the shelter is in their parish, it was of course given by President Benes for the use of the two villages, and residents of this village do make use of it.
  - Finally, at the request of two or three villagers, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WW1, we purchased several hundred thousand poppy seeds, which have been spread on the grass verges around the village and in the Rec., and planted in the churchyard.
6. Parish Councillor Bob Carvey gave an overview of the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan, and the link to the Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VAP). As a result of the rejection of the VAP we had suspended the decision on our own Neighbourhood Plan as any Plan we developed had to be consistent with the VAP. However given the date for completion of the Plan had been put back till 2017 we should re visit the decision. The cost of the developing a Neighbourhood Plan was considerable even for a village of our size and may well be prohibitive. There followed a number of questions from members of the public concerning the potential for developers to make speculative applications and the village's exposure to potential large housing development. Although this was thought unlikely there was a risk. It was noted that a number of local councils had developed Neighbourhood Plans and these included Winslow, Buckingham and Wing. The Council were continuing to review our position.
- 7.
- Phil Spooner reported on the activities of the 630 Club that was started in 1985 and meets at 6:30pm every Saturday night at the Royal Oak to enjoy a social gathering of conviviality and newcomers were welcome. Over 40 people attend regularly.
  - Carol Spooner 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 – new lady members were always welcome. They had organised a number of events during the year including an evening of Boules in Cublington, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas dinner, games night and a race night.
  - John Hardcastle read Peter Knight's report on the progress of the Village Orchard. The Orchard contains 109 trees, sponsored by 78 people or families. We have a wide variety of species with some very rare trees among them. One pear tree, native to this Parish is probably one of only three in the country of this type. Giving a home to rare Bucks. Varieties is one of our long term commitments. There are still 32 places available for new-comers to the village to get involved with this great project. 42 trees bloomed this spring, 2 apple trees putting on a great show and the Medlar trees looked lovely with their beautiful flowers. Our natural cowslips increased in numbers which is all very encouraging. This winter David Brandon, Roger & Ian Towle took on the job of returning the Trig point which had been removed from Lines Hill and installing it in the Orchard as a splendid feature – we are delighted with the result, it will be

re-painted. Despite having a new roof our donated shed leaked badly this wet winter. Our official shed inspector has suggested a possible cause and we hope to correct this problem. Our next project are benches, we intend to install 2 benches as soon as we can despite the managing trio finding many things to discuss – should they be sponsored or should we just raise money – fixed or free standing – Where – Cheap and cheerful or serious and expensive etc. We will be very disappointed if we can't attend a great social; function in our village Orchard but who can we persuade to take on the organising of this event. We regret the furor over the muck heap but at the Orchard AGM those present expressed the strong opinion that the muck heap for the allotments should not be placed in the Orchard, we can think of no reason why it should. Finally remember it is your Orchard, use it and if you have any questions or suggestions please contact, John Hardcastle, Gordon Smith or Peter Knight, who are always available to talk about this great project.

There followed a discussion and exchange of views on the subject of the muck heap.

- Tracey Hinds reported that the Coffee mornings in the Village Hall on Thursdays continued to be popular and the more that came along the merrier, so please continue to support.
  - Pam Dixon gave details of the monthly Bingo Club that she organised with Sondra Dickason now in its 60<sup>th</sup> year. The evenings were originally started by Frank and Josie Humphreys and continued to be a fun evening raising funds for various local and national charities normally chosen by the members. On average 20 people attended the ages ranging from 8yrs to 90yrs and it is a friendly gathering playing traditional Bingo as well as other forms, such as American, Reverse as well as themed evenings, the next one scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm – the theme being Florence Nightingale. They would like more villagers to attend as currently about 6 came along regularly.
  - Colin Higgs mentioned the Whist Club that had been running for 75 years and is held every other Thursday of the month – again all were welcome to join in.
  - 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, they were now on their 55<sup>th</sup> novel. The size of the club seemed to be just about right and if other people were interested then he would be happy to start another club with the emphasis on attracting a few more male members.
8. John Hardcastle reported to the meeting on the status of the Village Hall. After 12 long years Peter Shorrocks had succeeded in completing the lease of the Hall. A public meeting had been held in January showing proposed outline plans for alterations to the Hall. Following the meeting the meeting and the comments received the proposed extension had been modified to provide as much floor space as possible. Two unisex toilets are proposed, one of which can accommodate wheelchair users. Externally ramps will be built to comply with the legal requirement to provide access for the disabled. The kitchen will be refurbished. The trustees have consulted with the Planning Department and with Building Control. The Historic Buildings Officer visited the site and Mr Hardcastle read his report that was favourable and indicated that the plans would be acceptable with perhaps a few minor alterations. The Trustees have now commissioned consultants to carry out a measured survey and prepare a planning application. Armed with planning consent and detail costing's the Trustees will then be able to approach funders to judge how much money can be raised and advise villagers of the funds the village will need to raise. The Trustees will keep villagers informed of further progress.
9. Phil Corrigan, the new Editor reported that advertising revenue from the Chronicle was down about 20% this year and with the production costs continuing to rise every year he would have to review current advertising rates as well as try to generate more interest from potential advertisers. The contribution from the Fete proceeds would again be well received to ensure the sustainability of the Chronicle. If anyone had anything they wanted to say or wanted to write an article please send them to him. The meeting thanked Phil for taking on the role, it is appreciated by all.
10. Tracey Hinds reported that there was a Fete meeting scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June and the main attractions for the day were already booked, however currently there was nobody booked to officially open the Fete and as usual help on the day would be appreciated. Also if anyone had any raffle prizes to donate

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11. Again it would be appreciated along with any new ideas for attractions. The distribution of profits from the 2014 fete was discussed with the various interested parties stating their reasons for needing the funds, a debate followed on the needs of the various village organisations. It was agreed that the profits from the fete would be distributed as last year - £500 to The Chronicle, the balance to be shared equally between The Church, The Village Hall and The Recreation Ground.
12. AOB – Villagers were reminded that the Summer Ball had been arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> July, a black tie event with a lovely meal and dancing to Huggy Flares who were back by popular request. Tickets were available at £55.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.



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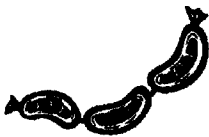
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# VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees have consulted with the Planning Dept and with Building Control.

Below is an extract from the Planners' letter giving the comments made by the Historic Buildings Officer.

The Historic Buildings Officer comments are set out below:

The Aston Abbots Church Hall is a very attractive single storey brick building located within the conservation area. It is not listed but lies within the settings of a number of listed buildings including the parish church. Despite the lack of formal listed status I would describe the building as an undesignated heritage asset. In terms of its, age, design, materials and function it clearly makes a positive contribution to both the appearance and function of the village. On this basis any alterations need to be carefully considered. There is a small open area to the north side of the building which is bounded by an apparently well built brick wall which is the subject of this enquiry. It is proposed that this area is enclosed in order to provide additional facilities to support the use of the Hall; associated with the proposed enclosure would be the provision of a ramp to assist disabled access.

In principle I would support the proposal to utilise this area of land because any proposal that would in turn support the continued use of the building would be advantageous. It is important that the building is maintained and used in order to ensure it's survival. However the issue that I can see presenting a potential problem is the actual design of the roof over any enclosure. The plan presented appears to show a flat roof which would not be acceptable. At first sight I would suggest that a reduced scale version of the

existing hipped roof should be utilised, although that leaves the question of how to treat the rear roof, possibly some arrangement with a parapet disguising a flat roof. I hesitate to be prescriptive in design terms since this needs to be considered by an architect.

The proposal includes breaking through the existing front wall to provide a set of steps to a new front door; this opening will need to be finished appropriately. It is a pity to cut through the wall but probably inevitable. The inclusion of a ramp is understood but there is very limited space to achieve this and new steps; it will need careful planning.

All new materials will need to be matching/sympathetic to the existing building.

I believe that the proposal will result in the loss of a tree on the front elevation you might wish to seek advice from the tree officers with regard to the value/significance of the tree.

The Trustees have now appointed consultants to carry out a measured survey and prepare a planning application. Armed with a planning consent and detail costings the Trustees will then be able to approach funders to judge how much money can be raised and to advise villagers of the funds that the village will need to raise.

Following the Public Meeting held in the Village Hall in January and the comments received the proposed extension has been modified to provide as much floor space for the hall as possible. (see plan layout on next page) Two unisex toilets are proposed, one of which can accommodate wheelchair users. Externally ramps will be built to comply with the legal requirement to provide access for the disabled. The kitchen will be refurbished.

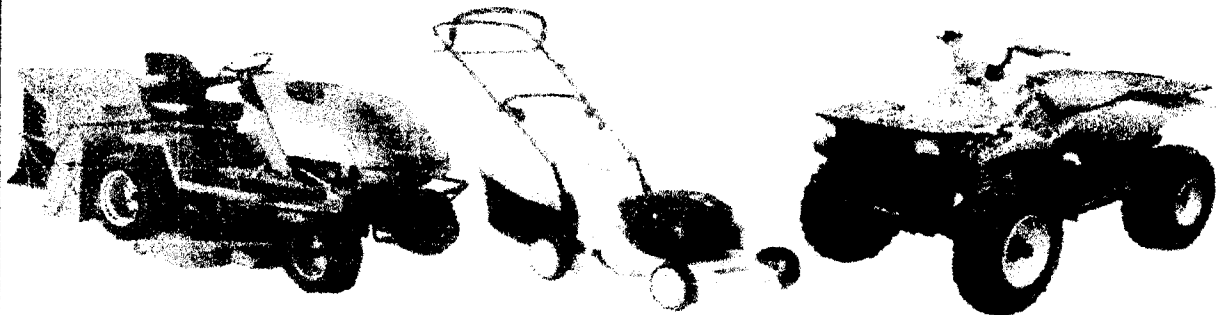
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### **Aston Abbotts Book Club**

Sally Clarke

Aston Abbotts Book Club

Book Club met at Sally Clarke's for our May meeting. The book under discussion was *The Colour of Milk* by Nell Leyshon. The story is narrated by Mary, a simple farm girl, and is her account, in her own words, of what takes place during the year 1831. The book is written in lower case with very little punctuation and no capital letters. It becomes clear at the end of the book under what circumstances she has learned to read and write and explains why she only learnt enough in order to write her story. Mary is 15 years old and she, her three sisters and her mother and father work from dawn to dusk on the farm. The only person to show her any affection is her grandfather who is crippled due to an accident. Mary was born with a twisted leg and, as her father considers that she can't work fast enough on the farm, he sends her to work for the vicar, who pays him for Mary to look after his sick wife. Despite the hand fate has dealt Mary she remains a plucky, strong and appealing character.

It was felt that this was an easy to read but very sad book and showed the hardship and drudgery of rural life particularly for women at this time.

### **Theatre Follows**

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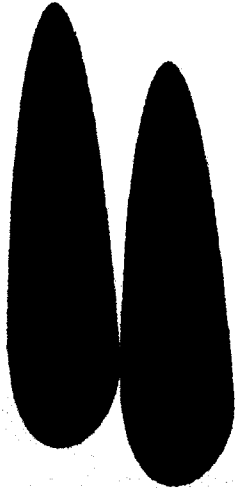
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## **BUDDY – The Buddy Holly Story**

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Some theatregoers had dressed for the era and some wore the thick black framed glasses which were Buddy's trademark. The stage set transported us back to 1950s Texas and the Country and Western music shows, where Buddy began his music career. Through brilliant music and clever scene changes we learned how Buddy fought to get his 'rock n roll' music taken seriously at a time when even Elvis was a figure of controversy. Buddy was the first 'rock n roll' star to write his own songs and make the 2 guitar, bass and drum line up popular. He was involved in the production process of his records and pioneered overdubbing, double-tracking and new orchestral techniques to create something revolutionary. After many ups and downs Buddy Holly and the Crickets had their records played on radio stations across America and 'That'll be the Day' topped the charts. His career was cut short when a plane crash ended his life in February 1959, but his legacy influenced many successive generations of musicians.

It was a great show. Well staged with fabulous musicians and the audience rocked and clapped along with the songs. Thanks for the opportunity to enjoy it.

Pam and John Dixon.

In April, we saw the WestEnders performing hits from the musicals at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. A group of six singers were accompanied by a live and very able seven-piece band, headed by a particularly animated pianist/comper who reminded us of Ronny Corbett.

A wide range of musicals and hits ranging from Andrew Lloyd Webber (including Phantom of the Opera, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Evita) through Mary Poppins, Les Mis, Abba and even the Lion King were included to impress the audience and garner audience involvement.

Interspersed amongst these were captivating solo performances by Tracie Bennett, a previous Olivier Award winner for She Loves Me and Hairspray and Tony Award nominee for her performance as Judy Garland in the Broadway production End of the Rainbow.

The evening was very enjoyable and did not deserve the many empty seats we saw, which were perhaps a reflection of a Tuesday night performance rather than the quality.

Gavin and Elvina

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Show	Date & Time
<b>ROCK OF AGES</b>	MON 30 JUN 7.30PM
<b>ROY ORBISON AND FRIENDS</b>	FRI 11 JUL 7.30PM
<b>EVITA</b>	MON 14 JUL 7.30PM
<b>ANNIE GET YOUR GUN</b>	TUE 22 JUL 7.30PM
<b>APRIL IN PARIS</b>	TUE 5 AUG 7.30PM
<b>ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS</b>	MON 11 AUG 7.30PM
<b>WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD</b>	TUE 26 AUG 2PM
<b>A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM</b>	WED 10 SEP 7.30PM
<b>BUGLE BOY</b>	SAT 27 SEP 7.30PM

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2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify: 'I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Submitted by Peter Shorrock

# Church Matters

## The diary of St. James's



In early May the bell frame was connected to the lightning conductor by a team of Steeplejacks from Romford. Suspended from the top of the tower more than 10m in the air (see picture) I was glad I had not attempted to do the job myself. Thunderstorms threatened the very next day but the new conductor remained untested except that it had passed the 'earth resistance' check (less than 10 ohms) carried out by the installers using the new test connector they had fitted.

I have been giving local builders a guided tour of the Churchyard pointing out the repairs we want costing. In particular the boundary wall (all 100m of it) needs repointing and some of the bricks re-facing where they have blown/spalled over the years. I am told that bricks which were fired at the edges of the kiln, and therefore experienced less heat, come out a deeper red colour than the rest and these are the ones that are likely to decay first.

We also have mason bees boring into the mortar between the stones in the Chancel south wall. A few years ago we had the holes that they had dug into the north wall of the Nave, plugged with cement but the little bees just seem to have moved to a better neighbourhood.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for the election of the Churchwardens was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April this year. Caroline Abel-Smith agreed to stand for another year but April has decided to take a sabbatical. To fill the gap Colin our Deputy Churchwarden and the rest of the PCC will be taking on extra duties.

At the time of the Vestry meeting in 1864 the Church was in a pretty poor state. I have heard it said that this was due to a fire but there is no documented evidence for this. At the meeting the PCC resolved to form a committee to consider what restoration work was needed. Initially they wanted to refit the interior including replacing the old pews but later they called in an architect, Mr George R Street. I can just see him now reporting on his findings, sucking his teeth and stating that really the Church should be demolished and rebuilt, but on a larger scale! The committee must have agreed, maybe because their patron at the time was Lord Overstone a very wealthy financier who donated his bonus to the rebuilding fund. They did retain the old tower but the Church you see today is the outcome of the decisions made in the mid nineteenth century. So we have a 'late perpendicular' tower (always a good thing for a tower to be perpendicular) circa 1500 and an early Victorian Nave and Chancel in the Gothic Revival style. More about the history of the Church in future issues.

Benefitting from the April showers the wild flowers and poppies in the 'wild area' have germinated and we look forward to a splash of colour in the summer. There is still a small area to be dug over so we can make a further sowing of poppy seeds to spread the flowering period into the autumn.

Lastly a reminder to get those 100 Club subscriptions to the treasurer this month. You have a one in four chance of winning during the next year which is pretty good for a lottery.

The Novice

June

2014



**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
June-July 2014**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Peter Binns</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Rev. David Hemsley</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Roger Hale</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>At Stewkley</b>	<b>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Roger Hale</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Bob Willmott</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Festival of Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Rev. Roger Hale</b>

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Dear friends (if I may be so bold!)

I'm sure we'd all agree that love and friendship are really precious and special things. Close reliable friends are a very rare commodity: like love friendship is a much overused word in the media and showbiz---and we know what familiarity breeds.

The very repetition of the words devalues them and can mislead us as to where we stand with someone I guess reliability is the acid test of both: saying words is easy, following through is a whole other matter, but when we do experience them it is truly wonderful and life-enhancing. The experience can lift our spirits, transform our lives like few other things.

After the resurrection appearances of Jesus His disciples (friends/followers) were still a bit doubtful about exactly what had happened. Once they trusted and accepted their attitudes and behaviour changed both towards one another and those outside the 'infant' Church. They began to see that Jesus' love and friendship transformative they no longer needed to worry about who was best, who top, who 'in' and 'out' as some of our Sunday newspapers do.

God's love in Christ can be accepted or rejected, the choice is ours. All I know is that to reject is a negative thing and to accept positive and both have consequences we need to learn to live with.

At bottom true love and true friendship are about reliability and nothing can beat that. God Bless, Philip.

**Reverend Philip Derbyshire**  
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## Some dates for the diary

July 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Village Fete & Festival weekend

July 12<sup>th</sup> Summer Ball

### 630 Club

Meets every Saturday in the Royal Oak at 6.30 pm. New members very welcome. Contact Andy Bystra if you need an introduction.

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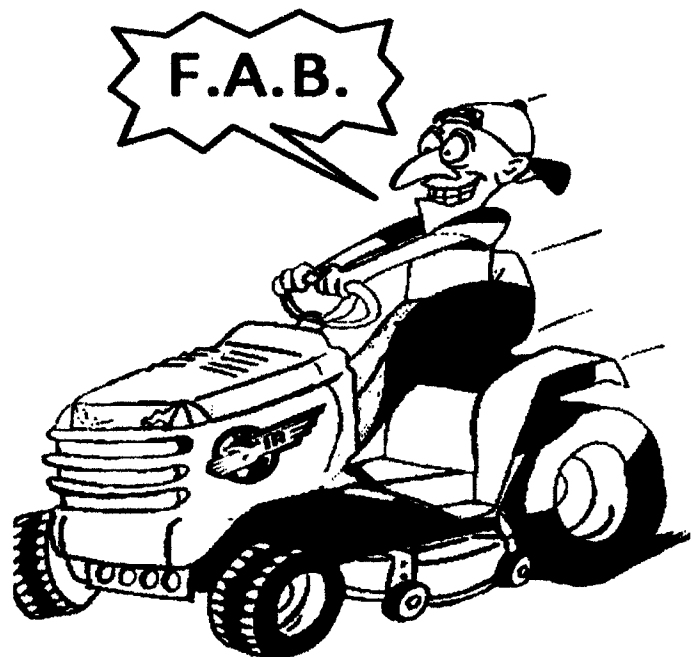
## WATCHTOWER

### Thunderbirds Are Go!

Dave Lewis has taken delivery of a brand-new lawnmower. His futuristic, sexy bright red machine is known as Thunderbird 6 and it has the widest lawnmower cut known to man.

Now we don't want to point any fingers, or cause any embarrassment. After all, everybody knows that Dave is Aston Abbotts' one-man International Rescue. However, we harbour a deep suspicion that before Scott Tracy pressed the button to launch Thunderbird 1 on its inaugural flight he would have a) measured the width of his rocket and b) measured the diameter of its launch exit.

Might we respectfully suggest to Dave that a similar exercise involving a tape measure might have avoided damage on Thunderbird 6's inaugural outing!



### Toilet Fiend Strikes Again

Following previously reported toilet incidents in Euston and Hong Kong airport (see the Chronicle March, May 2014) the toilet fiend has struck again.

Police say that a respectable middle-aged mother attending her daughter's wedding was confronted by the same grey-haired man in the Ladies toilets during the reception. When other guests

discovered them the man allegedly made an outrageous remark that cast doubt upon the sanctity of the mother's marriage, then fled.

Police tracked the man, but lost him in the vicinity of The Royal Oak, Aston Abbotts at around 10pm last Friday. They have warned that the man has now attempted to disguise himself by losing weight.

### Reunion

We understand that the terrorist has been back to Tenerife. Carefully avoiding the usual mundane trappings of her previous Spanish excursions – hangovers, Spanish tummy, sunburn, getting banged up for ten years – we hear that she attended a fancy dress party dressed in an orange prison uniform with the word "GUILTY" emblazoned across the back in large letters!

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