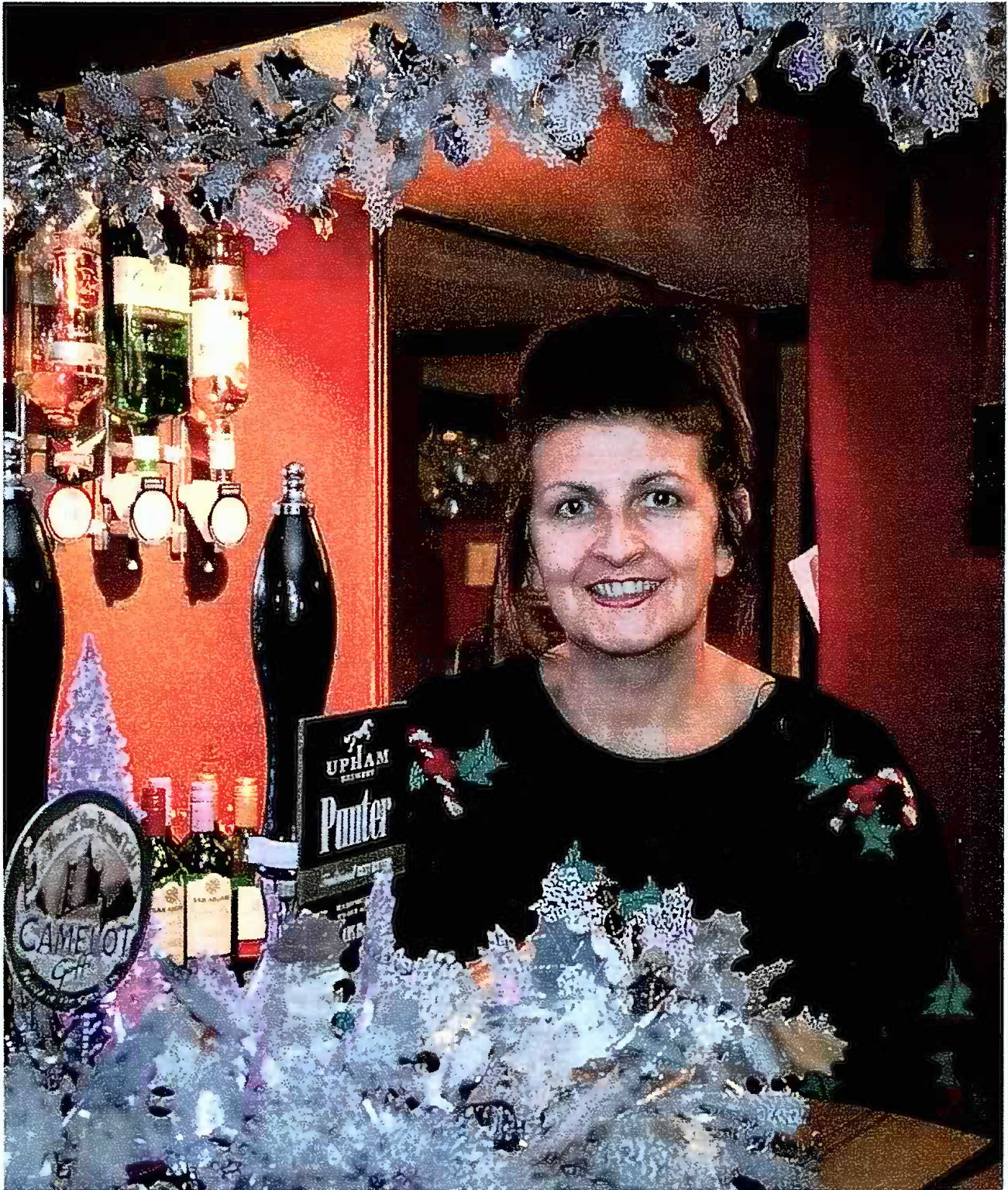


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**Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine**



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The Royal Oak this Christmas**

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# EDITORIAL

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Hopefully this will reach you all by early December, thankfully some encouraging comments following the November issue but still a few tweaks to make to get it right, so bear with me a little longer.

Must say I was certainly relieved to find out that we have a disaster officer in the Village should things go wrong, so you can sleep easy. This month's episode of The Astonians has more detail of this I suggest you read it.

Although mentioned inside I must praise the efforts of Frank & Louise And their helpers for the effort of putting on the Summer Ball which raised over £3,000 for Macmillan Cancer Care. I am sure the 2016 Ball will be as successful dates to be announced next month. I really must retrieve some dodgy video of me at the last Ball !!

It appears I omitted an ad for the Cancelled Race Night, apologies for that.

It just remains to thank all of you that contribute to the Chronicle and help get it through the doors, and wish you all a Merry Xmas & Great New Year.

Phil

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## AROUND THE VILLAGE

I am writing this on 19<sup>th</sup> November and probably in a week's time we shall have experienced a decent cold spell. The last two weeks have been dull, grey and wet with dark mornings and very little sun BUT it has been mild, very mild. I have never seen a greener November. The grass is growing, the rape fields have foot high crops and the winter wheat and barley look fresh and green.

To-day I brought home a bucket of mushrooms, fresh and untouched from the field - what a treat.

All gardeners can tell of flowers in bloom way out of season - a Cowslip opposite the Church, Primroses on Lines Hill, a Violet on the Green - I'm afraid they will all get a shock when the frost comes, but what pleasure they give us now.

We seem to have had such a wet fortnight that it is a surprise to discover the ditches are still dry, the ground is far from saturated and our well still has only 6 inches of water in it instead of the expected 3 feet at this time of year. The fields are firm to walk and not squelchy - the November norm. What does it all mean for the next two months - well nothing. It has no bearing on what we shall get - that is how I see it.

An old gentleman, formerly from Burston Hill Farm once told me "grass only grows a certain number of days a year - if it is growing now it will grow less in the summer - I hope he was wrong. I am prepared to predict that our apples and onions won't store well this year, the warm and damp has encouraged the development of fungus and rot - hence the late mushrooms. Already I have thrown away a bucket of rotten apples from our store. We need cold weather to kill a few bugs.

What has surprised me is that Wood Pigeons are feeding on the Holly berries round the Green and not as yet descending in hoards on those wonderful rape crops. Rooks have had a bonanza month - warm damp weather, great earthworm and insect activity and the ground is damp and easy for the Rooks to dig into. It has also been a good time for other birds and they must be going into winter fat and well as too am I.

Since I have received no bribe this month's star prize has to be a bucket of mushrooms and one small perfect eye catching violet.

Peter

## ALLOTMENT DIARY

**Last month I gave a rather bad press to a new weed that had colonised my allotment,** the deceptively named Gallant Soldier. However, having now spent a considerable amount of time weeding, I have discovered it does after all have one virtue: it grows so vigorously, that practically nothing else can live with it - and this includes other weeds! Clearly if it grows round most of your crops, this is a bad thing, and you need to remove it: but if you let it grow (as I did) around your sweetcorn or maincrop potatoes, which are well established (and, in the case of sweetcorn, grow much bigger than the weed), then it means that other weeds - apart from stinging nettles - do not grow, so that when you are weeding you are always removing the same sort of weed, which does make the job easier.

Fellow gardeners will know that when one has grown potatoes in an area of one's allotment, it is impossible to dig up all the tubers when one is harvesting the crop, and that the following year the undiscovered potatoes will produce plants which grow in an area in which one is now growing a different crop. Normally I will remove these plants, but sometimes I allow them to grow, especially if they are somewhere where they are unlikely to interfere with one's other crops. This year two potato plants grew in an area where I had intended to grow sweetcorn, but did so in a part of the allotment where I lost a number of sweetcorn plants - I believe, to rabbits. I therefore allowed them to grow, and when I dug up the potatoes at the beginning of November, I was rewarded with the most enormous crop: 20 usable tubers from the two plants, and the three biggest potatoes were curiously exactly the same length: each measured 8½ inches (about 22cm) long! There was another equally big, but misshapen, like the potatoes that Ester Rantzen used to display on TV.

The variety was one called Setanta, which I had also planted deliberately this year, but curiously these self-sewn potatoes did much better than the official crop.

Almost every week one reads an article in a newspaper telling us that something we enjoy eating or drinking is bad for us: red meat, sausages and cured meats, eggs, red wine, etc. The latest such article I have read referred to a report by the French National Academy of Pharmacy, which said that potatoes fried in hot fat could cause memory loss, cardiovascular disease, and signs of premature ageing! This is particularly ironic, since the French claim to have invented chips (or "French fries") after the 1789 Revolution - and much of French cuisine involves sizzling foods until a hard crust forms on the outside, to keep flavoursome tenderness inside. The problem is apparently to do with some reaction that occurs between amino acids and natural sugars. However, since I could not understand the science, I propose to continue taking the gamble of continuing to eat chips! If I pass you in the village, and fail to recognise you; or seem to have become the same age as Methuselah, you will know there was something in it after all!

Peter Shorrocks

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## **Village Stuff.**

From our new gossip columnist

### **Singalongssixties**

Don't forget to bring your own drinks....and when you've had a few John Whyte will take great pleasure in flogging raffle tickets at "bargain" prices. There may even be some prizes.

### **Birthdays in December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Spooner**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ivan Greenaway**

**11<sup>th</sup> Brigitte Guterrez**

**25<sup>th</sup> Val Smith**

**Thank you:**

**To Val Smith for doing such a great job of altering the new curtains in the village hall. They certainly look a lot brighter.**

Please send dates of any December Birthdays to  
[Astonnewsandgossip1086@gmail.com](mailto:Astonnewsandgossip1086@gmail.com)



## Revised refuse Collection Dates

- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> revised date Wed 30<sup>th</sup>
- No brown bin collections in Dec & Jan

## Future Dates

**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July Fete & Festival weekend**

**Keep an eye out in the January Issue for the date of next years Summer Ball**

**See the following letter from Macmillan Cancer Support regarding the £3,000 + raised and donated from last years ball, well done Frank & Louise and all their helpers.**

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Stewkley Singers

7.30pm Saturday 12 December 2015  
Stewkley Village Hall

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Dear Frank and Louise,

### **A big thank you from Macmillan**

Thank you so much for raising a fantastic £3160.00 for Macmillan at the Aston Abbotts Summer Ball. We hope that you enjoyed it, and that you'll pass our thanks on to all of the 105 people who attended and helped to make it such a success. Your effort and enthusiasm will help us to be there for people affected by cancer and their families, and help them feel more in control of their lives.

This amazing contribution will make such a difference to our work; for example, it could pay for 117 Macmillan nurses for an hour, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

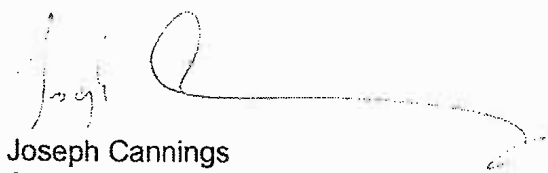
### **How your support helps**

No one should face cancer alone, and the money you raised will help fund the work of people like Charmaine, a Macmillan Breast Cancer Nurse Specialist. 'My main role is to provide information', she says, 'because information is power, and helps people make informed choices. But sometimes it's just letting them offload their worries. They feel like they can't talk to partners or family members because they don't want them to see a chink in their armour. So I tell them they can talk to me about anything they want.'

You can find out more about other ways to get involved with Macmillan, from volunteering to campaigning, by looking at the enclosed leaflet, *Do Something Great Today*.

**Thank you again for being part of the Macmillan team.**

With best wishes,



Joseph Cannings  
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# QUIZ AND SUPPER

7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

FOR THE VILLAGE BELLS

We have recently had a problem with Bell number 4. An expert from A firm of specialist bell hangers had to be called in to advise and then Repair the wheel on which the bell is hung.

The cost of this repair was £470.

The Bell ringers wish to raise monies towards paying this bill. We intend to put on the best Quiz Aston Abbotts has ever seen with a hot meal served before the Quiz.

Tickets will cost £10 and entry to this fabulous event will be by ticket only. We need to know numbers for catering.

Please ring 681478 for tickets



**This is a photograph of the Aston Abbotts football team taken 50 years ago.**

The team was founded by Michael Coleman and we played in Dickie Chapmans field every Sunday morning. First we had to clear the cow pats as cows had been there all week, then put saw dust down, put the nets and goalposts up and mark the white lines before kick-off and take it all down afterwards. The opposition had to change in the old chicken hut - happy days.

From L-R

Top row, Tony Hinds, John Mates, Philip Godfrey, Duncan Clarke, Pete Beasley, Michael Coleman (Cap't)

Front row, Ron Coleman, Chris Brandon, John Allen, Jim Taylor and Dickie Baylis.

This Photo was given to me by Chris Brandon - thanks Tony Hinds.

I hope I've got all the names right Ed.

Any more old memories out there about the village? Ed



## BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

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## What's on in December:

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12 pm
	Whist Drive		7.30 pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rambling Club	Caldecote MK	2 pm
	Evensong	St James	6 pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Shop	Village Hall	10-12 pm
	Bingo	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight	St James	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whist Drive	Royal Oak	7.30 pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle breakfast service	Village hall	9.30 am
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Library	The Green	10.30 am
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas day Communion	St James	10.30 am
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Church Service		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day - make your resolutions		
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evensong	St James	6 pm

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## The Arty Bits .....Books.....Music....Theatre...Travel & Food.... and the bits I'm not sure where to put!

### Books

September's book club choice was *Experiences of an Irish R.M.* by Somerville & Ross. It was first published in 1899 and written by Edith Oenone Somerville and Martin Ross (pseudonym of Violet Florence Martin). They were Irish second cousins and lived in Ireland in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The book tells, in a series of short stories, of the adventures of Major Sinclair Yeates, an Englishman, who takes the post of Resident Magistrate in the west of Ireland. He is persuaded by his landlord, Flurry Knox, to buy a hunter and most of the stories are of his exploits hunting and shooting. These stories are very funny and the book was an enjoyable read but some book club members found the language difficult to understand especially the horsey references and the Irish way of speaking.

Postscript: In one of the stories a runaway pack of hounds break into a country house and demolish the unguarded Wedding Breakfast. In an attempt to replay this scene, Tiffany (my terrier) was found, after the book club members had left, on the dining room table scoffing the left over snacks as fast as she could!!

Sally Clarke

**A Perfect Woman.....** Does such a thing exist?..... Ed  
by L P Hartley

It sounded as though it might be good read:

The publishers, Heritage Publishing, wrote convincingly: “Conventionally minded chartered accountant Harold Eastwood chances to meet the charismatic novelist Alex Goodrich on the train, travelling first class with a third-class ticket. The bestselling novelist soon finds Harold’s knowledge of income tax allowances useful. When Alec pays a visit to the accountant, Harold’s wife Isabel, who yearns for culture and literature, quickly takes up the fantasy to be his mistress. However, it’s not Isabel but Irma, the Austrian barmaid at the tavern, who has caught Alec’s wayward fancy. With wit and literary grace, Hartley gives us a story of ordinary people who become entangled in extraordinary situations.”

L P Hartley is famous for *The Go-Between*, which was made into a film in 1970 and recently revamped for television. I had read this with delight and wondered why I had never read *A Perfect Woman*. After the first hundred pages I realized why, on the whole of the internet, I could find fewer than ten people who had felt inclined to give a review of this book! It is exceedingly dull. Some of us enjoyed bits of it, others none of it! The dialogue between two Janet and John type children was found amusing. The book itself was well written. The plot gathered some momentum in the last fifty pages. If you wanted to feel the dullness of a routine of a household in the 1950s, this book aptly enveloped the reader in the rigidity of lives lived in the most conventional of fashions.

I think my future book choices might best be restricted to books I have actually read. Time is too valuable to suggest other members should wade through pages of a book which could have been entertaining but, generally, was considered just to be boring! Carolyn Guse

# *The Astonians Part 15.*

## *The Disaster Officer comes to the rescue*

*All characters are fictional and hold no association to anyone, Eh, well apart from Richard Clarke.*

Astonpete.

I was surprised to see a meeting of the Parish Council in progress at the Aston Arms Pub last night. Well you couldn't help but eves drop on what was being discussed.

One debate was on the subject of Health and Safety on Christmas Eve. Councillor Longbottom, the guy who also sits on the Aston Abbotts Allotment Users Steering Committee, asked the Parish Council what preparations had been made for an emergency landing of Santa's sleigh this Christmas. "Who would be responsible for rescuing Santa? Who would be responsible for rounding up the reindeer and who would have to tidy the crash site?"

Enter Councillor Dick Clarke, The Aston Abbotts 'Disaster Officer' and Head of Aston Abbotts Health and Safety Sub Committee. Councillor Clarke explained, "Father Christmas (to give you his official name) has been on a compulsory 'elf' and safety course to ensure he is capable of landing his sleigh. The council has carried out a thorough risk assessment of the event. Father Christmas has been reminded not to drink sherry on the night of the event. His elves will be on call in case of an emergencies and Aston Abbotts Parish Council will support them in any incident."

The next item on the agenda was banning alcohol at Parish Council meetings!

## Theatre

### Jeeves and Wooster

We thoroughly enjoyed watching a hilarious comedy on stage one September evening at Aylesbury Waterside theatre in a fine production of "Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense". The perfect on-screen pairing of Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie in the 1990s is how most people will nowadays have first come across the novels of P.G. Wodehouse, that describe the ridiculous scrapes and capers of an upper class Edwardian gentleman and his incredible manservant who always manages to save the day.

In this riotously funny show, Bertie Wooster plays himself by telling the story to the audience through a drama that unfolds in his own drawing room with clever props supplied and designed by his ever-dependable valet to illustrate the 'Totleigh Towers weekend in the country that goes wrong'. Although not one of the original books from the classic series by P.G. Wodehouse, the story featured all the classic characters including Gussie Fink-Nottle (one of Wooster's hapless friends) and his wealthy dowager Aunt Dahlia and was full of deliciously eloquent metaphors. The actor Robert Goodale provided an incredible display of skill as he had to quadruple up his role of four very different characters for this production, which must have been an exhausting feat. Perhaps even more incredible is that he also wrote the play with his brother, what a talented man!

Elvina & Gavin



## Ride and Stride, 12 September

Thanks to everyone who sponsored me on this annual tour around local churches. I raised over £450 to be split between St James's church and the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. This is a lot more than I've managed before and mostly due to the online pages and the generosity of my workmates, employer, family and people in the village. Thank you.

After the threat of rain, it was actually quite a nice day for cycling, not too hot or windy, and I rode a big loop around Oving, Winslow, Stewkley, Wing, and round to Cheddington before coming back via Wingrave - 19 churches including Aston Abbots, and something different at each one. I hadn't seen the wall paintings in Little Horwood before - it was very interesting looking at these and following the descriptions of how different paintings were layered on top of each other. What a responsibility to look after them for the next generation.

There were not so many cyclists out this year and we had just five visitors to our church, but I'm happy to say they found it open and someone there to say hello.

Around 38 miles and 19 churches adds up to quite a lot of cake - star prize this year to the Victoria Sandwich at North Marston, I think!

Caroline Lane

## Letters Page

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts they have sent me in the sad loss of my little dog Frankie. To know people care so much makes such a difference.

Thank you  
Lyn Clark

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Aston Abbotts Summer Ball. Hope to see you again at the 2016 Summer Ball.  
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

Frank & Louise

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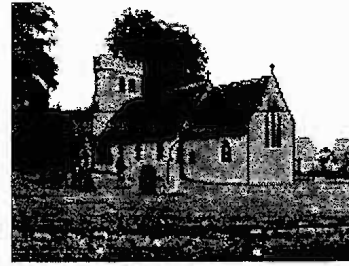
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# Church Matters

The diary of St. James's



The bellringers called in White's of Appleton, a long established (founded 1824) and therefore very experienced firm of bellhangers to fix a problem with Bell number 4 last month. The joint between the headstock, which holds the bell, and the wheel, which rotates the bell under the control of the ringer, had, over time, worn and had to be repaired. The wheel is made in two halves so White's were able to separate the worn half of the wheel and repair and return it within two days so that bell ringing was not interrupted. The bellringers are raising money to pay the £470 bill so please support their Quiz and Supper event on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

As I am compiling this input to the Chronicle (on a Thursday night) my thoughts are accompanied by the sound of the bells as the bellringers practice their skills. It would be a sad loss if we were ever unable to hear the peels from our 15<sup>th</sup> century belltower.

Another long established company, Kenneth Tickell Ltd were busy tuning the organ, under the watchful eye of Nigel Palmer, when I visited the Church on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup>, November. These highly specialist skills are getting harder to find so the bill of £135 (paid by the PCC) seemed very reasonable.

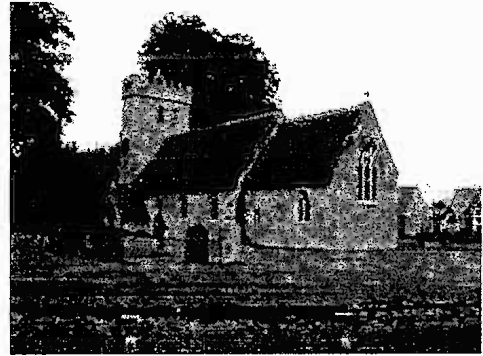
The Remembrance Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November was well attended and raised £92 for the Royal British Legion. The latest of our Family/Breakfast Services took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Rev Peter Knight's work could be seen in the proceedings which were overseen by Rowena Knight.

We were unable to hold our Race Night as planned last month so it was just as well that the advert for the event was inadvertently omitted from last month's Chronicle! Our apologies if this left a big hole in your social calendar.

Christmas is rushing up on us so please don't forget the special services and events. The Carol Service will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will combine our Family Breakfast and Christingle Services on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and there will be a Service at 10.30 on Christmas morning. Carol singing round the village is being organised for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Anyone wishing to join the singers should meet on the village green at 7pm. Proceeds from the Christingle Service are donated to the Children's Society and the Carol singers collection will go to the Church Housing Trust.

The Novice





**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
December 2015**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>	
<b>20<sup>h</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Breakfast in the Village Hall followed by Christingle Service</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec..</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	

**We look forward to seeing you**

**100 Club Draw October 2015**  
**1st Prize, £50: John Hardcastle**  
**2nd prize, £10: Karen Smith**

## Dear friends,

It's that time of year again: when we prepare for the timeless story of Mary, Joseph and the donkey travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem through often hostile territory, inhabited by wild animals and robbers, strange religious and political pressure groups.

Words such as vulnerable, fearful and nervous come to mind as we contemplate the plight of refugees throughout time and location. It has become traditional to think of and try and help the homeless over the Christmas period: either giving money or practical offerings.

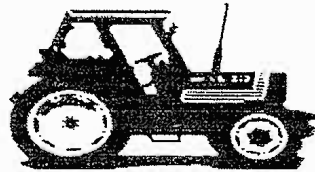
There is a collection at present for woolly hats, gloves and blankets being co-ordinated by the SSM community at Willen. If you wish to contribute to this initiative you can deliver stuff to me for onward shipment to the project. The underlying message of Christmas is one of God's love for us shown by His coming as Jesus Christ, described by the Gospel of John as the Word of God made flesh: God's deliberate act of self-limitation in order to raise us above our own limitations. As we meet with family/friends at this holiday season let us be especially aware of the homeless, lonely and refugees and give thanks for our good fortune.

May God bless you this Christmas time and on into 2016. Philip.

## Church Duties

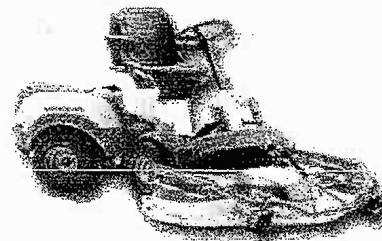
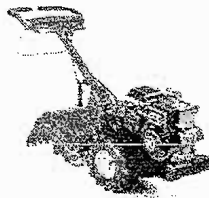
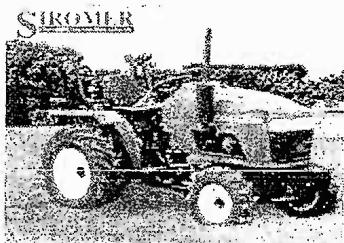
	Cleaning	Flowers
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Caroline L & Colin	No Flowers Advent
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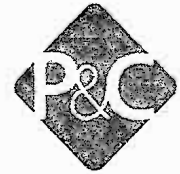


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