

The Chronicle

Aston Abbotts Magazine



It's more than Just a Runner Bean Competition

A big thank you to all who attended and supported the Runner Bean Competition at the Royal Oak On Sunday 11th September. It was a precursor to that evenings Quiz Night. The quiz raised £32 for the Church Roof fund so thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz. Tony Hinds won the longest bean competition, *as usual*. Colin Higgs presented the three best beans and Mandy Fletcher was the best cheat.

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However the event is not just about winners. It is about something more important than

that. It is about the 'Longest Bean Winners Trophy' being modelled on a bottle of Krombacher beer in memory of much lamented Ray Wilkinson. Every time the trophy is presented it allows us time to remember Ray. It is about being able to display a fantastically worked 20 inch wooden runner bean. Conceived and carved by Andy Bystra, it was entered in the 'Cheat' category a few years ago.

The competition is also about Alfie asking if he could present the prizes and saying "well done" at the top of his voice to everyone. It really isn't about winning, it's about coming together and having fun. Thanks again

Teri Moul. **The Royal Oak**

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From the Editor

Apologies for the missing pages from last month's Chronicle.

The whole magazine was sent to the printers but on return up to one third of the magazine was absent. Not a good start.

I've been somewhat swamped with articles this month and must restrict the magazine to 44 pages with sizable font size. So please forgive me if I have to

leave any articles until next time.

A warm welcome to the new residents of the village. Come and join us at the events you see in this edition of the village magazine.

Please note that articles for the November Chronicle should be submitted by 25th October to editor@aachronicle.co.uk

In this edition:

Wing Surgery Flu Jabs

Main surgery

Saturday 8th October 8am to 12 noon

No appointment necessary. If you are unable to attend please call us and we will arrange a midweek appointment.

For Sale

BMW 320d M Sport 4 door saloon
Auto Diesel. Cashmere silver (grey)
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MOT May 2017. Just been fully serviced. 2 previous owners.
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Neighbourhood Police

Team. We would like to inform you of what your local neighbourhood policing team and local partners are doing to keep you safe as the darker nights draw in. Now is the ideal time to look at your home security. If you're not at home during the hours of darkness, you may be at an increased risk of burglary.

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·Register your valuables on www.immobilise.com it's free and takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen, will allow you to tell the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief.

·Keep valuables out of sight

·Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door, make sure you have double locked it.

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**From the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe District
Neighbourhood Team**

Quiz Night Sunday

9th September 7.30pm

Royal Oak Aston Abbotts



Just £2 to play. Cash Prize. Plus Dinner for 2 from the Quiz Master's lucky dip.

In aid of the Church and village hall restoration funds

Food Available

Time Out in Aston Abbotts - October?

Sunday 2nd	Ramblers meet at Woburn 2pm
	Evensong St James Church 6pm
Wednesday 5th	Fish and Chip van. Around 9pm
Thursday 6th	Whist Drive Royal Oak 7.30pm
Sunday 9th	Quiz Night Royal Oak 7.30pm
Wednesday 12th	Fish and Chip van. Around 9pm
Sunday 16th	Breakfast Service St James Church 9.30am
Wednesday 19th	Fish and Chip van. Around 9pm
Thursday 20th	Whist Drive Royal Oak 7.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Mobile Library. The Green 10.30am
Wednesday 26th	Fish and Chip van. Around 9pm
Sunday 30th	Clocks go back 2am
	Village footpath walk. The Green 2pm
Monday 31st	Ramblers meet The Royal Oak 6.30pm
	Halloween walk followed by supper at the Royal Oak. (Bring torch or Lantern.

The Astonians

Bert Cartwright gets the point!

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All characters are fictional and hold no association to anyone.

Contains strong language

Mrs Cartwright, the nagging wife of Bert who owns the allotment went to have a talk with the Vicar, The Right Rev' Jeff Straker. "Jeff," she said, "I have a problem. My husband Bert keeps falling asleep during your sermons. It's very embarrassing especially as they are quite dynamic. I don't know what to do".

"Thinking on his feet, the Rev' Jeff says, "I have an idea". Next Sunday bring a pin with you. I should be able to tell when Bert is sleeping and I will nod to you at the specific times. When I nod you give him a good poke in the leg."

During the Rev' Jeff's sermon the following Sunday, Bert did not notice and as he picked up the tempo of his sermon,

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dozed off as normal. Noticing this, the Rev' Jeff put his plan to work. As he said, "and who made the ultimate sacrifice for you?", he nodded to Mrs Cartwright.

"Jesus!" Bert cried as his wife jabbed him in the leg with the pin. "Yes, you are right Bert," said the Rev'.

As Jeff continued, Bert eyes were starting to weigh and again he nodded off. Again, the Rev' noticed. "Who is your redeemer?" he asked the congregation, motioning towards Mrs Cartwright.

"God!" Bert cried out as he was struck again with the pin. "Right again," said the smiling Rev' Jeff.

The congregation looked on puzzled by Bert's unusual enthusiasm. The pain started to wear off and poor old Bert, chin getting closer to his chest, again dozed off to sleep. However, this time the Rev' Jeff held his Elvis style cape up with his left hand and made a few

motions that Mrs Cartwright mis-took as signals to bayonet her husband with the pin yet again. The Rev' Jeff asked, "And what did Eve say to Adam after she bore him his 99th son?"

Mrs Cartwright, lips bitterly stiff, poked her husband again,



BUTLER TO ROYALTY AND FILM STARS

18th NOVEMBER – 7.30PM

Come and enjoy a Fish n'Chip supper with William French at the Biggs Pavilion on the Orchard Ground in Cublington for £15 a head. William will be telling us of his adventurous life with royalty and film stars and he has wonderful sense of humour so you will have a

who yelled, "You stick that f*****g thing in me one more time, I'll break it off and shove it up your arse!"

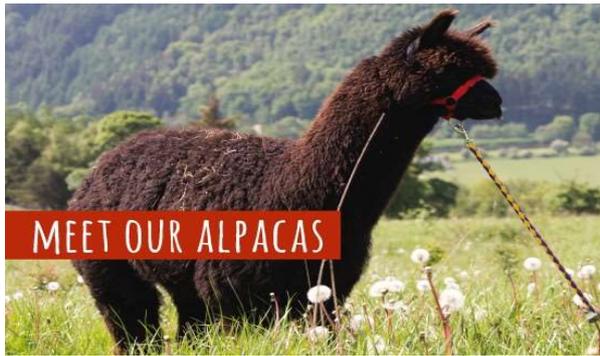
Mr and Mrs Cartwright now use another Church in nearby Wingrave.

lovely relaxed evening hearing some "very interesting stories". The Fish and Chip van will be bringing our supper to the pavilion on this occasion. Desserts will also be provided but please bring your own drinks as we don't have a licence to sell alcohol. Soft drinks will be available.

This event is being held to raise some much needed funds for both the Church in Cublington and the Church here in Aston Abbots.

William donates his fee to the Leukemia Society.

Tickets are available from April Curnow on 01296 707833 or email aejcurnow@me.com and they will be delivered to you. Please book early as there are limited numbers.



We have our "Walk with Alpacas" event planned for Sunday 16th October at 2pm, and then on 27th November and 11th December we have our Winter Walks with Mulled Wine and Minced pies - these alpaca walks start at 1pm, with details and booking on our website www.abbotsviewalpacas.co.uk/alpaca-walks

We also have a few crafty sessions planned: Needlefelting sessions on Saturday 12th November and Saturday 3rd December. Two sessions each day - details on our website. www.abbotsviewalpacas.co.uk/xmas-needlefelting. Suitable for beginners and children aged 10+ www.abbotsviewalpacas.co.uk www.abbotsviewalpacas-cl.co.uk 07989 063595

A walk with a difference!

Join us for a walk around our private farm with some of our wonderful alpacas. We will share interesting stories and facts with you about our animals along the way - they all have a story and they all have a personality! The walk itself will last approximately 45 minutes, and your visit will also include a tour of the farm. Walks start at 2pm in the Spring and Summer and 1pm in the winter and you should allow 2-2:30hrs for your visit. Homemade cakes and refreshments in our cafe barn are included.

You will have the opportunity for photos/alpaca selfies. We also have a small gift shop with items made from our own alpacas including knitted items, needlefelting kits, knitting kits

and alpaca toys, as well as Jo's Alpaca Story books and Story Sacks. Dates available

Sunday 2nd October 10 am
NEW DATE

Sunday 16th October @ 2pm
Winter Walks with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Sunday 27th November @ 1pm. Sunday 11th December @ 1pm

Check availability or BOOK Now
If the date you are interested in is full please get in touch as we can sometimes add additional walks earlier in the day

We can walk in any weather so please come dressed according to the weather. The farm is on flat ground but sturdy shoes/wellies are recommended. If buying as a gift, Gift Sets can be added to your order for £15 including postage. These include a personalised voucher, 15cm cuddly alpaca toy, "So... what IS an alpaca?!" photo fact book & gift bag. Please advise of

dietary requirements when booking. Cost:

£18 per adult to include home made cake/mince pies and refreshments

£12 per child (6-12) to include homemade cake/ mince pies and refreshments

*children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult

Not recommended for children under the age of 6. Unsuitable for pushchairs.

Children will share an alpaca with a supervising adult unless we feel they are big enough to walk on their own

Sorry, no spectators and no dogs.

PLEASE NOTE: Once booked you may rearrange your visit up to 7 days before your scheduled walk date. After this time, no cancellations or refunds are accepted, unless we can refill your place on the walk.



RIDE AND

STRIDE 2016 - report

Thank you to all who sponsored me on the annual Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" on 10 September. So far I have raised £165 (plus some Gift Aid) which will be divided between the Trust and our own St James's. It was not a great day weather-wise. My route was Cublington, Dunton, Stewkley, Drayton Parslow, Mursley, Swanbourne, Winslow, then Verney Junction (no church, but I'd got lost at this point!), East and Botolph Claydon. Here it suddenly poured with rain but luckily I was able to dive into a thatched shelter built around an ancient tree by the roadside - I'm not sure what this is called but it must be famous? On to Quainton (still lost, I was expecting North Marston), Pitchcott, Oving, Whitchurch, Hardwick, Weedon, home; I'd like to say I rode up Lines Hill but it wouldn't be true! Despite the rain I had a

very nice day out away from the usual weekend jobs. And most churches were open - Dunton gets the special mention for

cake this year, with a real feast laid on - it took a lot of resolution not to circle back for a second visit!

My Just Giving page is here, if anyone would still like to contribute:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/C-LANE1>

Thanks again, Caroline

Household Recycling Centre times change this Saturday

From Saturday 1 October Buckinghamshire County Council's Household Recycling Centres switch to winter opening times, which this year are **9am to 4pm**. The centres continue to open every day throughout the winter, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

For more information go to www.bucksc.gov.uk/hrc

ALLOTMENT DIARY

Peter Shorrocks

It is a great pity that the Aston Abbotts Horticultural society did not have a class for tallest sweetcorn plants: I would have walked it. Some of my Bloody Butcher plants are now around 12 feet tall (or nearly 4 metres, for younger readers). I have also this year, without any effort on my part, grown the most enormous pumpkin – but again, regrettably, there was no largest pumpkin completion.

I mentioned in my last article how poor my carrot crop had been this year. I have now spoken to several gardeners who have said the same thing; and one or two planted carrot seed three times to get a crop. It must have been something to do with the temperatures when the seeds should have been germinating. I had thought that my beetroot crop had done well, but three of the five beetroot I have lifted so far

have been attacked by rabbits. The damage obviously occurred a long time ago – presumably when the roots were young and tender – since the skin had grown over the teeth-marks.

My one courgette plant is producing courgettes faster than I can eat them: and one cannot leave the growing courgettes for longer than a day or so: a courgette which is too small to pick one day has grown to the size of a small marrow 2 days later. I keep getting caught out. My raspberry canes are also producing fruit faster than I can eat it. The crop started late – probably because of the dry spell a few weeks ago, but they are now in full swing. The same is true of wild blackberries: the crop was late, but is now magnificent. It's a pity that nature's bounty can't be spread over a longer period of time.

Some gardening news which has worried me, but not my fellow allotmenters, is that

England's box hedges are under attack from a fungal disease which has flourished after our wet winter, called box blight. The effect is to turn the leaves brown, and eventually kill the bush, so that it has to be removed. My box hedges in my garden are not showing any signs of this, but a large clipped box "ball" in my back garden has a chunk which is turning brown, and may have the disease. The RHS said that the enquiries it has had about this disease during 2016 were the highest since the society started keeping records in 1996. It is thought to have arrived in the UK in the 1990s, and has now spread throughout the Home Counties. And there is also a caterpillar that has accidentally been introduced from the Far East, called the Asian box tree caterpillar, which is noshing on our nation's box hedges, and stripping them bare. I am glad

to say, however, that I have seen no sign of this pest.

I read a review of a fascinating-sounding book recently, called "the Gardens of the British Working Class". This contains such nuggets as the fact that garden centres, which we now take for granted, only arrived in Britain from America in 1953; Queen Victoria opposed public admittance to Kew Gardens, on the ground that "she had nowhere else to exercise"! And Neville Chamberlain recommended gardening as "a fine antidote to Bolshevism"! Current gardeners like me may find some of the information daunting. A 19th Century labourer, with less than a quarter of an acre, is on record as keeping himself, his wife and 5 children supplied with home-grown vegetables for every day of the year, and home-grown fruit for 9 of the 12 months!

To Cull Or Not To Cull. Farmers Just Can't Win

Last week I watched with frustration while an expert on T.V. rattled off a list of the wildlife that had reached critical level, near extinction, due to Intensive Agriculture. It is typical of the modern world that we never hear of wildlife increasing. I must list only the better known species that my way of life and experience tells me have increased enormously in number over the last 45 years in our Parish:-

Deer, Buzzards, Badgers, Red Kites, Foxes, Crows, Squirrels, Magpies, Hares, Wood Pigeons
Ducks, Canada Geese, Green Woodpeckers, Sparrow Hawks.

That list could be considered something to be proud of. There is however, a snag, eleven – yes eleven of those species listed live by eating other creatures. In other words they have increased in number

at the expense of another species. For example, Ducks now clear virtually every bit of frogspawn from the ample ponds in our village. Ducks have now discovered my friend's pond in Wingrave from which I used to collect spawn for the ponds in our garden – result – no more spawn in Wingrave.

You should know by now my views of the great number of Badgers in our Parish – a disaster for ground nesting birds. The Badgers are even coming into our garden under the front gate and adding to the heartbreak of gardening. Incidentally we have lost a further 3 chickens to the Fox one evening when we were just an hour late in shutting up the hens. It was our fault I know but still a bit hard to take.

Sparrows are an interesting case. There used to be hundreds of Sparrows round farm yards. They could always get food from the grain bins if

nowhere else. To-day a farmer is prosecuted if his grain store is not bird proof and then criticised if his farm is devoid of birds. Several years ago a local dairy farmer was told in no uncertain terms that he would be prosecuted if he killed badgers that had moved onto his farm, but he was expected to accept the disaster of having cows and calves – yes calves – shot because they showed symptoms of T.B. caught from Badgers.

What a year it's been for slugs and snails. They have proved a menace in our garden. Of course it's been a wet year which has suited the slugs but they have so few predators nowadays. In the past they were eaten by hedgehogs,

frogs, toads and thrushes, and where have they all gone? What chance had they when as well as being run over on the roads they were being poisoned by slug pellets which will even kill a dog.

It's a mad world out there! However, let us rejoice in the fact that Aston Abbotts has still got acres of permanent pasture, has more hedges than 45 years ago, has had hundreds if not thousands of trees planted, 4 big ponds dug, 6 ponds cleaned out and that farmers are so desperate to stay farmers that they are prepared to accept pathetic financial returns to still husband cattle and sheep and so benefit the overall environment.

Walk on the Wild Side



Thank you to all of you who turned out on Saturday some of you made it before the torrential rain and some braved the weather. I hope you all enjoyed it.

We raised £557 for the hospice. Thank you all for your generosity. The Hospice were delighted with the donation.

I would like to thank Val and Les for their hard work and

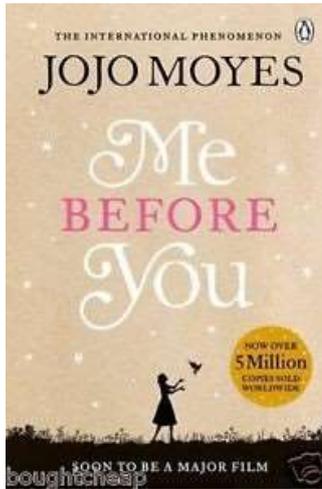
help in the preparation of their garden and the cafe corner.

Thank you to Peter Knight for his expertise and knowledge standing in the rain in the Wild Bit, which I hope many of you benefitted from. To Alex for her help with cakes and teas, to Kate for help serving teas and to Jo for her washing up skills. Also to all those who donated cakes for the occasion.

If any you enjoy a short run the Hospice is organising a Colour Rush 5K run for all the family 11th October in Aston Clinton. <http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/news/347/61/REGISTER-FOR-COLOUR-RUSH/>

Judy Hardcastle

September Book Club



The September Book Club meeting took place at Kate's house, where we discussed her choice, *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The book tells the heart-rending tale of Louisa, a young woman who finds herself in a predicament: how to convince Will, a young paralyzed man in her care, that he has something to live for. Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him

with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

There was no consensus of opinion about this book - some of us loved it, some hated it and some were ambivalent about it. This meant we did have a good discussion about the style of writing, characterisation and plot, with some people feeling it was a fantastic tear jerker, while others found it shallow and uninteresting. The deeper discussion of the evening was on the subject of Dignitas, and assisted dying, a topic which is covered in the book. Kate

From the District Neighbourhood Team

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Gripping **WHINING** Complaining

GRIFE OF THE MONTH

Where's our super-fast Broadband?

Early in his term of office the last Prime Minister David Cameron (remember him?) said:

“Access to the Internet shouldn't be a luxury; it should be a right – absolutely fundamental to life in 21st century Britain. That is why I'm announcing a giant leap in my digital mission for Britain. Just as our forebears effectively brought gas, electricity and water to all, we're going to bring fast broadband to every home and business that wants it. That's right: we're getting Britain – all of Britain – online, and on the way to becoming the most prosperous economy in the whole of Europe.”

Stirring stuff, almost Churchillian, but what has actually happened?

Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, was formed to dole out hundreds of millions of pounds of our money to companies bidding for the associated infrastructure. After a protracted and very expensive competition there remained only one bidder, BT, who now occupies a near monopoly position in the field.

These agencies are charged with 'providing superfast broadband coverage to 90% of the UK by early 2016 and 95% by December 2017'. However neither of these 'aims' is legally binding!

A recent Department for Culture Media & Sport publication proclaimed that “BDUK aims to continue to improve the UK's broadband network, with particular emphasis on making high-

speed broadband available in rural communities’.

Although we are less than 50 miles from London and less than 10 miles from the major towns of Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard we are classified as ‘Rural’, which gives the agencies the excuse for ignoring us so that I often get no more than 6Mbps (Megabits per second) download speed from a BT landline, even when I get a service at all.

David Cameron recently confirmed that the Government will introduce a new Universal Service Obligation (USO) that should give everybody the legal right to request a broadband connection capable of delivering a minimum speed of 10Mbps by 2020. However there is some speculation that this would come at a price to

the ‘rural’ customers and in any case our new prime minister has shown that she ideas of her own.

Oh and by the way BDUK acts as the ‘Broadband Competence Office’ to provide assistance with European funding for broadband projects’. So guess what the next excuse will be for not providing superfast broadband in Aston Abbots – BREXIT.

And finally the same organisation (BDUK) is also charged with improving mobile coverage in remote areas by 2016 – don’t hold your breath.

The final straw is the BT OPEN REACH van always parked on the Green proclaiming ‘Superfast Fibre...Connecting the nation...’.

David Gray



Village Hall news – October 2016

Update on refurbishment

Our chosen builder is Richard Kendrick of R K Construction. Richard is expecting to start around 17 October; the work will take 12-14 weeks, so the hall can be provisionally booked from Feb.

Apologies and thanks in advance to Peter and Alex, who have cheerfully lived for over a year with the prospect of their garden being dug up (so that the builder can do the underpinning at the end of the hall where the floor is subsiding).

Funding A big thank you to our funders: WREN, AV Community Chest/AV Housing Trust, the Christmas Show, the Parish Council, Waitrose, and many individuals and village groups for fundraising efforts and donations over the years. We still have a shortfall, so we are

still making other applications and are very grateful for donations. If you can help, please contact any one of us.

Vale Lottery

The top cash prize is £25,000 and every week a few people win £25. We are getting a small but regular payout from our local supporters that's really appreciated. If this is your thing, please buy your tickets from our page and we get 50%:

www.valelottery.co.uk/support/aston-abbotts-village-hall-trust

Aston Abbots 1000-2000: A village history is back in print at £10 per copy, proceeds to the village hall. please email us or give me a ring on 681373.

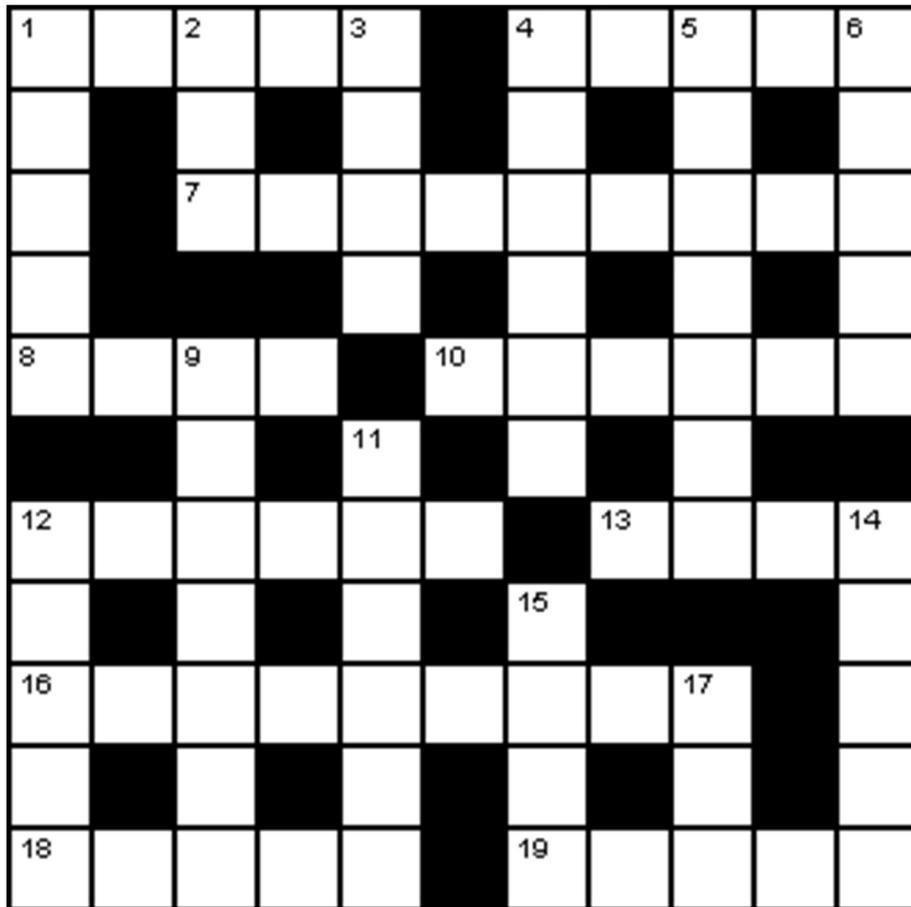
Caroline Lane – Aston Abbots Village Hall trustees.

Caroline Lane (Chair), Liz Hall (Secretary), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer), Peter Shorrocks, John Whyte, Kevin Copping.

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Crossword |



Down

1. Journal (5)
2. Menagerie (3)
3. World's longest river (4)
4. Secret or hidden (6)
5. Bustling (7)
6. Abated (5)
9. Placed a bet (7)
11. Thinner (6)
12. Consumed (5)
14. Proficient (5)
15. Female relative (4)
17. Part of a circle (3)

4. Hoard (5)

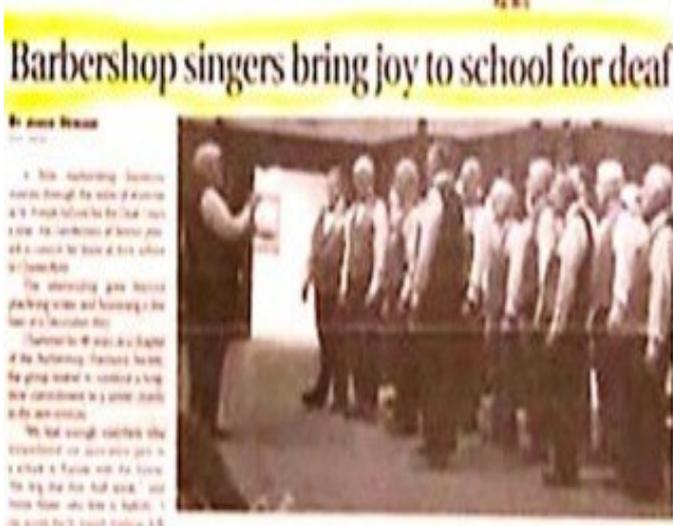
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied (5)

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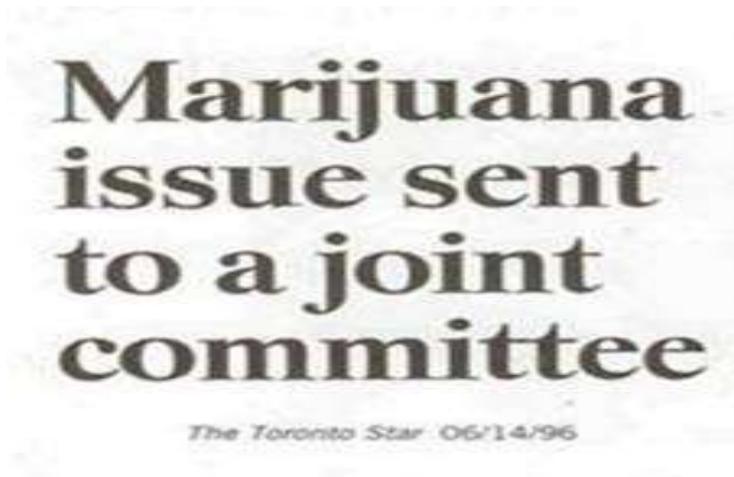
Across

1. Twelve (5)

Why we should not get rid of the newspaper trade



Meeting on open meetings is closed



Total lunar eclipse will be broadcast live on Northwoods Public Radio

If you're a stargazer, join KAXE 91.7 FM for a special skywatch on Sunday evening, Nov. 28. A spectacular view of the total lunar eclipse is predicted for northern Minnesota. KAXE and Itasca Community College physics professor Aaron Wenger will

If it's cloudy, call the station first for more information.

KAXE will broadcast the stargazing, and Wenger's comments about the lunar eclipse, live on 91.7 FM, beginning around midnight.

KAXE 91.7 FM is Northwoods Public Radio, a 17-

Bugs flying around with wings are flying bugs

By Wayne Hansen
Redwood Co. Extension Educator

"I've got these bugs that look like ants with wings flying around my house. What are they and how do I get rid of them?"

bugs.

Anthracnose continues to develop on many green ash, oak and maple trees. Small spots and blotches are the typical symptoms and are often accompanied by defoliation. NOTE: Do not co-

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

By The Associated Press

A fifth volunteer died Tuesday from an experimental drug touted as a miracle cure for hepatitis B, beyond medical rescue even as scientists unraveled the mystery of what went gravely wrong in a clinical trial.

Amazingly, the first dose was in plain sight a year ago, but somewhere at the National Institutes of Health, didn't know enough about how the drug worked to recognize what it meant, the study's lead scientist says.

"Something terrible happened and we missed it," Dr. Jay Hoofnagle said in an emotional

interview describing the horror of realizing the drug was killing people months after they stopped taking it.

"The dreadful thing [is] waiting to see what will happen," he said, his voice trembling, before learning of the most recent death. "I just hope we're over the worst."

The drug Fialuridine, or FIAU, had shown great promise for fighting the hepatitis B virus, which can cause deadly cirrhosis and liver cancer. When dogs passed toxicity tests unharmed, the Food and Drug Administration approved FIAU for human trials.

Too late, scientists would discover that in humans, FIAU steadily attacks the very building blocks of cells in livers, kidneys and nerves.

Five people treated with FIAU have died of liver and kidney failure, despite liver transplants for three of them. On Tuesday, a 57-year-old woman succumbed after two months in critical condition and two liver transplants at the University of Virginia Medical Center. One volunteer remains in serious condition there, and another is recovering from an Aug. 4 transplant at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Girls' schools still offering 'something special' – head

By [Name] [Address] [Phone]

Girls' schools are still offering something special, according to a new survey by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). The survey found that 85 percent of girls' schools offer a variety of extracurricular activities, including sports, arts, and music. Additionally, 75 percent of schools offer leadership programs, and 65 percent offer community service opportunities. The survey also found that 90 percent of schools offer a strong academic program, and 80 percent offer a variety of enrichment activities. The survey was conducted by NAIS, a national organization of independent schools for girls. The survey results show that girls' schools continue to provide a well-rounded education for their students, with a focus on academic excellence and personal growth.



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Services at Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

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2nd Oct.	6.00pm	Evensong	LLM Annie Cooper
9th Oct.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
16th Oct.	9.30am	Breakfast in the Village Hall	
		Followed by short service	
23rd Oct.	10.00am	Team Eucharist at Cheddington	
30th Oct.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd, Roger Hale

We look forward to seeing you

100 Club Draw September 2016

1st Prize, £50 Lol Hinds

2nd prize, £10 Gay Walker

Church Matters

Dear friends,
I wonder how you cope when you feel someone/some people are just being difficult for the sake of it or reacting in a frankly not very grown up way to something you have said or done. Disagreements on points of principle are inevitable of course and are entirely normal but sometimes we can overreact and not deal with things directly. It is sometimes easier, or so we can think, to avoid a face-to-face and just gossip, whisper in corners and studiously not speak to the person we have a problem with. This is always unproductive and indeed can

Shoebox appeal

Forms for the Shoebox appeal are now available at the back of the Church or from Shirley Lord and can either be for a family or Elderly. The form list items you cannot send. Boxes

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positively destructive of relationships.

When Jesus encountered issues in His travels around the holy land He met them openly and indeed often very strongly. He never refused to deal with issues and I think we can learn so much from this straightforward approach. An honest disagreement is good and fine, unnecessary unpleasantness is never so. Jesus used to say in such cases, 'let your yeah be yeah and your nay be nay'. All else would appear to be unhelpful.

May the God of peace bless you now and always. Philip.

returned by end of October
please

Church Matters

Aston Abbots is part of the Cottesloe Benefice comprising 4 parishes, Stewkley, Soulbury, Aston Abbots and Cublington. Some rough population statistics are as follows:

Parish	Adult Population	Households	Church
Stewkley	1450	740	Saint Michaels
Soulbury	630	270	All Saints
Aston Abbots	325	175	Saint James
Cublington	280	140	Saint Nicholas

I went to a Church Meeting (a Synod) at Saint Michael's Stewkley last month. The church is one of around six thousand churches built by the Normans in the twelfth century, but Saint Michaels is one of only three that have survived without later additions to their original plan. In 1862 the church was thoroughly and carefully restored by the famous Victorian

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architect
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the same
man who
presided



over the rebuilding of our own church in Aston Abbots at around the same time.

It was amazing to sit and look at stonework that had been fashioned and erected nearly 900 years ago. Well worth a visit.

The annual 'Ride & Stride' fundraising event took place on Saturday 10th September. The weather was not kind to the participants but there were still a few hardy souls that passed our way. Well done to Caroline Lane who cycled as far as Quainton and Ferney Junction.

We held an excellent Harvest Festival Service, preceded by on Breakfast in the Village Hall, on the 18th September. Young and old joined in the play-acting and brought produce to the Church. Fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed around the village and items with a good shelf life were sent to a local food bank.

The next event is a joint activity with Cublington arranged by April Curnow. See article in this month's chronicle. The Novice

Thursday Coffee Mornings.

Some twelve years ago two regular churchgoers, April Curnow and Rita Robinson, started the Thursday Coffee Mornings which have become such a popular social event for villagers and, thanks more recently to Tracey, they have continued to be so.

As the Village Hall will be out of use for several months, the PCC has decided to hold a Coffee Morning in Church on the **first and third Thursday** each month, starting in October ie on Thursday 6th. I am afraid

we haven't yet the facilities to provide Tracey's yummy bacon butties but she will be there with hot coffee/tea, cake and biscuits with the help of a member of the PCC. (We might even make use of a microwave so there could be some surprises!)

We will ensure that the church is warm and will look forward to seeing all the regulars again on **6th October** in church from 10am.

Caroline Abel Smith
Churchwarden

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Sat 9.30am-12pm, Sunday 12pm-7pm



October at the

Saturday 1st Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am, **Live Music** – Greg McDonald from 8.30pm

Sunday 2nd Lunch – served from 12-3pm – make sure you book!

Monday 3rd Legendary Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Thursday 6th – Steak Night – 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40

Friday 7th Coffee & Cake from 10.30am

Saturday 8th Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 9th Lunch – served from 12-3pm – make sure you book!

Monday 10th Legendary Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Tuesday 11th Live Folk Music

Thursday 13th – Steak Night – 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40

Friday 14th Coffee & Cake from 10.30am

Saturday 15th Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 16th Lunch – served from 12-3pm – make sure you book!

Monday 17th Legendary Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Thursday 20th – Steak Night – 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40

Friday 21st Coffee & Cake from 10.30am **Live Music – Mouth on a Stick** – From 8.30pm

Saturday 22nd Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 23rd Lunch – served from 12-3pm – make sure you book!

Monday 24th Legendary Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Wednesday 26th The Unicorn Golf Society – TUGS – 3 Locks – Autumn meeting.

Thursday 27th – Steak Night – 2 steaks and a bottle of house wine for £40 **with Jazz**

Friday 28th Coffee & Cake from 10.30am

Saturday 29th Breakfasts from 9.30am – 11.00am

Sunday 30th Lunch – served from 12-3pm – make sure you book!

Monday 31st Legendary Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Minutes of meeting Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th July 2016

Present: - Cllrs. Mrs K Curry (Chair), C Higgs, R Clarke, P Spooner, Mrs J Hardcastle, County Cllr N Glover, District Cllr P Cooper, Mrs Z Ayres (Clerk) and three members of the public.

County Council, district and Police Matters

- County Cllr N Glover shared her report which included: The Calvert Waste Plant is up and running and they are open to visits from schools. That carer's can get a discount card at a range of local/ national businesses by applying via: <http://www.carersbucks.org/services/carers-discount-card/> . Fire and Rescue are providing home risk assessments for prevention of fire and accidents. Adult social care is highlighting that loneliness can be very damaging to health and there are community practice workers to help. She shared the article re: a day in the life of a Waste Operative. Also that there was a questionnaire re: Unitary Councils. Her full report is available on the Aston Abbotts website.

Cllr P. Cooper informed the members that the broadband situation is still unclear and he still can't get a suitable response about what is happening. The Community Fibre Partnership is a different scheme where BT offer to share the cost with local residents – may be worth discussing with them further, but could be very costly to residents. On another matter Cllr Cooper suggested that local residents might be interested in receiving training for how to use the defibrillator and suggested getting a group together.

Village Matters

- It was AGREED to approach Kevin Copping to discuss whether he would be willing to run the fireworks night again. The members RESOLVED that they would be willing to donate up to £350 towards the fireworks should they be approached. The members also discussed the possibility of approaching local businesses for sponsorship.
- It was AGREED to discuss the tidying up of the bonfire with Kevin Copping. It was also AGREED to look at other possible options including turfing or fencing off the site and this would need to be discussed again at the next meeting

11/6/16 *Highways*

- The teething troubles of the Devolved Grass Cutting service were discussed and it was AGREED for the Clerk to give all the members a copy of the risk assessment so that they could ensure it was being complied with. The issues

of HGV lorries driving through the village was discussed and it was AGREED for the Clerk to approach Highways regarding new signage and the possibility of having a weight restriction on the 'Inner Green'

- Traffic levels through the village were discussed and it was AGREED for the Clerk to investigate the cost of a Village safety audit and feasibility study and also the cost of one just conducted on the 'Inner Green'. It was AGREED for the Clerk to share the communication she had had with Highways so far.

Recreation Ground

- Safety Check reports of the playground maintenance area – have been completed with no matters of concern.
- The Clerk informed the members that the new equipment had been ordered

Accounts:

- It was RESOLVED for the Council to move to full online banking
- The queries regarding the Financial Risk Assessment were resolved and it was AGREED to ratify them at the next meeting.
- **The following were approved for payment:**

	Date	Purpose	Expenditure	Amount Pd
Village Hall Trust	27/6/16	Grant towards renovation works	£5,000	£5,000
EON	11/7/16	Street Lights	£87.98	£92.38
AON	27/7/16	Insurance	£503.35	£503.35
Andy Muskett	27/7/16	Street light maintenance	£93.10	£111.72
John Brambles	27/7/16	Hedge Trimming	£130	£180
Mrs AK Ayres	27/7/16	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£272.84	£272.84
			£6,087.27	£6,160.29

Aston Abbotts Horticultural Show

Our first Horticultural Show was held in the village hall on Saturday 17th September and had some very good results which gave the judges hard decisions on choosing the winners in the different classes, which were:

Runner Beans. 1st place Richard Clarke. 2nd Gordon & Ann. 3rd Jeremy Stockdale.

Beetroot. 1st Simon Guy & Mike Bush. 2nd Caroline Abel-Smith

Plain Scones. 1st Mel Smith. 2nd April Curnow. 3rd Sophie Guy.

Ginger Fruit Cake. 1st Colin Higgs. 2nd Caroline Lane. 3rd April Curnow.

Decorated Chocolate Cake. 1st April Curnow. 2nd Sue Guy. 3rd Mel Smith.

Jar of Jam/Jelly. 1st Caroline Able Smith. 2nd Sophie Guy. 3rd Colin Higgs.

Autumn Beauty Floral Display. 1st Caroline Able-Smith. 2nd Colin Higgs.

Aston Abbotts Photos. 1st & 2nd Lesley Clough. 3rd Colin Higgs.

Children's Group.

Animal out of vegetable. 1st Rowen Clough.

Three small decorated cakes. 1st Rowen Clough.

Winners of 'The Great British Bake Off'. April Curnow.

Thanks to everyone who entered and to the judges.

Next year's show will be Saturday 2nd September. Let's get many more involved



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Play around the Parishes



A late addition.

The recreation ground was very busy on Friday 29th July. Lots of local children were enjoying an afternoon of bouncing, building, drawing, making and playing. It was a lovely opportunity to get the village

children, their family and friends together for an afternoon of fun. So a very big thank you to the Parish Council for funding this event, and to AVDC for organising the equipment and staff.

THANK YOU!

An Answer to Ivor Creek

From last month's Chronicle

My goodness me. It's plain to see

Old Ivor Cheek could write

What happened to his talents?

Did they vanish in the night?

If only in this village now

Such talent diabolical,

What classy rhymes for modern times

To print out in the Chronicle.

But nowadays

We like to praise

The smutty and obscene

To write with innuendo

Of the nasty and unclean.

No – Ivor Cheek

Has had his day.

No longer brought to light

His talents from the distant past

Have vanished in the NIGHT.

Find answers to your fostering questions

Is fostering something you have ever considered? Maybe you would like to but feel that you just don't know enough about what it involves and so haven't pursued it any further. Well now could be your chance to change that. We are running two new Fostering Information sessions in Aylesbury this month where anyone can go along to find out more about the process and ask any questions.

Members of our fostering team will be on hand with information and you can also take the chance to speak with real-life foster carers to find out about their experiences. The sessions take place on:

Thursday 22 September,
Multicultural Centre, Friarscroft
Way, Aylesbury, HP20 2TE, 7pm to
9pm Thursday 29 September,
Aylesbury Opportunities Centre,
Thame Road South, Aylesbury, HP21
8TS, 7pm to 9pm

The sessions are open to anyone with an interest in finding out more

about fostering a child or young person in Buckinghamshire but the session on 22 September will have a special focus on those from black and ethnic minority communities who may want to find out more.

Councillor Lin Hazell, Cabinet Member for Children's Services explained the need for more foster carers in Buckinghamshire, she said: "There are currently more than 400 children and young people in our county in need of a foster home.

"Fostering can be such a rewarding experience but also a daunting one at the start. These information sessions are a perfect way to dip your toe into the water to see if it is something you might want to do. You don't have to commit to anything, it is simply a way to find out more and have your questions answered so don't delay, register your interest today and find out if fostering is for you."

If you would like to attend one of the information sessions please register on our website. Go to: www.buckscc.gov.uk/fostering and click on the Fostering Information Sessions link.



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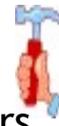
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However, four months of non-stop holidays and partying over the summer have taken their toll and piled on the pounds. Imagine Dave's distress on his final holiday; taking out his new skinny suit for a smart night out only to find he couldn't do the trousers up! He had to borrow a pair!!!

Face it Dave—you're just a fat b*****.

~ by A. Fatterbusted



Dave—after holidays!

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