

# *The Chronicle*

## *Aston Abbotts Magazine*



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CHRONICLE  
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### **New Events at the Royal Oak**

The Royal Oak Pub and Restaurant is one of the main hubs of the village. So it is only right to feature new events going on in January. We include something for everyone of all ages.

We have a new tempting winter warmer menus including a smash hit of homemade stew and dumplings.

The Quiz Master is back with a New Year Quiz Night on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Classic Film Night on the big screen. Thursday night 26<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm and every last Thursday in the following months. Films on offer include Casablanca, Gone With The Wind, The Bishop's Wife, The Godfather and many more. It's free and you can order dinner or cinema hotdogs, burgers, popcorn and of course ice cream. You won't see these classics at the pictures again so come and enjoy at the Royal Oak.

## **From the Editor**

Happy New Year fellow Abbotts. Again I must thank everyone for the cards and kind 'messages and actions I've received whilst I've been held up in the 'ho and spittle' (hospital) and since home recovering from what was a horrible experience. I so appreciate them and feel blessed that I live in such a great village with lovely people.

**Mr Phil' Spooner,** you Chronicle saver. Thank you for taking care of things again whilst I was unable to even string a sentence together.

### **Andy Shillingford**

It is with so much regret that I have to report that one of our most popular residents Andy Shillingford has died in Cyprus following a short illness. Andy's funeral is expected in January and our thoughts must be with Diana at this awful time.

**'The Astonians'** Do you know I love receiving letters and contributions on a range of subjects?! All are important to many readers. However I have to reply again to two complaints regarding the article, 'The Astonians'.

This series is a fun take on a village life with fictitious stories and characters. I've received many positive comments regarding 'The Astonians' but only two written complaints which are printed.

I must point out that the Chronicle is a magazine for all residents. I know that the complainants are avid readers of the Chronicle including 'The Astonians' I might add. All I would suggest is, give 'The Astonians' a miss if it offends you and as a response to your complaints I will try to take your sensitivity into consideration and tone the article down in the future. A Bit!!

## 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.

If no light is on in your home, curtains are not drawn, and no car is in the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that nobody is at home. At this time of year it pays to secure your home. There are a number of simple and free ways to do this, all of which will help reduce the chance of your home becoming a target.

Visit a local retailer to pick up a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. The timer can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone's home. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb

·Register your valuables on [www.immobilise.com](http://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.

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up to Thames Valley Alerts today at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

For further crime reduction advice you can also visit our website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) or call and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Adviser via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101

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

# Royal Oak Pub



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at  
7.30pm**

**Get a team together or join one for a  
fun packed evening. Just £2 in aid of  
village charities**

**Cash Prize and the Quiz**

**Masters Dinner for 2**

**Food Available**

## What's on in January?

<b><i>Function</i></b>	<b><i>January Date and Time</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>
<b>Whist Drive</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Royal Oak Pub</b>
<b>Coffee Shop</b>	<b>Thursday 12 &amp; 26 &amp; 10 -12 Noon</b>	<b>St James Church</b>
<b>Rambling Club New Years Lunch</b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.30</b>	<b>Ship Inn Lindslade</b>
<b>Breakfast Service followed by a short service</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b>	<b>St James Church</b>
<b>New Year Quiz Night with great prizes and fun night</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>Royal Oak Pub</b>
<b>Mobile Library</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30</b>	<b>The Green</b>
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm</b>	<b>St James Church</b>
<b>Classic Film Night On the BIG Screen</b>	<b>Thursday night 26<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm and every last Thursday in the following months.</b>	<b>Royal Oak Pub</b>

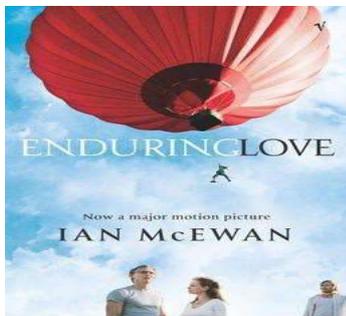
### **Break-in at village hall - appeal for information**

Sometime between 4.30pm on Friday 9th and 9am on Saturday 10th December, someone broke into the village hall and stole a mini-digger and a plate compactor belonging to Richard Kendrick, the builder. They must have used a van

backed up to the hall door. This is a major loss for a small business. If you heard or saw anything suspicious could you please ring Thames Valley police on 101? The crime number is 4316 034 6852.

## **The Aston Abbotts Book Club**

*The book club was started by the late John Hardcastle in 2009. The group meet once a month. There are twelve members, who take turns to choose a book for the group to read and host the meeting to discuss it over a few nibbles and a glass or two. Sally Clarke*



Book Club met at Sally Clarke's to discuss her choice *Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan, a psychological thriller first published in 1997. It begins by describing a ballooning accident in which a man is killed and the main characters meet for the first time - the narrator Joe and Jed Parry, who develops an obsessional love for him. Jed is suffering from a rare mental condition which is revealed as DeClerambault's syndrome. The sufferer becomes obsessed with

another and believes that their love is reciprocated, seeing imaginary signs and messages from their victim. No-one believes Joe when he says he is being stalked and it comes close to destroying his long term relationship with Clarissa. They are both in danger from Jed Parry who pays a hit man to kill Joe in a restaurant. The hit man mistakes another man for Joe and injures him. Joe goes on to procure a gun for self-defence which he later uses to rescue Clarissa from Jed Parry. There is a mystery surrounding the man who died in the ballooning accident and his widow suspects him of having an affair. Towards the end of the book her suspicions are proven to be unfounded and he is revealed as a hero. Jed is finally confined to a psychiatric prison still obsessed with Joe. The book is very well written. Some found it hard to get into after the intense suspense of the first chapter but the story evolved into a very readable thriller and was enjoyed by most of the group.

## Church Matters

The diary of St. James's On Friday 18th November April Curnow arranged a joint evening with Cublington in their 'Biggs Hall' to listen to a presentation by the Queen's Butler on his many and varied experiences in service. From his origins in the Army catering core to his Royal Butler role, William French gave a graphic account of life on the front line in Iraq and Afghanistan and the more light hearted side of his time on the Royal Yacht Britannia and in other stately homes. His collection of memorabilia, all acquired first hand would have raised eyebrows on more formal occasions but his audience loved the tales he had to tell and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. William's talk was preceded by a Fish & Chip supper which raised £400 shared between Cublington and Aston Abbots PCCs and the associated raffle raised a

further  
£240  
which was  
shared  
between



the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Society and Children in Need. Our thanks to April and her team for arranging this very enjoyable occasion.

During the storms of early December a piece of masonry dislodged from a corner of the tower and fell on the porch breaking several tiles. The tiles have been replaced so that the porch is now weatherproof again but we will have to do some further masonry consolidation on the ashlar fabric of the stair turret to delay any further erosion.

As the deadline for submission to the December issue was before any Christmas services I will have to report on them in the February Chronicle. As you will be reading this in 2017 may I wish you all a very Happy New Year. The Novice



**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
January 2017**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>No Service at Aston Abbotts Communion at Stewkley at 10 or Wing at 11am</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Peter Binns</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>9,30am</b>	<b>Breakfast in Church followed by All Ages Service</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Roger Hale</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Revd. Roger Hale</b>

**We look forward to seeing you**

**100 Club Draw December 2016**

**1st Prize, £50 Ann Pettie**

**2nd prize, £10 Alex Rathbone**



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**A note from a Mother**



I gave birth to you, but you came with no instructions. All I knew was that I loved you long before I saw you. I know I made some mistakes and for that, I am sorry, but I was doing the best I could with what I knew. Everything I did for you, I did from love. You are my child, my life, my dreams for tomorrow. I will always LOVE you and there is nothing that could ever destroy my love for you.

## For Sale

Five bikes for sale

Ladies, gents, 3 childrens

All need a bit of tidying up so any reasonable offer accepted.

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07968 672707

[jackie.farrands@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.farrands@btinternet.com)

## Readers Letters Etc.

**The Astonians is under the spotlight.** *Names supplied*

I am just writing to say that I agree with Peter Knight (November) and others before him: it's time to clean up - and drop the Astonians from a great height (or move them brick by brick to the US). Thank you! (CL)

Hey AstonPete, The Astonians is a welcome addition to what has become a boring magazine. (LW)

In answer to the complaint regarding the Astonians, The Astonians makes me laugh and if anyone is offended, turn the page. It's not compulsory to read it. With all the terrible things that happens around us, to moan about the Astonians is sad. Get a life!!! (KC)

Hopefully there will be some more feedback - I'm sorry it has taken me so long to say anything. I didn't mean to be rude and I appreciate the work

that must go into writing columns - toning down so that you don't need to print a disclaimer would be great. I think the Chronicle needs to be OK for six-year-olds, but not boring. Easy!! (CL)

The Astonians is hilarious. Keep it going. I understand it's not everyone's cup of tea. Nor is the Orchard News, but no one is forced to read it. I personally like the humour of it. Come on Mr Knight, Get a life. (LD)

Hi Pete. Love the Astonians. Would you do one about me? (M F)

*Ooh eh no. All characters are fictional.* (ED)

My partner and I love the article regarding the Astonians. We can't understand why some get upset about its contents it's not referring to any village people. (B&J)

The Chronicle? First thing I look for is the Astonians. (LC)

*The Astonians is on page 17. Be warned!!*

**Dear Editor**

### **Village house prices**

I was reading with interest how village house prices are affected by certain attributes. I.e. A village shop increases the value of your village home as does having a village pub.

We have lost our shop. We should hang onto our village pub by using it.

Rob

*My view entirely. Use it or lose it. (ED)*

As we find ourselves in our new home in Baschurch, Shropshire, having spent 35 very happy years in the village, we would like to send our seasonal greetings particularly to those of the 6.30 and the Thursday Coffee Morning Club.

A very happy New Year

### **Defibrillator**

### **Familiarisation Training**

District Cllr Peter Cooper has kindly offered to do some familiarisation training with the defibrillator in the New Year.

December 2016

Mollie and Fred Poulter.

### **Dog Poo**

In the last two weeks I have had to clear up dog poo off my lawn in front of my house, this is very unpleasant.

I am a dog owner myself and picking up your own dog's poo is tolerable but someone else's is quite disgusting. I live in Humphreys close so not on the road therefore whoever's dog is fouling on my property is either allowing their dog to roam free or they knowingly letting them do it. This is not the first time.

#this has happened, earlier this year there was a period when it happened very frequently but it then stopped.

I'm therefore making a public plea to the owner to take responsibility for your dog and its excrement.

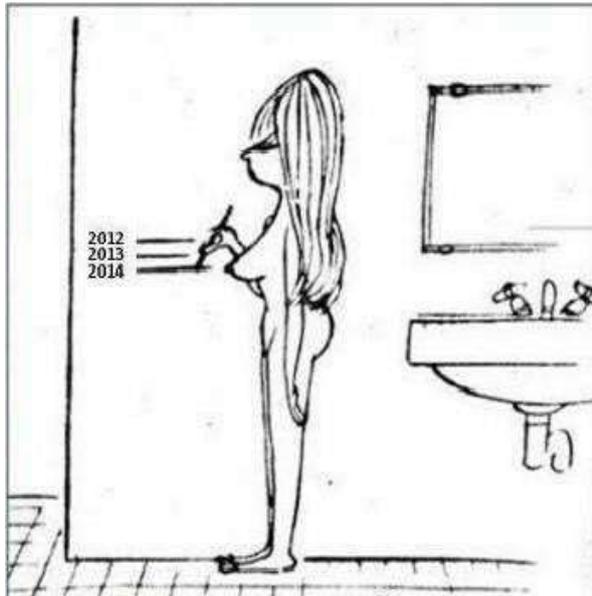
Emma Tomlinson

He is able to train up to 10 people at a time and is happy for this to take place in the Church or Village Hall subject to availability. If this is something that would interest you please

can you send an email to the Parish Clerk, indicating which dates and times would best suit you.

Many thanks,

Mrs Zandy Ayres Parish Clerk



## **NEED FOR VILLAGE FETE CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2017**

Due to family commitments, including a family holiday in LA in early July, I am not able to take responsibility for the 2017 Fete. The need for someone to come forward to take overall responsibility for the event is now becoming more urgent. In the last few days I have had to make some decisions in order to ensure that a 2017 Fete is

possible. I have been contacted by the Band and the Vintage Tractor Club who are keen to support us again but are receiving other requests for their attendance elsewhere. I have therefore had to decide that the Fete will take place on Saturday 22nd July 2017 and notified them accordingly.

If you are willing to take on this responsibility or form a small group to do it, then please contact me as soon as possible. [ukdavidgray@gmail.com](mailto:ukdavidgray@gmail.com) or Tel 681952.

David Gray



**Peter**

### **Shorrocks's Official Allotment**

The allotments are generally looking very forlorn at the moment, since many allotmentees, like me, have finished picking most of their crops, and have not got round to clearing the weeds that proliferate as soon as one stops pulling them up. There are some honourable exceptions, like Simon and Gordon, whose garden near me, and whose expanses of bare earth put my allotment to shame, but I think they are in the minority.

I still have a few rows of potatoes to dig up, having been away in October, when I would normally have done it: and I am thinking of leaving a row in the ground until, say, March, to see if the crop suffers as a result of this. I am optimistic it will not, since one old way of storing a potato crop was to put the

potatoes in a “clamp”: in other words to build up a pyramid of alternate layers of potatoes and earth, and to leave the crop in this over winter. I hope that leaving the crop in the ground will be tantamount to doing this. Otherwise I have a few parsnips and beetroots to harvest, and nothing else (my leek crop having failed this year).

I told you some articles ago about my mammoth sweet-corn plants called “Bloody Butcher” which had grown 10/11 feet high. I have recently realised the downside to such enormous plants: they have enormous roots as well! Digging them up needed a good spade and plenty of elbow-grease!

A couple of articles ago I mentioned seeing quinoa crops growing in Ecuador, and commented on the fact that this grain was now a trendy thing to eat – which I now gather was largely due to its

being promoted by Gwyneth Paltrow. I had assumed that quinoa farmers in Ecuador and Peru, where it was commonly grown, had benefited from this. However, I now discover that this was not the case. Initially there was a sharp rise in living standards because of its popularity; but soon the price of the grain fell because of low-cost production elsewhere, and Ecuadorian and Peruvian farmers found they were making less money than before. When prices fell by 40% last year, the food consumption of the households of such farmers fell by 10%; and wages fell by 5%! However, rising wages can bring other problems. The increase in wages for labourers harvesting avocados in Mexico led to record avocado prices there: and this in turn led to deforestation, as more and more of the forests there were cut down to produce land upon

which avocados could be grown.

Finally, I'm afraid that if you like nuts, I have bad news for you. Peanut production is heavily down in Argentina, and Turkey's crop of hazelnuts was also poor. Worse, there has been a severe drought in Vietnam where most of the world's cashew nuts are grown; and while the nut trees are resistant to drought, the dry spell has stunted growth, and had a disastrous effect on yields. The price of all these nuts is likely to go up. Cashews have increased remarkably in popularity in the UK, and we are now the world's 8<sup>th</sup> largest consumer of them – and they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular tree-nut behind almonds – beating both walnuts and pistachios.

Well, that's enough from me: may I wish all my readers a happy and prosperous 2017!

## NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

### **ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL**

**15 The Green, Aston Abbots,  
Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 4LX**

**Telephone 01296 682419**

**Parish Clerk – Mrs Zandy Ayres**

**Email –**

**[astonabbottsclerk@gmail.com](mailto:astonabbottsclerk@gmail.com)**

Notice is hereby given that by reason of the resignation of Councillor Carvey a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council.

Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing, stating what they feel they could offer to the Parish Council, before the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014. If any person would like to know more about what is involved with being a Councillor prior to applying they may contact the Parish Clerk or the Parish Council Chairman (on 681137). The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the

relevant date resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor. Unless a bye-election has been called for, election to the aforesaid Council will be voted for by the present sitting number of Councillors.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bob Carvey for his years of service.

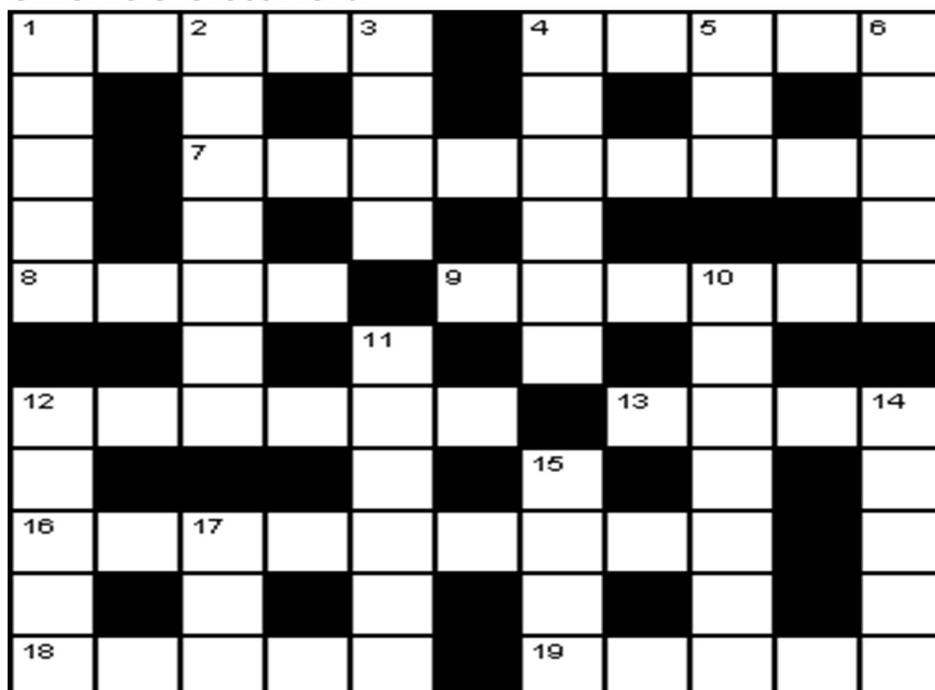
Mrs Zandy Ayres

Parish Clerk

### **Message from April**

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that I had a call today from Fred Poulter with the sad news that Molly passed away peacefully at 2am yesterday morning. She had been in hospital for two weeks having suffered a slight heart attack. April.

## Chronicle Crossword



### Across

1. Snake (5)
4. Saying (5)
7. Villainous (9)
8. Way out (4)
9. Bee house (6)
12. Maelstrom (6)
13. Desiccated (4)
16. Allowed (9)
18. Trench (5)
19. Indigent (5)

### Down

1. Obscure (5)
2. Wicker basket (7)
3. Prevalent (4)
4. Precipitous (6)
5. Fuss (3)
6. Composition (5)
10. Abbreviate (7)
11. Gusto (6)
12. Lacking taste (5)
14. Journal (5)
15. Stupefy (4)
17. Furrow (3)

## ***The Astonians –***

***astonpete has toned down a bit but may have gone a little political this month.***

***May not be suitable for 6 year olds!***

I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news but I've found out more about the unfortunate incident at the Aston Lake last week.

The Thames Valley Police report found a man's body in the lake. The dead man's name will not be released until his family has been notified. The

victim apparently drowned due to excessive drug consumption.

He was wearing black fishnet stockings, a red suspender belt, a pink G-string, purple lipstick, and a 'Corbyn for Prime Minister' T-shirt. He also had a cucumber in his rectum.

The police removed the Corbyn T-shirt to spare his family any unnecessary embarrassment.

Now I don't care what anyone thinks about our local police force but I think the police do care.

## **Vale Lottery**

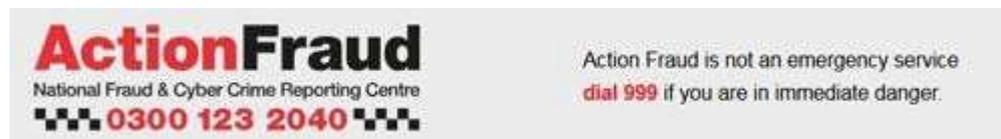
Many thanks to those who support the village hall via the Vale Lottery. I'm delighted to report that we have just had our **first cash prize winner** in Aston Abbotts!

You can join the Vale Lottery any time at [www.valelottery.co.uk](http://www.valelottery.co.uk) - buy

your tickets from our page and we get 50% of ticket sales. It costs £1 per week (there is a draw every Saturday), minimum 12 weeks. It's especially helpful to us during the building works while we have no lettings income, and we hope you are a winner too!

Caroline Lane - Aston Abbotts Village Hall Trust

**This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)**



There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled 'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo.

The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false.

The email and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to.

### **Protect Yourself**

- Opening attachments or clicking links contained within emails from unknown sources could result in your device being infected with malware or a virus.
- The City of London Police and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau will never email you asking for you to disclose personal information.
- If you believe you have become a victim of this fraudulent email get your device checked by a professional and make a report to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

# Oh the Press can get it so wrong sometimes.

Robin Dunbevand

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@ AUGUST 3, 2015 ADOBOCHRON LEAVE A COMMENT



CNN reports that, according to senior park official, Cecil the lion's brother Jericho, who is also a lion, was killed on Saturday in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park.

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# Crossword Solution

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**Aston Abbotts**

## **Village Hall news – January 2017**

### **The works**

At the time of writing, the window had been moved into the extension and the roof was going on. It should be looking more complete by now! And the concrete will be drying ready for the flooring to go down – we are having a hardwearing Karndean floor in the main hall and kitchen. Other jobs are the electrics, plumbing and kitchen, and of course the ramp. It's too soon to fix the reopening date, but do watch out for Postie notices from January. Please let Tracy know if you want to make a provisional booking for February onwards.

### **Theft of digger**

As most of you will have heard in December, thieves broke into the hall the night of 9-10 December and stole a mini-

digger and plate compactor belonging to RK Construction. A nasty reminder that there are dishonest people out there. We hope they are not coming back, but if you do see anything suspicious out of hours please ring the police.

### **Funding**

Just before Christmas we heard that the Garfield Weston Foundation had granted us £7,500 – a lovely Christmas present for the hall and reduces our shortfall substantially. The original Garfield Weston was a philanthropist who established Associated British Foods; the Garfield Weston Foundation is now one of the largest and most respected charitable institutions in the country, and the family Trustees consider a wide variety of causes, large and small, for funding. Thank you Garfield Weston! More details at [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)

### **Raffle**

If you bought tickets last month, we hope you were a winner! If you were not, the hall certainly was, so thank you for your support.

### **Vale Lottery**

Please buy your tickets from our page. You could win cash; and we will get 50% of the value of tickets that you buy so here's that link again:

[www.valelottery.co.uk/support/aston-abbotts-village-hall-trust](http://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/aston-abbotts-village-hall-trust)

Happy new year to all!

Caroline Lane – Aston Abbots Village Hall trustees

Aston Abbots Village Hall Trustees group: Caroline Lane (Chair), Liz Hall (Secretary), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer), Peter Shorrocks, John Whyte, Kevin Copping. Email: [astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com](mailto:astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com)

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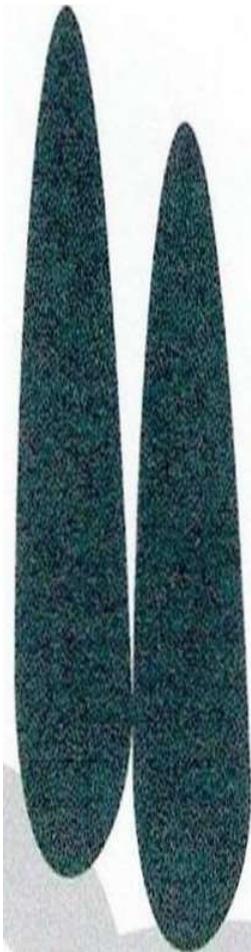
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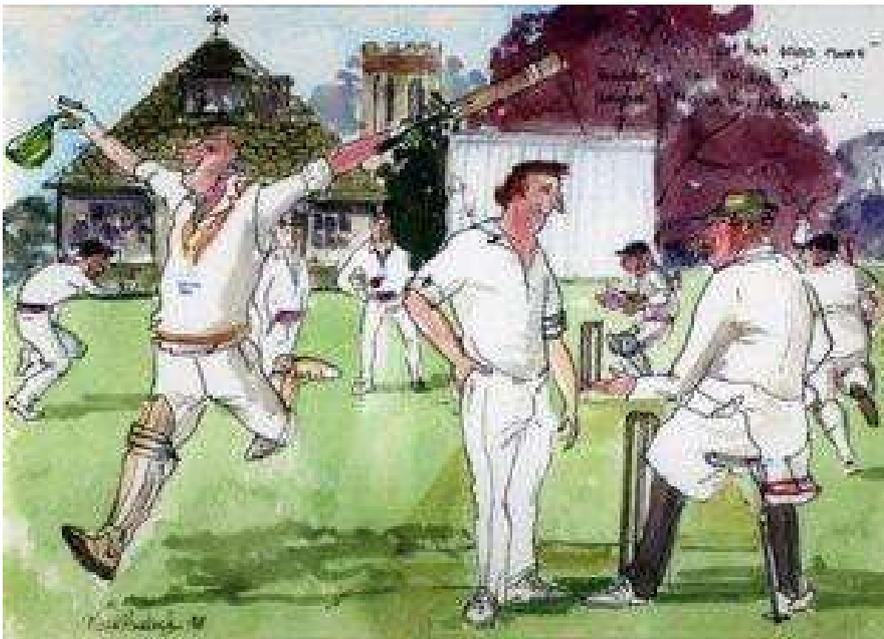
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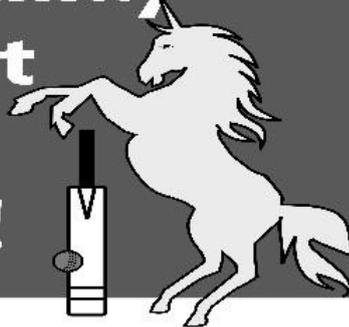
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interested [in.judyhardcastle@me.com](mailto:in.judyhardcastle@me.com) or at Marloes, Lines Hill. The draws will take place two weeks prior to the day of each show.

Please can I remind to submit a review to the Chronicle if you are lucky enough to win a ticket.

*Judy Hardcastle*

Show	Date & Time
RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC	SAT 7 JAN 7.30PM
GASLIGHT Starring Kara Tointon, Keith Allen	MON 16 JAN 7.30PM
<i>THE TWITS</i>	TUE 24 JAN 6.30PM
<i>AGGERS AND TUFFERS</i>	WED 1 FEB 7.30PM
<i>ST PETERSBURG CLASSIC BALLET: SWAN LAKE</i>	THU 2 FEB 7.30PM
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Show	Date & Time
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<i>JETHRO</i>	SUN 13 OCT 7.30PM
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<i>ABBA MANIA</i>	THU 7 NOV 7.30PM
<i>THE FOUR SEASONS BY CANDLELIGHT</i>	FRI 8 NOV 7.30PM
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<i>READY STEADY COOK</i>	FRI 29 NOV 7.30PM
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## Walk Ways Under Threat

On 1st January 2026 – not 10 years away – it will no longer be possible to use documentary evidence to claim ‘lost ways’. Any path, track, alleyway, bridleway, cut-through, etc. not registered on the definitive map could be in danger of being lost forever. Even old and still well-used, but officially unrecorded, paths and tracks may be at risk. The ancient maxim on which many past claimants have relied: ‘once a highway always a highway’ will be history.

What does that actually mean to those of us who walk, cycle or horse ride along our local public footpaths and bridleways? Simply...if it isn’t registered, an owner could put a gate or fence across it and prohibit all entry to the public – quite legally – and think how that could hinder our access to the countryside. Here are just a few questions worth considering.

Just in your parish:

\_\_\_\_\_ is not currently used, but could potentially be useful in the future;

\_\_\_\_\_ walked as a child that is not currently accessible;

\_\_\_\_\_ bridleway suddenly ends at the parish or county boundary or why does that bridleway suddenly end and become a footpath;

\_\_\_\_\_ bridleways accurately mapped by the Ordnance Survey;

\_\_\_\_\_ metalled highway or is there a strip of gravel not marked as a footpath or bridleway on the map;

\_\_\_\_\_ use through your local wood actually a definitive path?

After 2026 historic map and documentary evidence will be inadmissible to claim ‘lost’ or existing routes not on the definitive map (though it will be possible to claim paths on the basis of 20 years, unopposed, use).

The basic message is starkly simple – the risk is that we take our access to the countryside for granted; we use routes for recreation and as a means of linking places together; but if we don’t check what we

already have, or what has been used in the past, we could lose it. If we don't research what we use now and have done in the past, we may never get another chance to register it in future.

Do you have any old maps, letters, books or photos which show that paths once existed? They could be very important – verbal memories also often provide worthwhile clues!

Fortunately, the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum, Open Spaces Society, the Ramblers and British Horse Society, among others, and our parish council are taking an initiative to do what they can for the benefit of local parishes and

### **An English village revisits its Czech history: The Benes years in Buckinghamshire**

During the Second World War, the former Czechoslovak President Edvard Benes and his government were in exile in England. Originally they were based in London, but in late 1940, due to the blitz, the President and his Cabinet moved to a small village called Aston Abbots, in the southern English county of

our neighbours to secure unrecorded paths for future generations to enjoy. Will you help us, please?

We may need people to check maps, walk paths, do research and get new links approved – this is both a countywide and countrywide initiative.

If you are interested and are prepared to help, contact Ross Osborn ([rossosborn41@gmail.com](mailto:rossosborn41@gmail.com)) who can either put you in contact you're your local volunteer, or will send you all the information you need to know to start out on this potentially fascinating detective hunt.

Buckinghamshire. In addition to the government personnel, Czech, Slovak and Ruthenian presidential guards also stayed in the village. President Benes and his wife, along with the entire Czech community of the time left a deep impression in Aston Abbots and sixty years later, the villagers and diplomats came together to celebrate this history. Kate Barrette was in Aston Abbots for the Czechoslovak memorial festival.

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There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled 'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo.

The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false.

The email and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to.

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