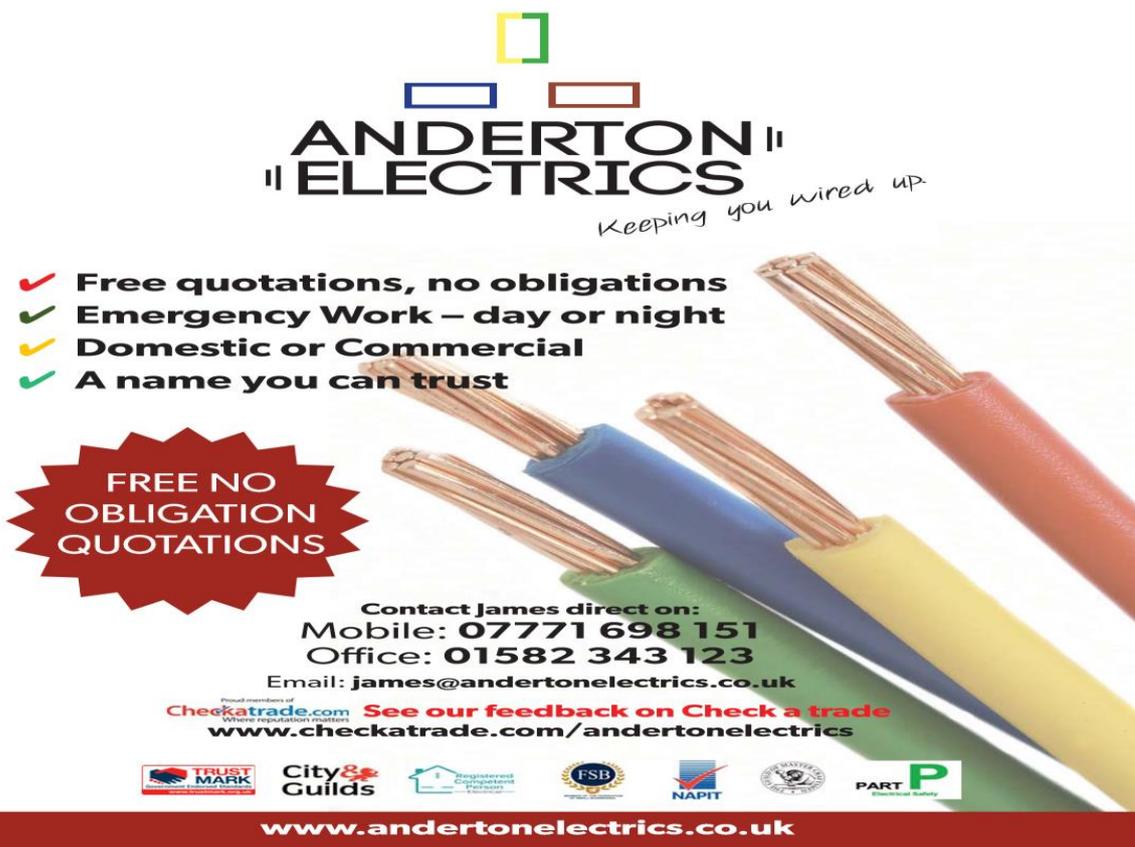


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Quiz Night Sunday 2nd September 7.30pm

From the Editor.

Must start with an apology for the lack of sound equipment during the village quiz night in July.

Happy to say that normal service resumes on Sunday 2nd September. Hope to see you for a good night out.

I was asked to contact the Council about the poor state of the tarmac paths on the front side of The Green. I reported this to the

relevant department who assured me they would look into it and come back to me. I can share with the concern due to falling over on this path myself. I thought I would have an answer for anyone concerned but when I enquired, I was informed the relevant person was on holiday. I will follow this up. However the Parish Council is onto this now. See Parish Council Minutes. **Pete**



News in brief

Thames Valley Police seeks to reunite tradespeople with their stolen tools.

Following a large recovery of stolen power tools in February, Thames Valley Police is appealing for victims to get in touch in the hope of reuniting them with their stolen tools.

More than 2,000 power tools were recovered near Aylesbury in early February. These included power drills, routers and impact drivers.

The tools were recovered on 2 February so if your tools were stolen after this date, they will not be part of this operation.

Officers from the Buckingham District neighbourhood team have just recovered two vehicles suspected of being used to commit tool thefts from vans in Winslow, Wing and Buckingham areas over recent days.



Wild Fire Cublington



Whilst on patrol officers spotted a large fire in a farmer's field in Cublington. Some quick thinking by local farmers helped to prevent it spreading further.

The field had to be harvested immediately. Another great example of teamwork in the community!



The Somme Oak!



During a casual chat over the garden fence with Alex Abel Smith, some time in mid July, he mentioned that in October 2017, he'd been involved with the organisation and arrangements for the international battle of the Somme centenary celebrations. While in Belgium, an ancient oak was pointed out to him in the Somme area where some of the various battles had been fought. Moved by its history, Alex picked up a handful of acorns from beneath the tree, brought them home and planted them.

He now has five healthy eight month old saplings; but of course they're oaks and will eventually be far too big for his or most other private gardens!!!

Given their provenance, I thought I'd 'float' the suggestion that it

might be a nice gesture for at least one to be allowed to 'grow on' in a public space in Aston Abbotts. Suitably adopted/documentated by say the Parish Council or Church, it would then hopefully become a living reminder of the sacrifice made by our former village lads who are honoured on our war memorial and so well researched and recorded in great detail by Simon Guy; a tangible symbol of our respect, as well as becoming part of our village history for many centuries to come.

The purpose of this note is to ensure the opportunity is not missed by the village to create such a powerful, living link with our history by at least putting the idea into the public domain for discussion.

LETTERS

to the Editor

Hi Peter

In the chronicle it mentioned funding needed for traffic calming, I would be interested in joining a fundraising group anything to protect the lives of us residents on our village roads.

Do you remember a couple of years ago we all had letters from the parish council with about 5 choices of traffic calming for the village asking us to tick which one we thought most suitable, I filled mine in and returned but we never heard anything more about what we had all voted for. I do wonder how many residents are concerned enough about the traffic issues within our village we need as many as possible so we can get our concerns listened to. I had thought of writing to the transport minister in the hope he would listen.

I know I am probably speaking out of order but last year I attended a parish council meeting and the issue of traffic calming was brought up we got the usual response of it will cost a lot of money which we don't have, but the next item discussed was fireworks for bonfire night and the parish council agreed to give £500 I sat there and thought surely the traffic calming is more of a priority than fireworks I know £500 is just a drop in the ocean for the cost of traffic calming but as they say every little helps and surely the lives of residents is more important than a few fireworks.

I breathe a sigh of relief if I do dare to walk up moat lane and get to the bridle path that I have got there safely one day I may not be so lucky or another unfortunate resident if something isn't done soon. Thank you for listening **Lyn.**

Hi all

Until recently I was the owner of four horses, one of which was the large palomino. Some of our villagers use the village circular walk and walk through the field in which the horses lived at the top of Lines Hill. The palomino was put to sleep on Tuesday morning by our vet after overnight, the horse suffered a severe bout of intestinal colic, a twisted gut in horses. He was 25 years old and in good health so the colic may have been a natural ageing condition. It may also have been caused by a well intentioned passer by feeding the horse something not within his usual diet. We also have a horse which suffers a form of equine diabetes. We would like to jog the memory of our passers- by that feeding any horses without the owner's consent may not be the most sensible course of action.

As I say, this horses passing may have been totally natural but it would be remiss if I didnt raise the issue on behalf of our other horses.

Please accept this reminder in the well intended manner in which I post it.

many thanks. **Jeff Bannister**

Hi Peter,

In the next edition of the chronicle would you mind putting a reminder that the car parking area in Bricstock is for Residents only. There is a sign stating this.

Thank you **Lyn**

Hi Pete

Wondered if you wanted to put something in the Chronicle about a special fund raising day we are having on 2nd September. We aren't really doing Open Days anymore but this is special. My brother in law is head teacher at Mary Bassett lower school in Leighton Buzzard and 2 years ago a pupil contracted meningitis aged 8. His baby sister was just 6 days old. He was in hospital for 10 months and then lost all 4 limbs. Bless his little heart. We don't know him or the family but his story touched our whole family. A couple of months ago his family contacted us to ask if we could

donate a raffle prize as they were trying to raise £11K so he could be fitted with a special bionic arm. He is now 10 and walks to school on prosthetic legs. A true trooper. I just couldn't stop thinking about him and how we could do something to help. So, we are having an Open Day! All profits from the day will go towards his prosthetic arm. We have been

offered lots of help which is fantastic so we can make it feel like a community event. I have attached a poster I have just put together. If anyone would like to offer their time/cakes or any left overs from the village fete we would gratefully receive them! Kye and his family will be here on the day. Let me know if you need any further info. **Jo**

SPECIAL FARM OPEN DAY Sunday 2nd Sept 2018

11:00-15:30

RAISING FUNDS FOR A
BIONIC ARM
for a special boy called Kye

Entry £5
per person

- Meet our Alpacas & Rare Breeds
- Classic cars/Bikes & Tractors/Quad Bikes
- BBQ of Free Range Rare Breed Meats
- Home made cakes & refreshments
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- Children's Entertainment
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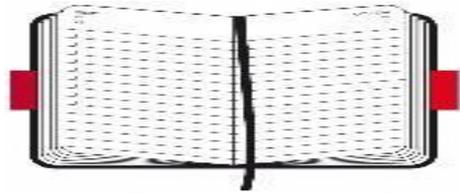
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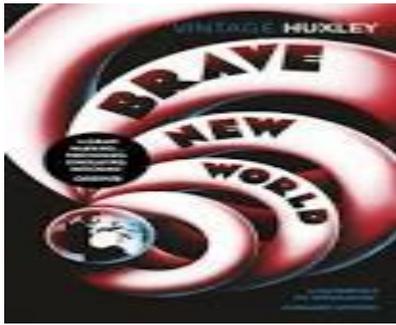
December 2nd

What's on in September



Horticultural Show	Saturday 1st. 10am	Village Hall
Special Open Farm Day. Alpa Farm	Sunday 2nd. 11-3.30pm	Alpaca Farm Aston Abbots
Evensong	Sunday 2nd 6pm	Church
Village Quiz Night	Sunday 2nd 7.30pm	Royal Oak
Pilates	Tues 4/11/17/24 9.30am	Village Hall
Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting	Tues 11th. 11am Transport queries to Colin	Buckingham
Parish Council	Wednesday 12th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Wed 5/12/19/26. 5.45pm	Village Hall
Morning Café	Thur 6/13/20/27. 10-12	Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 13th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Bucks County Show	Thursday	
Whist Drive	20th 7.30	Village Hall
Chronicle contribution day	Monday 24th 4pm	
Bucks County Show	Thursday 30th	Weedon

JULY BOOK CLUB REVIEW



For the second month in a row we were able to enjoy a meeting outside when we met for our July meeting to discuss Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. I expect some of you may have been made to read it at school or college.

I think it is fair to say that the book was considered interesting rather than a great read and one member absolutely loathed it but it did make for an unusually long discussion.

I choose it because I wanted to avoid choosing a Richard and Judy book club modern pick and thought this famous book written in 1931 might be interesting both for its content and also to consider how a book becomes "classic".

The book opens with a tour of the New World's carefully controlled production line of new babies as the Director of the facility explains

to students the process of producing new citizens for the Brave New World. We soon learn that babies are created specifically to belong to different classes of society. The Alphas who get all the top jobs, the next tier of Betas, then Deltas, Gammas and Epsilons. The last 3 groups are not produced individually but the development process manipulated to make up to 72 identical individuals from one egg. We then learn that these babies are not given to their parents but reared in nurseries where they are conditioned in a variety of ways to be good citizens of this New World designed to keep its inhabitants in a state of happiness.

But there is a problem, despite their strict quality control things can go wrong and a minor error during production has made Bernard different. He becomes disillusioned with his life of pleasure and privilege and wants to break free. He gets himself permission to visit one of the last remaining Savage Reservations where some people from the old

order remain. There he meets John and his mother Linda who had become stranded in the reservation after visiting with The Director. She has become pregnant and had John (The Director's child) who is aware of the Brave New World that his mother longs to return to. Bernard arranges for both Linda and John to return and the stage is set for a clash of cultures. Somehow John has acquired in the reservation the works of Shakespeare and he finds the Brave New World totally horrible. Linda, who has aged while stuck in the reservation, is viewed with horror by a society designed not to age.

The book is remarkable when you consider it was written in 1931 as it describes many ideas and scientific advances that we can recognise today. It predicts the ability of scientist to create life and manipulate human reproduction and raises questions about how that science should be used. The babies are subjected to propaganda while they sleep (hypnopaedia) so they accept their lot in life and have the correct attitudes for their allotted class. That same propaganda promotes the idea of

continued consumption which is good for The Brave New World in much the same way as modern governments seek constant economic growth. In this imagined world drugs are used to pacify the people with daily doses of Soma being freely available to keep everyone in a sort of pleasant, chilled out state. It also questions whether humans can every truly be happy, that unhappiness is part of the human condition and that it is impossible to be always happy. This is what John seems to decide when he opts to return to the Reservation.

This book is probably considered a Classic because it concerns itself with universal themes. Ideas about how society should be organised have been proposed for centuries with the work of Political Philosophers such as Plato in The Republic who interestingly thought children should not be reared by their parents. Brave New World is of course a fictional novel but it raises issues about the nature of humans and the effect that technological and scientific advances could have on us all.

Sally Palmer



Good Samaritans Bingo!

£303.50 raised in June for:



£100 raised in July for:



Lifeboats

Join us on Thursday 13th September

Aston Abbots Village Hall

7.30pm start

In aid of: Parkinson's UK



Waterside Festival ***Saturday 8 September***

11am – 6.30pm

Waterside, Aylesbury town centre.

This September there's a new and exciting festival for Aylesbury town centre. Celebrating Aylesbury's two-hundred year canal history coming together with its new and exciting developments, Waterside Festival is set to be another enjoyable occasion to bring communities together.

For its first year Waterside Festival will host a vibrant mixture of stalls, activities and treats to suit everyone. Indulge your senses in a continental

market of over 30 stalls, a floating market, live music, theatre and choir performances, canal boat trips, street entertainment, water-based activities, a pieces-of-eight treasure hunt, arts and crafts, food tasters, refreshments and so much more!

The event will take place on Saturday 8 September, 11am – 6.30pm, at Waterside, the canalside public space surrounded by Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, Waitrose, University Campus Aylesbury Vale, Travelodge and the town centre's canal basin.

Waterside Festival is a new initiative led by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership. For all the latest information, news and updates, please visit: www.watersidefestival.org

The Astonians – Louie S- S- SELL ! *astonpete*

Well, have I got some gossip for you. I heard it on good authority (Molly Proctor, the nosey bat) that the other week, despite constant congregations, the church was running out of funds and vicar needed help getting the village church out of financial trouble. However, while checking the church stockroom, he discovered several boxes of new Bibles that had never been opened and distributed. So at

his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the Bibles door-to-door for £10 each to raise desperately needed money for the church.

Jack Brocklebank-Fowler, Paul Cheryle and Louie Parsworth all raised their hands to volunteer for the task, I'm told. And I'm sure you

all got a knock on the door. I did and was very happy to buy one.

Anyway the vicar knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some Bibles but he had serious doubts about Louie who has always kept to himself because he is embarrassed by his speech impediment. **Oh yes!**

Poor Louis stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage Louis, the vicar decided to let him try anyway.

He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with Bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday.

Molly said that last Sunday the vicar asked Jack how he did selling the Bibles the previous week.' Handing the Vicar an envelope, Jack replied, 'Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 Bibles and here's the £200 I collected.' **I can't stand Jack!**

'Great job, Jack!' shaking his hand. 'You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is proud of you.'

Turning to Paul, 'Paul, how many Bibles did you sell?' Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, replied, 'I am a professional salesman. I sold 28 bibles and here's £280 I collected.' **I can't stand him either!**

Apparently the vicar responded, 'that's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you.'

Molly continued, the vicar turned to Louie and said, 'And Louie, did you manage to sell any Bibles last week?' Louie quietly offered the vicar a large envelope. The Vicar opened it and counted the contents. 'What is this Louie? There's £3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 Bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?'

Louie just nodded. That's impossible!' both Jack and Paul said in unison. 'We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many Bibles as we could.' 'Yes, this does seem unlikely,' said the Vicar. **I'm going off him too!**

I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this Louie.'

Louie shrugged. 'I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure,' he stammered.

Peter interrupted. 'For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!'

Result of Aston Abbotts Fete Dog Show:

Best In Show: Lily, a Pomeranian, owned by Nick

Reserve: Murtle, a Borzoi, owned by James



Many thanks to all my brilliant helpers and a special thank you to our sponsor Farrow & Paw dog

'A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was, W-w-w-would y-y-y-you I-I-I-I-I like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-bible F-f-for t-t-ten p-p-p pounds --- o-o-o-or--- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just I-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??'

Yes I was also happy to buy one!

groomers 07887

933345farrowandpaw@outlook.com (check them out on Facebook)

A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the tearoom we sold nearly all the bigger cakes just a few slices left. We had a few too many small cakes so those were sold on the cake stall. I have a square Harrods tin please let me know if it is yours so that I can return it. Also big thank you to all the helpers.

Sally Palmer Tel: 681152

Sally Clarke

Aston Abbotts Parish Council Minutes of meeting number 6/18

Held in The Village Hall on Wednesday 1st August 2018

Present: - Cllrs. Mrs K Curry (Chair), C Higgs, Cllr Shorrocks, Cllr Cooper (District), Cllr Glover (County) Cllr Hardcastle, Cllr Guy, Cllr Clough, Mr F Post (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

District Council Matters

It was noted that Unitary decision for Bucks still pending
Cllr Cooper highlighted that Phase 2 of the Express rail will be approved shortly

It was noted that developments for Broadband had not improved, with Sept 2019 still the deadline for implementation

It was noted that the effectiveness of the dynamics between planning and enforcement was improving with little attrition in Planning and recruitment taking place in Enforcement

County Council Matters

Cllr Glover highlighted the following:

The development of a new HS2 website

The public consultation of a new delivery model for Early help services

Consultation of BCC's approach to providing short breaks for carers.

Police Matters

Cllr Curry stated her intent to consult local police for the provision of mounted riders to traffic calm drivers when horses are on the roads

Council Matters

Following Cllr Shorrocks resignation the deadline for submissions to the electoral office are 13th August

Weeding – Pavements – quote from Buckland still pending required for annual contract

Benches – the Green and Lines Hill – after some discussion it was agreed to seek quotes for the replacement of the Lines Hill bench and repair of The Green bench slats

Czech Event – alternative of 22nd September agreed with Embassy

Silent Soldier Campaign – Cllr Guy provided an update on availability and it was agreed to position one silhouette on the Church pavement and then consider a number of other locations

Code of Practice – Clerk to circulate draft

Recreation Ground

Safety check reports pending

After some discussion it was agreed to proceed with repairs to the recreation ground as follows: seating fixtures (£10), gates (£100), adjustment and treatment of basketball hoop (£20), rocker (£20), cableways (£100),

goal post securing (£20), general upkeep (£20): total cost £290

It was agreed to obtain quotes for replacement of picnic tables and 5-a-side goal post nets

Planning

All agreed to appoint Cllr Hardcastle to planning committee

Applications 18/1275/APP and 18/1276/ALB Royal Oak: it was agreed to support the conditions laid down by the Heritage Trust and request adequate provision of surfacing for the overflow car park

18/02391/APP Firs Cottage: no objection

18/01047/APP Windmill Hill Barns: no objection

18/00027/NONDET Abbots View Farm: no input to written application

Transport

Speed tubes scheduled for Lines Hill in September

TfB plan for traffic calming on the Green imminent

White lining on hold pending implementation of other measures

Repairs to kerbs on the Green are in hand.

Accounts. The following expenditure items approved

Activity	Net Cost	VAT	Total Cost	Payee
Repairs Lighting	32.3	6.46	38.76	Aylesbury Mains
Electricity	131.24	6.56	137.80	EON
Electricity	127	6.35	133.35	EON
Internal Audit	70.00		70.00	Nigel Palmer
PAYE	60.00		60.00	PB Financial Solutions
Play around the Parishes	780.00		780.00	AVDC
Play around the Parishes	-780.00		-780.00	AVDC
Play around the Parishes	580.00		580.00	AVDC
Grass Cutting	115.00	23.00	138.00	Buckland Landscapes
Tax	300.00		300.00	HMRC
Expenses	20.00		20.00	H Post
Salary	150.12		150.12	H Post
Totals	1585.66	42.37	£1,628.03	

**NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH
COUNCIL**

Clerk to the Parish Council – Mr Frank Post
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astonabbottsclerk@gmail.com

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

Any person wishing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing, stating what they feel they could offer to the Parish Council, before the 12th September 2018.

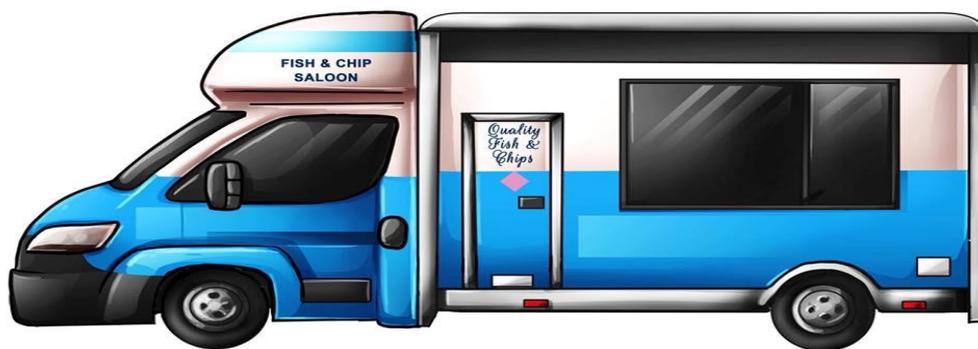
If any person would like to know more about what is involved with being a councillor prior to applying they may contact the Parish Clerk or the Parish Council Chairman (Kate Curry, on 01296 681137). The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have 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 by-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 Peter Shorrock for his many years of service.
Mr Frank Post. Clerk to the Parish Council.



Don't forget the Fish & Chip Van. Wednesdays from 8.10pm



ASTON ABBOTTS SUMMER BALL 2018

The date was set and the organizing had begun in earnest.

Last year was great. This year hopefully the event would be bigger.

The more bums on seats the more money hopefully raised in the charity auction.' However it wasn't to be, unfortunately the date clashed with other special events that last years guest's would be attending, so ticket sales were down..!

Discussions were held on a daily basis whether to cancel. People whom had already purchased tickets were informed as were all involved in the event.

The support was amazing!

The ball had to go on it was unthinkable of letting people down whom genuinely wanted the event to go ahead. The 14th July was a great success an amazing evening

seeing everyone come together and celebrate a wonderful occasion.

Everything was so perfect! What a pleasure to be in the company of such beautiful people inside and out you are all fantastic! We are so grateful to you in helping raise £2500 for Macmillan Cancer Support plus £320 for Festival of Light.

We want to thank the team of volunteers who were involved in putting together the event. You did a phenomenal job giving your time and expertise.

We had pleasure in organizing the function from start to finish including the ups and downs!

We look forward to the next one to be held in 2 years!

Louise & Frank McManus

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The Bucks Show - Weedon Park near Aylesbury, HP22 4NN

Thursday 30 August.

The Bucks County Show is fun day out for the whole family but did you know that you can also speak directly to dozens of County Council service teams at the same time?

Whether you have a burning question about transport and roads, want to find out more about fostering or are keen to discover more about what the County Council does, simply head along to our marquee at the show and speak to us.

Staff from more than 20 service areas including libraries, archives, Buckinghamshire Family Information Service, waste, Transport for Bucks, flooding, adult learning, communities and digital services will be on hand to talk to residents, answer questions and give out information. Free tea and coffee will be available to everyone who comes to visit our stands as well as a variety of free

activities for children including making a mini rain garden and story time sessions.

Councillor Noel Brown, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health said: "The Bucks County Show provides us with a great opportunity to get out and about, meeting directly with local residents.

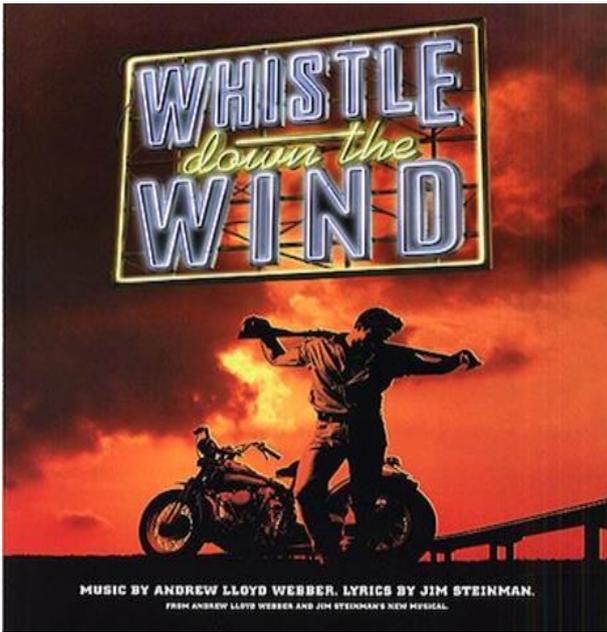
We are looking forward to chatting to as many people as possible, listening to their opinions and concerns and informing them of the work we are doing to improve services and facilities around the county."

Early bird discounts are available on tickets bought in advance. To buy tickets visit:

<https://buckscountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk>

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Whistle Down the Wind – Review by Pete Lucas ****



The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical 'Whistle down the wind' tell the tale of three children of recently widowed father find a strange man in their family barn. They jump to the conclusion that the man, in reality an escaped killer, is none other than Jesus Christ. Excitement erupts as word spreads among the children in their small farming community in the Deep South. Adult scepticism abounds until their father catches wind of the story and begins to investigate.

Vivo D'Arte, Aylesbury Waterside Theatre and a cast 110-strong join forces for Stage Experience 2018.

Whistle Down the Wind. Performers from Amersham, Aylesbury, Berkhamsted, Bicester, Buckingham, Chesham, Hemel Hempstead, High Wycombe, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes, Oxford, Princes Risborough, Thame, Tring, Waddesdon, Weston Turville, Whitchurch, Wingrave and Winslow take part in the project funded by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The cast would not be out of place in the West End. The children were just a delight with their choreography and perfect voices.

I never expected so much music in the production and exercised to such a high standard. Credit to the whole team.

Although I am unable to name the actors, I can say they were brilliant and a treat to anyone looking for a worthy West End production in Aylesbury.

Whistle down the Wind is at the Waterside Theatre Aylesbury until Saturday 18th August 2018.

SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK – THE ROD STEWART STORY

Waterside Theatre - Aylesbury



What a Fantastic Show!! I am a big Rod Stewart fan and I have seen him live (too many years ago to mention) and so I wondered if I would be disappointed by the show – NOT AT ALL.

Paul Metcalfe who took the role of Narrator and Rod was great and the band were superb; guitars, keyboards, wind, percussion & drums. The saxophonist was truly amazing.

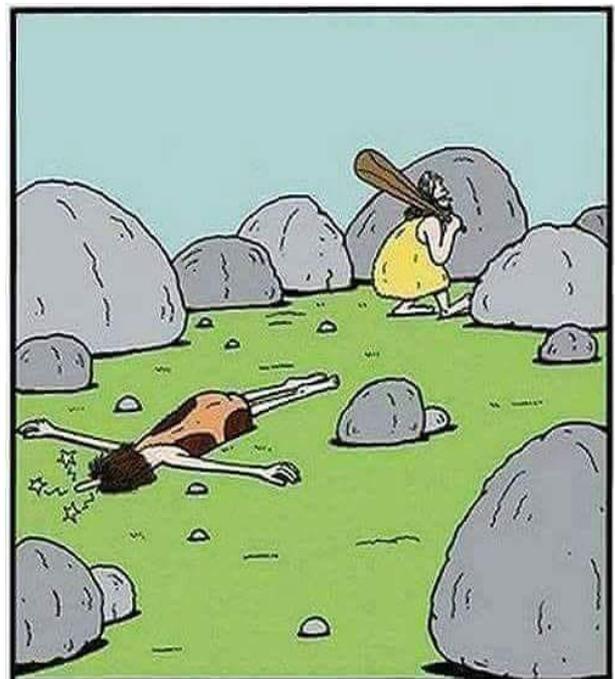
The first half of the show covers Rod's early life and rise to fame with pictures projected at the back of the stage, narration and of course, songs! I was thrilled to hear songs like *Handbags and Gladraggs*, *Stay with me*, *Ooh La la*, *You wear it well* and the wonderful *In a Broken Dream* (which was put out as Python Lee Jackson). I learnt things that I didn't know about him.....!

remember him in the Jeff Beck Group and with the Faces, but I didn't know that he started his career as a singer with Long John Baldry's Hoochie Coochie Men.

The second half of the show really rocked and within a few numbers most of the audience were on their feet. They played loads of songs including *You're In My Heart*, *Sailing*, *The Killing of Georgie* and a fantastic 6 minute version of *Maggie May*.

Paul looked and sounded like Rod; it was a really great evening and if you get chance to see the show, I'm sure that you won't be disappointed.

Liz Barlow



Unfriending -- the early years

Music in Quiet Places Aston

Abbotts June 2018



Music in Quiet Places at St James Church Aston Abbotts June 2018

The Music in Quiet Places concert that took place in June was well attended by villagers and visitors. Previously funded by AVDC this summer concert series has continued on a self-financing basis. There were 5 musicians (who played in various combinations) the flute, violin, viola, cello and oboe. Pieces composed by Mozart, Beethoven, Quantz, Moeran and Crusell. If you not heard of the last 3, fear not you are about to be enlightened.

The chamber music concert consisted of mainly 18th century works with one later work from the 20th century by the English composer Moeran. As the introductions to each work provided by the musicians was both rather brief and difficult to hear I had to look up all the pieces for this review.

We started with a flute quartet in G major by a German composer called Quantz it was thought to have been composed between 1718 and 1742 (probably around 1720) and was

rediscovered in a museum in Berlin in 2002. There were 3 movements the first of which sounded very much like Vivaldi's famous spring movement from the 4 Seasons. Overall a light and pleasant start to the evening.

Our second piece is a very famous piece by Mozart originally written for viola and violin in 1783 it was played here as a Viola and Cello duo. It was in fact written by Mozart to help another composer called Michael Haydn complete a commission for the Archbishop of Salzburg but is considered one of Mozart's better works. This again was very enjoyable.

The first half finished with a Trio for oboe violin and viola by Beethoven. Another 18th Century piece and one of many works Beethoven wrote for wind instruments that had become very popular at the time. It is hard to think that this "classical music" was simply the pop music of its time albeit restricted to the upper classes.

The audience enjoyed the interval in the church yard due to the lovely weather and refreshments provided by various volunteers for church funds. We resumed with a Fantasy played by Oboe, viola, violin and cello by the aforementioned Ernest Moeran. Born in 1894 in Heston, near today's Heathrow airport, he studied

music from an early age but his life seems to have been knocked off track after he served in the First World War. On his return he seems to have been unable to settle giving up a teaching job to return to the Royal College of Music to study. Most of the 1920s he lived in Eynsford Kent with his great friend and drinking partner Peter Warlock, during this time Moeran collected together many folk songs often working on them in the local pubs, by 1930 when Peter died, Moeran was an alcoholic. His father was Irish and he was very influenced by Ireland and its music after Peter's death he spent much time there. He married a cellist in 1945 but the marriage was not entirely happy and he died early at the age of 55. The piece itself had a rural feel.

Finally, we enjoyed a flute quartet by the Finnish composer Bernhard Crusell the best known Finnish composer before Sibelius apparently. He was a very busy chap by all accounts as he was a fine clarinettist with the Swedish Royal Court Orchestra, in fact the highest paid member of the Court orchestra for many years, a military band conductor, composer and translator of Italian and German operas.

A very enjoyable evening thanks to the musicians Celia Redgate (flute) Christopher Redgate (Oboe) Gillian Secret (violin) Robert Secret (viola) and Julian Metzger (cello).

Sally Palmer

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We meet every Monday morning from 9:15 to 9:45 at 1pm,
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HARVEST FESTIVAL & LUNCH Sunday 23rd September

A Parish Communion Service will be held at 10.30am with the Rev'd. Roger Hale and will be followed at noon by a hot, two course, Harvest lunch in the village hall.

Soft drinks and coffee will be included, but you're most welcome to bring along your favourite 'tipple'.

All are welcome.

Tickets available from David Gray tel. 681952 at £10.00 for adults and £6.00 for youngsters under 13.

It's hoped to decorate the Church, with produce donated by villagers in the traditional manner. All Flowers, fruit, vegetables or any 'dry goods' etc. you may be able to spare will be gratefully received.

So, if you'd like to assist, gifts may be left on the preceding Fri. or Sat. at the church, or with Caroline

Abel Smith, David Gray or Andy & Rita. These (the gifts, not PCC members!) will be auctioned off after the lunch. All proceeds are to be shared between the Church and our local food bank. We look forward to seeing you; please give generously.

Church Mowing

As we start to head out of summer towards autumn, I'd like to thank all that have mowed the Church Grounds so far - which has made the church look lovely, despite the weather patching the ground during that really hot spell in July in particular. I hope all in the village have enjoyed seeing it look so smart. It is a small group of folks who do the mowing and as always new members of the group are welcome. If you would like to express interest in getting involved next summer, please let me know on mark.davison@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks. **Mark**



A word from the Vicar.

Dear each, Here goes for this month--- Dear friends, The Summer break can be a time I read a good book or possibly revisit an old favourite. Someone once said there are only 'good books', 'indifferent books' and 'bad books' but I agree with the reviewer in 1974 who said there are also 'ah! books'. One of the great 'ah! book's I've revisited this year is Mister God.

This Is Anna by an unknown and unidentified author called Fynn. It is a magical story of the unlikely friendship between a feisty little girl called Anna who has a funny, slightly irreverent relationship with God and Fynn a sort of man of the road/tramp who is completely blown away by Anna's energy and deep instinctive understanding of all things spiritual. The book achieves that

wonderful combination of hysterical humour and tear-jerking pathos and great profundity.

As well as great writing the book is beautifully illustrated by the cartoonist Papas. Set in the East End, post WWII, a newspaper review of the time said this: 'Few can fail to be charmed by the magical quality of the child. The enchanting drawings are a splendid bonus to a beautifully produced book'. I wish you well if you are hunting for an 'ah! book'. God bless, ***Revd. Philip.***

Church Duties

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Mowing</i>
1	Colin/David	Caroline	Caroline
8	Ann/Caroline L	Caroline	Phil
15	Alex/Anita	Ann	David
22	Colin/Gay	Harvest	Adam
29	Offers	Offers	Mark

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

Thank you to all those who joined the 100 Club for the 2018/9 season. We return more than half the subscriptions in prize money over the next year but the Club provides essential income and cash flow for the PCC. With the new 'General Data Protection Regulations' the PCC now have to seek your consent to holding personal data (in particular your address) which we need to be able to inform you if your number comes up in the monthly lottery. To this end we will be delivering a consent form to you in the next few weeks. Please complete the form and return it to me at Church Farm House.

Every five years we receive a visit from the Church Surveyor who does a detailed inspection of the fabric of the Church and the churchyard. So it was with some trepidation that we welcomed the surveyor on 23rd July. He subsequently issued a full report with the initial comment that "I was impressed by the way items in the 2013 Report have been dealt with".

So far so good, but inevitably with a very old building there is further work to be done. A number of badly laminated or broken roof tiles need replacing and cracks in the walls of the tower staircase needs repointing. The opening windows need overhaul including de-rusting and painting the ironwork and roof timbers need treatment for woodworm. There are number of minor masonry repairs to be done and the electrical installation needs recertification every 5 years. Responsibility for funding this work falls on the PCC so our fundraising activities must continue. We are very grateful for all the hard work that went into this year's Fete which raised over £2,000 for the Church alone.

Our next event is the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12noon on 23rd September after the Harvest Festival Service at 10.30am (see separate entry for details). We will also resume the Family Services on 16th September with Breakfast in the Village Hall at 9.30am.

David Gray

Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts September 2018

2nd Sept.	6.00pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
9th Sept.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Peter Binns
16th Sept.	9.30am	Breakfast in Village Hall	
		followed by short service	
23rd Sept.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
		followed by Harvest Lunch in	
		the Village Hall at 12 noon	
30th Sept.	10.00am	Songs of Praise at Stewkley	Rev. Philip Derbyshire

100 Club Draw July 2018

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2nd prize, £10 Liz Barlow

100 Club Draw August 2018

1st prize £50 Sheila Murray

2nd prize Ann Goodman

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Allotment Diary

I read several articles recently telling us how bad the vegetable and fruit harvest will be this year, because of the extraordinary weather we have had – the “Beast from the East” in February and March, a cold, wet, April, and then a warm, dry May, which turned into the heatwave we experienced in June and July.

As a generalisation, I think it is probably true that yields will be down on last year, but judging by my own experience growing vegetables and fruit in my garden and allotment, I do not think things are going to be as bad as they are being painted.

However, I admit that I have had one advantage that commercial growers will not have had (nor, I regret, most of my fellow allotment-holders). During the long hot spell during June and July my son, Adam, had been taking wheelie-bins of water from our pond down to the allotment in his trailer, and syphoning it to the many water-butts I have there. This has meant that I was able to go down to

the allotment regularly, and water my plants. While this watering has taken quite a bit of time, on the plus side I have had to do very little weeding: even my *bête-noir*, the gallant soldier, has hardly been able to get going this summer. Indeed, I have never known my allotment weed-free for so long. It is only now, as I write this in mid-August, that any substantial number of weeds have started to appear.

I have had three failures this year: parsnips, entirely due to my incompetence as a grower of this vegetable; carrots, because only a very small percentage of the seeds I had planted germinated, and since I was out of the country during the latter part of June, I failed to plant a replacement crop in time; and raspberries. Readers may remember my astonishment when my autumn-fruiting raspberries started to produce fruit in mid-June. Well, having done this, they shut up shop, and virtually stopped producing berries – and those they did produce

were “fiddling and small”. Other allotment-holders have reported the same problem. I hope they will “come back” in the second half of August and September, now that we have begun to get some rain.

On the credit side, however, my first and second early potatoes have flourished, and I have high hopes for the main crop potatoes, which I have been watering. My onion crop is as good as in previous years (and this without my having done much watering). Our sweet-corn is now growing so fast you can almost see it move. While I watered the plants regularly during July, they clearly need no further help from me. Beetroot have done as well as usual, with a limited amount of watering; and my leeks are thriving, albeit with quite a lot of watering in July. My courgette plants clearly think they are in Heaven, and without having had much extra water, are producing 2 or 3 courgettes every couple of days. French beans are also producing well, despite having had virtually no watering: bean plants must have long roots.

Meanwhile in the greenhouse I have been getting bumper crops of tomatoes, despite an early problem

when the tomatoes on my best plant started producing fruit with dark, rotten, blotches on their bottoms. I discovered that this is a disease called “blossom end rot” and is caused by irregular watering. I had been watering the plants once a day, as I have done for years, but clearly the heat during June and July was such that the plants needed water twice a day. Once I started doing this, the problem disappeared.

My crops of apples and pears are as good as in other years; and indeed, one tree has a massive crop of fruit. I thought I was doing equally well with my Victoria plums, but discovered that as the fruit ripened, something like a third of the crop was growing shrivelled, or was growing bad, and often the flecks of mould on the skins of the plums. My research suggests that the problems are diseases called brown rot and powder mildew – and have almost certainly been caused by the drought in June and July.

Still, all in all, it has been a productive year, and I hope my readers will have been as lucky – and that the predictions of doom for commercial growers are over-pessimistic.

Peter Shorrock

Historical events in September

1, 1969 - Military officers overthrew the Libyan government. The Libyan Arab Republic was then proclaimed under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

2, 1666 - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. Over the next three days more than 13,000 houses were destroyed, although only nine lives were believed lost.

3, 1939 - Great Britain declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

5-6, 1972 - Eleven members of the Israeli Olympic Team were killed during an attack on the Olympic Village in Munich by members of the Palestinian Liberation Army. Israeli jets then bombed Palestinian positions in Lebanon and Syria in retaliation on September 8, 1972.

5, 1997 - Mother Teresa died in Calcutta at age 87, after a life spent aiding the sick and poor in India through her Missionaries of Charity order.

7, 1940 - The German Luftwaffe began its Blitz bombing campaign against London during World War II.

9, 1948 - Following the withdrawal of Soviet forces from North Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was proclaimed with Pyongyang as its capital.

11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history

19, 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

28, 1066 - The Norman conquest of England began as Duke William of Normandy landed at Pevensey, Sussex.

29, 1829 - Britain's "bobbies" made their first public appearance. **30, 1938** - British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned to England declaring there would be "peace in our time," after signing the Munich Pact with Adolf Hitler.

30, 1955 - Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24.

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September 2018							1st September - Horticultural Show						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8							
		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning									
			19:30 Village Hall Trust Meeting	19:30 Whist									
9	10	11	12	13	14	15						10:30 All Day Event - Provisional	
		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning									
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional	19:30 Parish Council	18:30 Bingo									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22							
9 Breakfast Service		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning									
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional		14:30 Ladies Club									
				19:30 Whist									
23	24	25	26	27	28	29						Course	
9 Harvest Lunch		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning									
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional											

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September Wingrave Diary

SEPTEMBER 2018 Sat 1 Aston Abbots Horticultural Show Aston Abbots Sun 2 1400
Swingrave tea dance Community Centre Mon 3 1500 Friendship Group Baldway
House, Ltn Rd Tue 4 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church Tue 4 1930 Parish Council
meeting Community Centre Tue 4 1930 Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church Wed 5
0930 Wingrave Weekday Walkers walk The Green Wed 5 1000 WI: T.B.A. Methodist
Church Thu 6 School term begins Fri 7 1800 WCA Village BBQ Community Centre Sat 8
0845 Men's Breakfast Talk: Does the risk of depression increase with age? Methodist
Church Tue 11 2000 WCA Council meeting Community Centre Sun 16 0930 Local
ramble Nup End Lane Sun 16 1200 Wingrave Village Fête Wingrave Park Sun 16-18
Wingrave Weekday Walkers walking in Yorkshire Tue 18 0900 WWRHA outing to
Frogmore Paper Mill Tue 18 1200 Nup End Café Methodist Church Tue 18 1930
Wingrave Art Club Methodist Church Thu 20 1800 Copy date for Communique Fri 21
1930 WCA Village bingo Community Centre Wed 26 1200 Pub Lunch Club Rose &
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