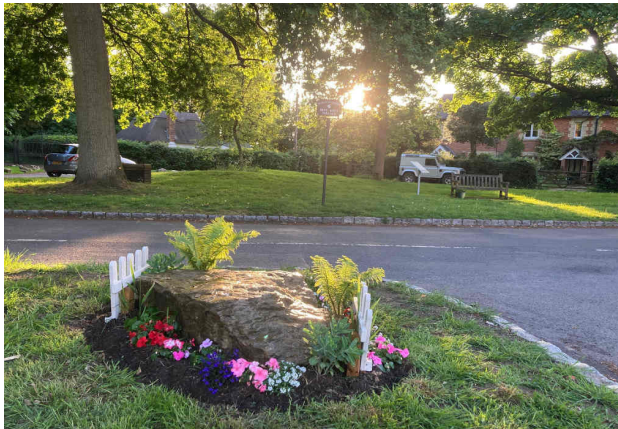


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Champion of Champions 2022



WELL DONE ASTON ABBOTTS! WE DID IT!

Champions of Champions 2022

Old News now but, so all know, Aston Abbots has won the Best Kept Village again! **We were entered in the Tindall Cup - this cup was for those who won categories in 2019 (the last time the competition was held). So, we are the Champions of Champions! What an accolade.**

We scored an incredible 195 points out of 200! The Presentation Tour is scheduled for Saturday, 24th September, with the Cups to be presented by Lady Elizabeth Howe, HM Lord Lieutenant and President of the Competition. Chris Phillip will advise of times shortly.

Here's just a handful of the judges' comments:

- "Aston Abbots is a best kept village in its truest sense."
- "The Judges were extremely impressed with the Churchyard. The grass was neatly mown and the wildlife area was striking. It was particularly pleasing to see that a list of the grasses and flowers was available to view in the Church. The War Memorial is well kept."
- "The green, playing field and children's play area were neatly mown and well kept. The judges liked the bench, and floral display, in the corner of the playing field and the views across the Vale."

- "The floral displays in the village were excellent. The individual pots in the area were noted and were well maintained and the Village Hall looked good..."
- "The general environmental features were very good. An odd bramble or two across a footpath but overall very good."
- "The bus stops, shelters and notice boards were extremely well maintained. The judges were very impressed with the notice boards on the Green giving information about the history of the Village, the Abbey and the wartime role of the village in assisting the Czechoslovaks."
- "The overall appearance of the Village is excellent. There is great evidence of community effort. Well done the people of Aston Abbots. They have obviously maintained the standard set in 2019 when the Village won the Gurney Cup".



The Bus stop Library

From the Editor

Blimey! It's all going on isn't it? Inflation, cost of living crisis, higher interest rates, strikes, water shortages, flight delays and cancellations, China flexing its muscles, no national leadership, two lightweights hoping to fill the void and no opposition to talk about. What a mess!

However, in our own local world, thanks to Janet Walker and her team, we had a successful fete with our own celebrity, Olympic Silver Medalist, Josie Knight, along with Grandad, Peter, opening proceedings for us.

We have won champion of champions in the 'Best Kept Village' competition, thanks to the wonderful people of Aston Abbotts under the coordination of Chris Phillips.

The Pop up Pub project had its 2nd bumper Quiz Night and, about to have a second Village Get Together on Saturday 3rd September.

WJD Doherty Tippers Ltd

Have been causing problems rumbling through the village, sometimes above the speed limit. I emailed the company twice, sent a message through their social media and called their office with complaints.

They have stopped using Aston Abbotts for now but I can't guarantee they won't be back.

Councillor Diana Balmires, has kindly agreed to assist the PC to stop such heavy trucks using our village as a cut through to the A418.



When you see the HGVs, please join me by writing to their companies and calling their offices. As stated, the main problem has been WJD Doherty Tippers, Homeways, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9HH. Or call: [01525 381107](tel:01525381107) /

07836 548 838 / 07789 605 815

and email:

enquiries@dohertytippers.co.uk

The more of us who act, the more likely we are to see results.

A very happy 100th birthday to Mrs Catherine Waite, Saturday 24th September.

Hope to see you at the village get together on Saturday

Pete Lucas. Ed

News In and around Aston Abbotts

Road Closure yet again adversley affects Aston Abbotts

For the third time in a year the council has been criticised for allowing a significant road closure between Weedon and Aston Abbotts. Twice the blockage was implemented to allow Thames Water to carry out work on defective sewage mains at a nearby verge in late July. The third, a water mains problem.

Motorists in the area criticised Thames Water for the scale of the blockade given that its work was mainly happening beside the road rather than on it.

The GP Patient Survey is the official survey to get data about patients' experiences at GP practice. Patients were asked how good they found their overall GP practice.

Best GP surgeries for customer satisfaction were Water Meadow Surgery in Chesham followed by Aylesbury's Oakfield Surgery, Waddesdon Surgery and Dr Firth and Partners, Chesham. However, not all GP patients' visits were good. The four worst experiences according to patients were at Whitehill Surgery in Aylesbury,

where only 28 percent had a good experience.

Our local Surgeries fared well, although no figures are available for Whitchurch Surgery

Data from GP Patient Satisfaction Survey 2022 - % of patients who agreed



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Good Overall 64%

Easy to get through on the phone 53%

Receptionist helpful 83%

Needs met on last appointment. 88%

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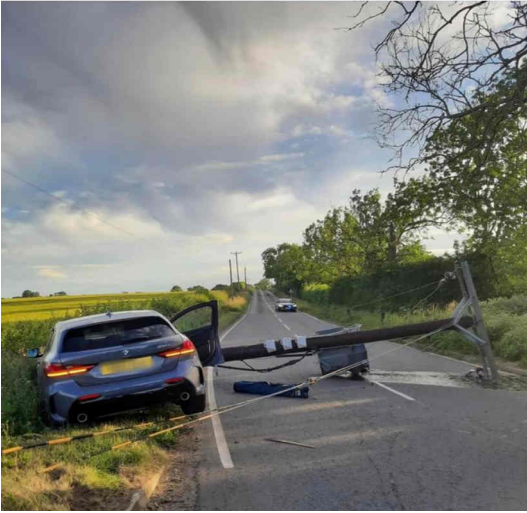
Easy to get through on the phone 58%

Receptionist helpful 80%

Needs met on last appointment 94%

% Remote appointment 77%

Drink driver Floors pylon



A Drunk driver crashed into an Electrical pylon near Stewkley on 28th June around 21.00. The driver was arrested following a breath test.

Western Power restored electricity shortly after it was lost from residents of Stewkley.

Wednesday 20th July 08.20

A van caught fire on Stewkley Road, Wing. One man tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher. He shortly found it of no use, so he got a hose pipe to water it down as he had hedges nearby.

Fire Dept. were called, but were told the wrong location which delayed the response.

The case of fire was a transformer in the van.

And Friday 5th August, Accident on Mentmore road involving lorry. Driver of the car Tom Fitzgerald

escaped major injury. Cause details not known. (Photo next page)



And then this was seen in August outside Cublington. No details as yet.



Convenience store opens Wing



The new shop is located in Stewkley Road near 'Wings' fish & chip shop and is filled with the usual selection of products.

New village plans for Cheddington include 320 new homes. Plans to build a new village at the former RAF station between Cheddington and Marsworth have been revealed. The proposals include 320 new homes and a new primary school.



The new village, to be named Upper Wellington, would also welcome retail space. The site will include a transport hub if approved by planners. But those living near the area have hit out at the plans stating the conservation of the area will be ruined.

Jenny Brow, Senior Planner for Ainscough Strategic Land said: Our priority has been to transform an under-utilised and previously developed brownfield site into a 20-minute neighbourhood that promotes healthy and sustainable living, while providing the space around which the community can come together.

Apparently this photo was taken recently in Wing. I have no other details available but it shows the seriousness of the fly tipping problem yet again.



Rose & Crown Wingrave Closed.

The last remaining pub in Wingrave closed its doors on 15 August.



One Wingrave resident said, “We made our home in Wingrave because we liked this pub...the legend, Dave Parker, was landlord then, back in 1980.

Thanks to Paul and Kelly for keeping it going for the past few years, despite lockdown. Let's hope it will reopen in the not too distant future.

Royal Oak future. Sources close to the Royal Oak owners tell the Chronicle that the pub will reopen sometime in the future but be somewhat smaller.

Pop up Pub
Get together
Saturday 3rd
September
7.30pm
Village Hall



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will be around the hall***

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What's on in Aston Abbotts for September

What	Where	When
Bucks County Show	Weedon Park	Thursday 1st
Horticultural Show	Village Hall	Saturday 3rd. 10-15.00
Villagers Get Together Drink	Village Hall	Saturday 3rd From 19.30
Rambling Club	Bennet Lane Rowsham	Sunday 4th. 14.00
Bingo	Village Hall	Thursday 8th. 19.30
Morning Cafe	Village Hall	Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30
Whist Drive	Whist Drive	Thursday 15/29th. 19.30
Mrs Catherine Waite 100th Birthday	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	Saturday 24th.
Village Footpath Walk	The Green	Sunday 23rd 14.00
Bus Trip	10.00 bus to Aylesbury	Friday 30th 10.00

***Next Quiz Night Saturday 8th October from 19.30.
Tickets in advance from Pete Lucas 07544227991***

Your Emails

Dear All

The very old finger sign post on the Green has been damaged, it will be costly to repair and sadly may have to be replaced with a modern one.



When this happened before it was because someone had swung on it.

I don't know how it has come to be broken this time and I know it seems a bit ridiculous to ask but please could you remind your children not to swing on this very old sign. Thanks very much

Sally Palmer

Well I never thought I would be that person that writes a post about Dog Poo but here I am. I was over the Rec this evening and have to say was Utterly disgusted that

Some lazy person left what I can only describe as the biggest pile of poo I have ever seen, in the grass behind the goal. If some kid missed the goal the next stop for the ball would be the . I would not mind but there are plenty of poo bags tied on the poo bin now. Shear laziness and not acceptable. I picked it up, but come on peeps this is the rec where all the kids play, especially now it's the summer holidays (sorry rant over)

Kirsty Austin

The grand total raised at this year's fete is £3500. Well done and thank you to everybody who helped, ran stalls or just came along with their friends to spend money.

The proceeds will be divided amongst village funds as agreed by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting. The fete accounts will be published in the Chronicle.

Thank you from the Fete Committee

Just a BIG thank you to everyone involved in organising the fete. I thought it was extra special this year with all the games to play.

Naomi & Richard

Just wanted to say what a good day it was, so thank you to Janet and the team for organising everything

this year. My friend came from Derbyshire with her little dog and had a lovely time as well. Hope you have all had a good rest by now!

Caroline Lane

Hi Pete

My neighbour has just been out and along our back passageway behind the bungalows she saw someone had left a mousetrap and sadly a tiny little bird had got caught in it died.

We are really upset over this. Why on earth would someone be so cruel? Our garden birds and wildlife are struggling enough without people inflicting this cruelty on them. The neighbour who found it is going to report it . As we said it could have been a cat or any animal that got caught and been in agony or suffered a dreadful injury.

I just hope that the poor bird died instantly and did not suffer.

Lyn

Shed on the Playing Field. The Parish Council would like to remind villagers and users of the playing field, that the shed should not be climbed on, entered or damaged.

There has been some damage to the shed possibly by someone trying to gain entry. The shed itself is empty.

Please could parents ask young people playing in this area to stay away from the building as it is not safe to play in or on.

Thank You

Hi Pete

Just to say thank you for all your hard work in organising the quiz and that we thought the new categories were very good and made a nice change. It was a fun filled evening once again and it's a great idea to alternate it monthly with the pop up pub.

From The Grumpy Gnomes team.

These last few posts were via the Postbox.

I received the request below via the Aston Abbotts website. Can anybody identify the house and give any more information please?

Please send any replies to phils@cix.co.uk and I will pass them on to Rachel. Many thanks

Phil

Hello

My great grandparents lived in Aston Abbotts, George and Harriett Blencowe. They were listed in New Zealand Cottages in the 1891 census. After George died in 1894 aged 31, Harriett and her daughters moved to cottages opposite the

church. My cousin has an old postcard which she was told was where George and Harriett lived, but that it was opposite the church, which doesn't quite fit. Could anyone confirm the identity of the property please?

We may find more old photos of the village if you are interested?

Many thanks

Rachel Collins



According to Colin, this is where Peter Knight and Richard Larkin live.

You can see a young Peter in the



garden.

57 to 59 The Green. He thinks the gate may be the original.

*He also said there was a Blencowe in Cublington who married a Mr Beckett, so could be a relation. I hope this helps. **Pete***

Hi Pete

Yes, that was the consensus of the replies, subsequently confirmed by Emma. I did put a posting out about it on the 30th, but it's possible that you may not have seen it as the Postbox has seen a spate of rejection messages from AOL recently.

I'll pass on the relation info to Rachel. Thanks

Phil

Wingrave Art Club

We have had a very enjoyable and successful year. Members contributed excellent ideas which we all attempted with varying degrees of success! Trees, Mexican art, life drawing, collage, abstract painting, illustrate a poem, textured acrylic painting are just some of the weekly topics that we attempted over the year. At the end of each term, we have a social and discussion evening.

The club is open to everyone, whether you paint regularly or have never drawn or painted and would like to have a go. You are very welcome to come and try it out. There is no tutor, but we have occasional workshops.

We meet on a Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church, Nup End Lane, 7.30 – 9.30pm. You will receive a regular email reminder of the meeting and future plans.

If you are interested in joining or you would like to try it out, please contact me.

If you prefer only daytime activity, we do run occasional day workshops so let me know if you would like to be just on my daytime contact list.

Jane Muir Windmill Hill Farm, Wingrave.
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Aston Abbotts Village Hall

Saturday 8th October

7.30pm for 8pm start.

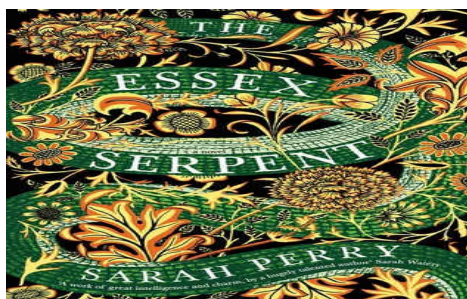
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Tickets £3 per person in advance from Pete Lucas 07544227991

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Book club



Our June meeting was held on a beautiful summer's evening in the village orchard. The orchard looked really lovely- the longer grasses made a very pretty setting for our circle of camping chairs. We were even treated to a 'fly past' by a local pilot, who shall remain anonymous to protect the innocent.

Hang on, he's not innocent, he's Dave Lewis.

We met to discuss The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry which was pretty well

received overall. A Victorian gothic novel set in Essex - (spoiler alert- it didn't really endear you to Essex.) The main character, Cora, was untypical of upper class women of the time, being quite independent and completely uninterested in her appearance. Recently widowed and very wealthy, she ventured to Essex with her maid to escape the obligatory mourning in London and became fascinated by the myth of a serpent which haunted the local river and sea. Various relationships were formed, some more interesting than others. We all agreed it was well written; quite Dickensian in its depiction of the poor and social injustice.

Good discussion but not nearly so interesting as the one that followed on underwear. And not just our own. Watch this space.

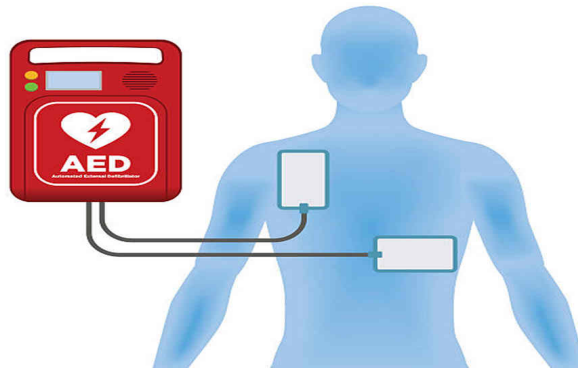
Deirdre Whyte.

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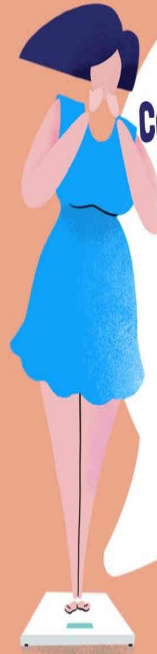
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Thursday 8th September
Doors open 7pm
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Aston Abbots Village Hall

Raffle prizes too

BINGO

11	35	4	48	1	13	8
8	23	65	5	28	27	1

Suggestions and Bookings Aston Abbotts Village Hall

The Village Hall is open for bookings for a wide range of activities, such as band rehearsals, children's parties and exercise regimes.

To enquire please contact Nigel or Sally on
astonabbottsvillagehall@yahoo.com

Tel. 01296681152

Mobiles. Nigel 07918928897 Sally. 07547604072

The coffee Morning on Thursdays from 10am is particularly popular and all are welcome. Bacon butties are available at a great price.

We are constantly looking to upgrade and would welcome any thoughts or suggestions.

Current plans include exploring changes to the acoustics. At a recent event, which attracted a healthy attendance, some people experienced difficulty with clarity of hearing. We are open to ideas on how we might make improvements, if anyone has any experience to offer.

John Whyte (Chair)

Trustees/Management

John Whyte (Chair), Caroline Lane (Secretary), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer/Bookings, Sally Palmer
(Bookings), Liz Hall, Peter Shorrock.

Wildlife is feeling the heat too!



Please put out plenty of water.

Potential development land owned by Bucks Council in Aston Abbotts

An interesting piece I found about potential development land owned by Bucks Council around Aston Abbotts. It is very little.

As far as I could work out, Bucks Council own a small patch of land within Aston Abbotts past St James Church towards Cublington.

As a comparison the map below shows the amount of land the council owns around Wing.

One resident of Wing said, "if they sell it to a developer then invest their money into a relief/bypass like what's happened in Bierton and Winslow. Think about it"

There's much talk in Wing about a relief road which appears to be dividing opinions in the village.



And now we have a report like this.

Bucks Council has not managed to identify enough brownfield sites for development, so now it's looking out for greenfield sites.

One to keep an eye on. Ed.

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Brief roundup of local pubs

This time by our hard working Councillor Diana Blamires. (Not all in one day she adds)

Continuing our tour of hidden gem North Bucks pubs. The Pilgrim, North Marston, goes straight into the top ten for its menu.

The Unicorn in Cublington has a great menu and beer garden and there's a fine selection of beer, cider and good food at The Swan, Whitchurch. The country pubs we've visited, in great surroundings, and in some cases, boasting Michelin award-winning food, give the big smoke a run for its money. Pleased to see The George in Winslow and The Queen's Head in Wing have reopened. Worth a short drive to find such great quality hostelryes.

Although it was great to see The Queen's Head, Wing, open again and the same lovely bar staff I was sad to hear the landlord isn't on site much. It's a nice pub with a great beer garden and is serving food so it has a lot to offer. Hopefully it will soon be as full as it used to be when word gets round it's reopened.

We made the most of the heatwave. One does need to stay hydrated.



Supporting the hidden gem pubs of Buckinghamshire. The view from the pub garden at The Black Boy, Oving, is hard to beat as is the community spirit at The Prince of Wales, Steeple Claydon, run by Frank Mahon, who hubby (a fellow "Dub") shared a drink with in the "snug." **The Swan, Whitchurch**



We're new to Winslow but have found some great hidden gems in Bucks within a 5 minute drive that serve food. The Shoulder of Mutton, Little Horwood, has a view of sheep in the field and overlooks the pretty church tower. The New Inn, Padbury, has a mature garden, great wooden

playhouse and pizza van and The Crown in Granborough does a mean Eton Mess. Plans for our local village pubs include ABBA and Elvis nights, and a range of food vans. Great to see them diversifying to survive and showing that it can be done - with the right offering village pubs can thrive.

Managed to find some shade at The Betsey Wynne, Swanbourne, which has one of the best menus around, and a great beer garden, once it's cool enough to sit outside again.



Ryan loved the sausage and cider festival at The Bell, Winslow. He's too young for scrumpy but said he'd eat pork and leek sausages again.

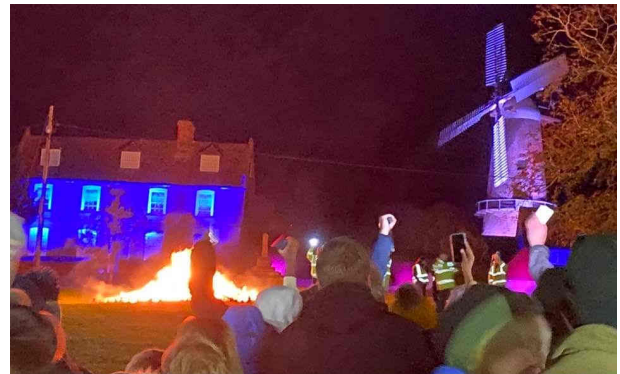
The cocktail bar in Winslow opened for smashed avocado on toast for brunch for the Farmer's Market on Sunday morning. They serve a jammie dodger with cappuccino for those with a sweet tooth. The new cafe in Winslow, Crumbs, opened too for the market. Great to see everyone sitting outside in the Market Square area on a sunny Sunday morning. I've also included the Dairy at Waddesdon which is actually not quite a pub, it's an events venue, but Rishi Sunak visited

and I wanted to hear what he had to say plus it's a popular Bucks' venue and it's photogenic!

As temperatures are back to normal, we'll return to exploring hidden gems for next month.

The George and Dragon. One of my Wing Twitter followers saw our pic of the pub & decided to try out steak night on Friday. She said it was "simple fare done well." Great space for kids to charge about on the green.

The pub is also open on bonfire night, pictured below, when there's a great atmosphere with stalls and Cllr Phil Gomm was DJ-ing for music and fireworks last November.

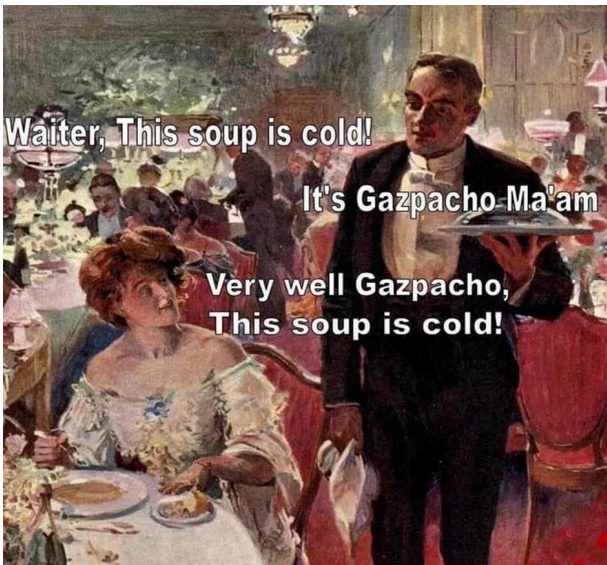


We dropped into The Bell at Hardwick, which also has a pretty beer garden. During lockdown when we had to sit outside we held our 1st community board meeting there (below.) The menu looks good.

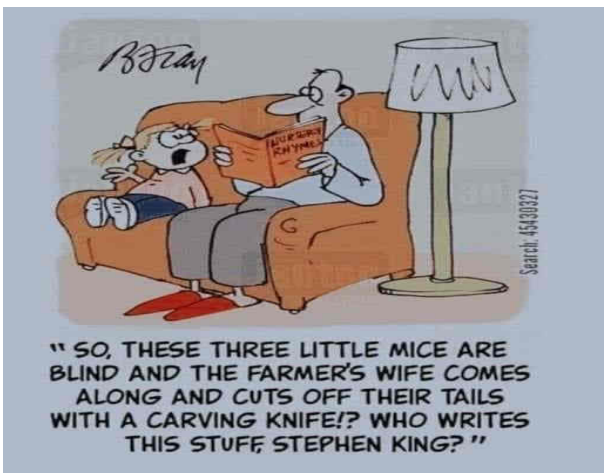
The Five Elms at Weedon is a lovely old country pub, again with a pretty beer garden. They do food Wednesday to Sunday. Now there's a change in the weather, you can borrow a blanket if it gets nippy.



We also visited The Stag at Mentmore. The menu goes straight into our top ten pub menus. Big beer garden and caters for cyclists. The Stag is a result of a group of local investors getting together to reopen their village pub. Cllr Peter Brazier has been one of the leading figures in the project.



Waiter, This soup is cold!
 It's Gazpacho Ma'am
 Very well Gazpacho,
 This soup is cold!



"SO, THESE THREE LITTLE MICE ARE BLIND AND THE FARMER'S WIFE COMES ALONG AND CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!? WHO WRITES THIS STUFF, STEPHEN KING?"



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Olivia Newton-John's Bletchley Park connection

**The singer, actress and activist died
in August aged 73**

Liam Ryder / Pete Lucas

Many men had a love attraction for Olivia Newton John and I was no exception. I adored her from when, as a kid, I saw her on Top of the Pops in 1974 singing 'I honestly Love you'.



It was so sad to lose such a legend.
The Grease star died aged 73 at her

home in California after battling breast cancer for decades.

Born in Cambridge in 1948, the singer, actress and activist grew up down under and considered herself Australian as a result. But her Welsh father and German mother meant she had a smorgasbord of cultural influences.

Liam Ryder reports.



Grease star Olivia Newton-John has a surprising link to one of Buckinghamshire's most famous sons.

It's her father, Brinley, who gives her connections to Buckinghamshire. But it wasn't until 2013 that his relatively secret past was revealed to her and the rest of the world.

Brinley was indeed one of the famous codebreakers, alongside Alan Turing, who helped turn the tide during World War II. Brinley was of course based at the intelligence headquarters at Bletchley Park.

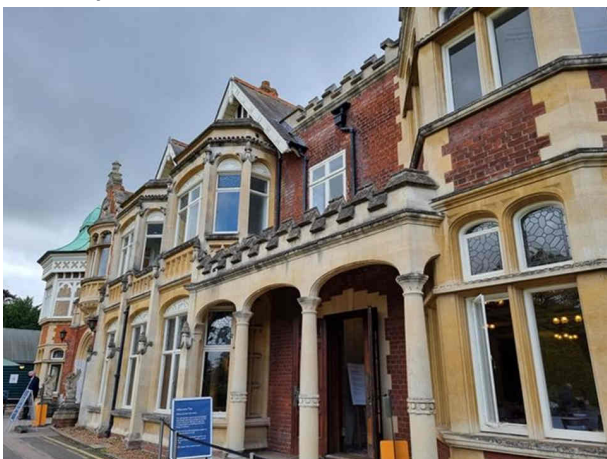
In an appearance on the One Show in 2013, Olivia admitted that she didn't know much about what her father did at Bletchley Park, But that soon changed as the show's hosts introduced one of the Park's current employees to tell her more.

As it turned out, Brinley had a musical and dramatic flair of his own. Having been recruited to Bletchley Park in 1942, six years before Olivia's birth, he was part of the Bletchley Park Drama Group.

A Wing Commander in the RAF, Brinley was an Intelligence Officer in Hut 3. He was also Deputy Head of the Japanese Air Section before later becoming Head.

Brinley was involved in authenticating the identity of Rudolf Hess in May 1941 and a year later seconded to the Ultra project at Bletchley Park, where he would help break the Enigma codes.

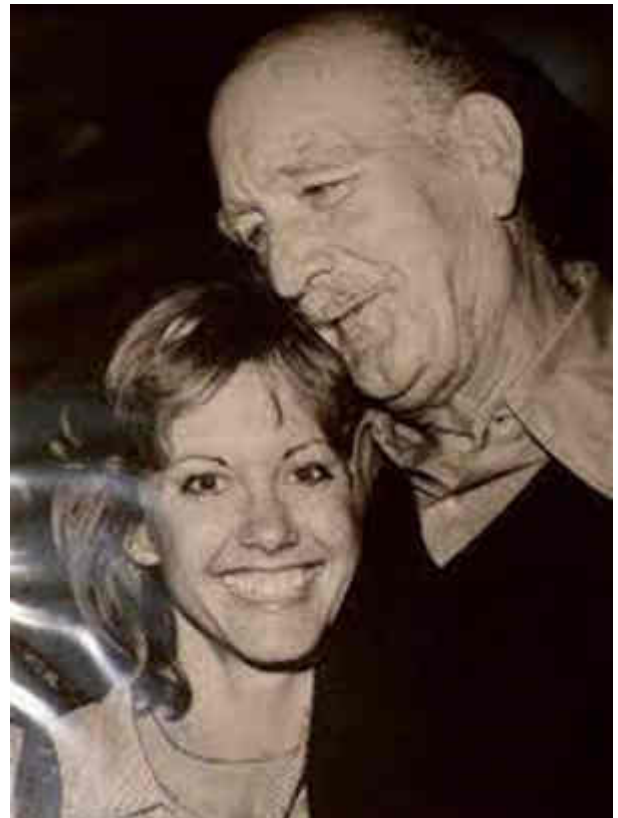
Bletchley Park is one of the most historically important locations in the county.



(Image: Jenna Outhwaite)

"Located in Hut 3, he was engaged in interpreting and analysing the information decoded in Hut 6. He was part of the team that supplied General (Sir) Bernard (Viscount) Montgomery with crucial information about the disposition of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces and supply lines a week before the battle of El Alamein in October 1942."

He returned to teaching after his work at Bletchley Park, heading to Cambridge where he became headmaster of Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, which is now Hills Road Sixth Form College, from 1946 to 1954. Brinley then took up a post as master of Ormond College at the University of Melbourne for five years.



**Aston Abbotts Horticultural Society
AUTUMN SHOW. Saturday 3rd
September 2022 Village Hall. Staging
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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

SECTION 1 – Classes 1 – 9

1. Beans, Runner – 4 pods
2. Beetroot – 3, with 5 cm tops
3. Carrots – 4 with 5 cm stalks
4. Tomatoes – 4 with stalks
5. Potatoes – 4 any variety
6. Onions – 3 any variety
7. Heaviest Marrow
8. A plate of 10 soft fruits
9. Apples – 3 any dessert variety

SECTION 2 – DOMESTIC CLASSES

10. 4 Fruit scones
11. 6 Jam tarts
12. A Jar of Jam/Jelly (labelled with fruit used)
13. A Jar of Chutney
14. A Victoria Sponge
15. Tea Bread (Men only – see recipe below)
18. A Pot Plant

SECTION 3 – JUNIOR CLASSES

(Age up to 8 for classes 19, 20 & 21 must be given on entry form)

19. Best decorated wooden spoon
20. A collection of wildflowers/grasses
21. Decorated hard-boiled egg

AWARDS

Aston Abbotts Coupe de Légumes – Most points in Vegetable Section – Classes 1-9. Rosettes for Winners and Runners-up in each section

REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING

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3. Only one entry per person per class.
4. There will be an entry fee charge for sections 1 & 2 of £1 per class.
5. Entries must be staged between 10.00 and 11.30 am on the day of the Show.
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8. Exhibitors should consult members of the Committee present at the staging of exhibits on any queries as to the correct class for particular exhibits.
9. Property is displayed at the exhibitor's risk.
10. Judging will take place between 11.30 am and 12.15pm.
11. Points will be awarded: 1st – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point.
12. There will be monetary prizes for Junior Entries only: 1st - 50p, 2nd -40p, 3rd -30p. Prize money may be collected from the Show Secretary from 3.00pm onwards.
13. Any disputes will be settled by Colin – you have been warned.
19. Members of the public will be admitted from 12.30pm. Entry will be free. Donations accepted towards costs.
20. Trophies, medals & certificates – presented at 2.30pm.
21. Exhibits must not be removed until 3.00pm.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits in Junior Class 20 need not have been grown by the exhibitor.

Put the currants and sultanas in a bowl and pour over the hot tea.

RECIPE: Tea Bread

Stir, cover and leave to soak overnight for the liquid to absorb.

For the cake:

Melt Margarine and sugar in a pan, add tea and fruit and wait to cool

8oz (228 grams) Margarine.

Add egg and SR flour and mix well

8 fl. oz Tea. 8oz brown sugar. 8oz mixed dried fruit.

Pour into lined loaf tin.

1 egg. 8 oz SR Flour

Cook Gas Mk. 2 (Electric 150) for 1.25 Hours

You'll also need one 2lb Loaf tin.

Method

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Beaconsfield home where Enid Blyton wrote the Famous Five and Noddy

She lived there for 30 years



Enid Blyton at her home in Beaconsfield with her daughters Gillian (left) and Imogen (Image: Getty Images)

While it's well known that Roald Dahl lived in Buckinghamshire, it seems that fewer people are aware that Enid Blyton also made the county her home.

Blyton was born in East Dulwich in London in 1897 and was the eldest child of Thomas Carey and Theresa Blyton.

Even though Blyton wanted to study music at first, her passion for writing grew and her first work was published in 1911.

In 1924, the famous author wed Hugh Pollock and they moved to Buckinghamshire five years later.

At first, the couple lived in Old Thatch Cottage in Bourne End

where the couple had two children Gillian and Imogen.

During her stay here Blyton's career began to grow with the author achieving commercial success, however, it was following her move to Green Hedges, a mock Tudor house in Beaconsfield, in 1938 that it really began to skyrocket.

Throughout the 1940s she started the Naughtiest Girl, Famous Five, Noddy and Malory Towers series bringing her huge acclaim.

However, as her work life brought great success her marriage went into a period of decline - it is rumoured that both of them engaged in affairs and they divorced in 1942. Blyton quickly remarried London surgeon Kenneth Darrell Waters in 1943 and they were together until he died in 1967.



The author with her husband Kenneth Waters and her two daughters

The famous children's author died one year later in 1968 and had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for a number of years.

During the 1960s Blyton's work came under fire for being xenophobic and at times racist, however since the 1990s newer editions of her classic books have been amended to reflect modern attitudes.



Her Beaconsfield house has been destroyed for redevelopment but a nearby street is called Blyton Close in her memory and there is also a model of her house in the Bekonscot Model Village.

There is also a commemorative plaque in Beaconsfield town centre to remember the famous author

HomeTown Memories

Writer unknown

Shortly after the second phase of Friars Square opening in 1969 the covered area outside Woolworth's and Sainsbury's was enhanced by the addition of four giant models of birds.



Being a child of the 1970s I can well remember climbing all over them and going inside too. They had a pungent smell to them which could have been urine or maybe it was from the material they were made of. Oddly though, it didn't seem to deter countless children from enjoying them. Parents would often leave them there while they went and did their shopping. Times certainly have changed as it is unlikely that parents would do that these days. When Friars Square was redeveloped in the early 1990s these birds were removed. One of the ducks was saved and displayed outside Aylesbury United's football ground in Buckingham Road for a few years. One is currently in the front garden of a house in Southcourt.

Stocklake 1957



Looking down Stocklake from its junction with Park Street on October 4th 1957. Viewed from the old footbridge over the railway line it shows an engine that has come off the rails. The fact that this part of Aylesbury had a railway is news to lots of people as it's been so many years since the line was closed and everything has been removed. Its route took it from Cheddington, through Mentmore Crossing, Marston Gate, Broughton Crossing, via Stocklake and Park Street and stopping at High Street station.

On January 31st 1953 passenger services ceased and the line was then used for the transporting of goods.

Recently Stocklake has undergone a significant transformation as much of the old track bed has disappeared due

to a new road surface being built along it. About halfway along a replica of a railway signal has been erected at the side of the road to remind people of its former use.

Things to do in Buckinghamshire:

Close-up animal experiences parents and kids will love within 5 miles of Bucks. The kids will be happy as pigs in muck while horsing around at these Bucks attractions.

A LOOK AT THE MINIATURE PIG FARM AT 'KEW LITTLE PIGS'



Animal lovers are pretty blessed when it comes to unique experiences in Buckinghamshire. With expanses of beautiful countryside, there's always a chance you'll bump into some wildlife.

But there's also plenty of chances if you want to get up close and personal with the kind of creatures that are lesser spotted in the county. There are a huge number of attractions across Bucks that cater to those who just want to snuggle up with their favourite animal. There are so many places within easy reach.

Even better - you'll find pretty much any animal you can name somewhere in and around Buckinghamshire. Whether you want to pet farm animals or walk among exotic birds in an aviary, you'll find an attraction that has exactly what you want. Although there aren't any traditional zoos in Buckinghamshire, there's one over the border in Bedfordshire and a nearby safari park. On top of that, there are plenty of smaller attractions offering intimate experiences with animals.

Woburn Safari Park & Deer Park. One of the most popular attractions in and around the area is Woburn Safari Park. The wildlife attraction offers all manner of animals you'll not find living in the Great British countryside - and even gives visitors two experiences.

There's the traditional road safari - where the majority of the monkeys,

lions and giraffes will be found - and the foot safari, which is more of a zoo experience and includes penguins, red pandas and other smaller enclosures.

Another somewhat unique attraction to this part of Bedfordshire, just a short drive from Milton Keynes, is the Woburn Deer Park. Although there aren't any obvious footpaths, this park is almost like a mini-safari where you drive (slowly) through a huge field home to around 160 deer with striking antlers. Find it: Woburn Safari Park, Woburn Park Estate, Beds MK43 0TU



Found at an open farm in the Aylesbury Vale, the Bucks Goat Centre doesn't just offer up gruff billygoats. You'll find playful pigs, chickens, alpacas and cuddly rabbits as well. Visitors are encouraged to feed and interact with the friendly animals, all within a safe and caring environment. There's no need to book ahead, although the Bucks Goat Centre also offers a venue for parties. If you don't fancy leaving the house, they'll even bring goats to your back garden. Find it: The Buckinghamshire Goat Centre, Layby Farm, Old Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville HP22 5XJ

Have a micropig on your date too. One of the most wholesome experiences you're ever likely to try out can be found in the charming Amersham old town. A small, family-run business, Kew

Little Pigs has a host of small pens filled with - you guessed it - pigs.

Leave the designer shoes at home for this one, as you'll want to muck in as soon as you lay eyes on the cute porkers romping around the Old Amersham farm. A range of experiences are available, where you'll be given a tour of the site and introduced to its curly-tailed tenants. After that, you're free to wonder the pigs' pens. They're inquisitive and remarkably human-friendly, making for a fun, if not messy, day out with the kids. Find it:Kew Little Pigs, Old Amersham Farm, High Street, Amersham, HP7 0HR

Whipsnade Zoo. Whipsnade Zoo's three Amur tiger brothersAnother Bedfordshire-based attraction is the massive Whipsnade Zoo. Found less than half an hour from both Aylesbury and Chesham, the London Zoo-run park is located in the Dunstable Downs and has every animal you could imagine.



You will need to plan ahead and book in advance, but it's definitely worth it. If you fancy some exercise, try tackling the whole zoo on foot - if not, you can drive around in a car and tackle individual sections of the park. You'll find all kinds of African animals here, including rhinos and hippos, as well as a host of birds and reptiles. See if you can complete the Ultimate Animal

Challenge before heading back to school this summer, too.

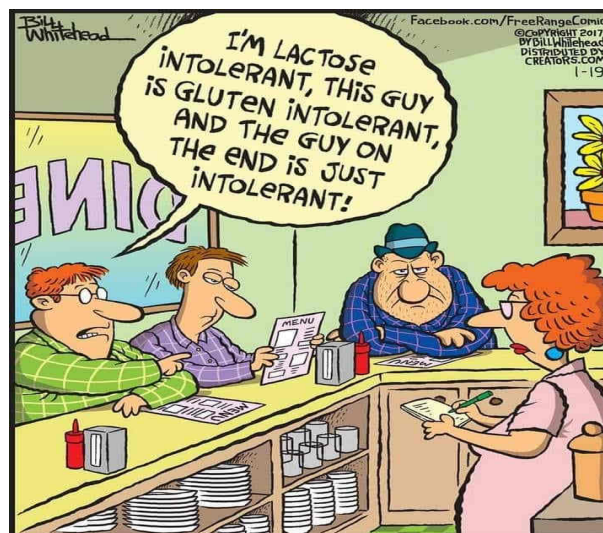
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Tiggywinkles



This animal was kicked down a road in December last year.

There are plenty of spiky pals to meet at Tiggywinkles (Image: PA) A functioning animal hospital in the Aylesbury Vale, Tiggywinkles has a host of summer activities for kids. Located within a 30-minute drive from Aston Abbots, Tiggywinkles offers a fun and educational experience. Visitors will be able to listen in to a host of talks about British wildlife, learning all about hedgehogs, birds and foxes. You'll also get to meet Heather, the centre's giant cuddly hedgie and see birds of prey in action.



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Paella A different way

I've tried lots of different paella recipes but was often left disappointed, finding it a little bland or lacking in something - I just assumed the missing ingredient was sun, sea and sand.

Although I'm not pretending this can compete with eating paella in a Spanish beach bar - and I make absolutely no claim for authenticity either - I really like this adaptation of other recipes I've tried, it's packed with flavour and good for using up leftovers.

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil

1 onion, chopped

300g paella or risotto rice

2 cooked, chopped chicken breasts

150g pack of cooked king prawns

1 Spanish chorizo ring (I peel mine before roughly chopping) - fried until it starts to release oil and then drained

1 deseeded and chopped red pepper

1 teaspoon turmeric

1 teaspoon paprika

3 cloves of garlic crushed

A handful of roughly chopped plum tomatoes

150g frozen peas

850ml chicken stock

1 lemon, cut into wedges

Handful of roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley.



Method

Soften the onions for around 10 minutes on a low heat, add the garlic and cook for 1 minute, stirring so it doesn't burn and taste bitter, add the peppers and tomatoes, soften for a few more minutes.

Add the turmeric, paprika and rice, cook for a couple of minutes, stirring to coat the grains.

Add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for around 15 mins, stirring occasionally.

Add the cooked chicken and chorizo and simmer for 5 mins stirring occasionally.

Add the peas and prawns, cook for 5 more mins until the rice and the peas are cooked and the prawns hot all the way through.

Allow to sit for 5 minutes before serving.

Add salt and pepper to taste, sprinkle with the parsley and serve with lemon wedges.

ALLOTMENT DIARY



I am penning this piece in mid-August, just after the longest drought I can remember (even though the government would not use that name). Yesterday we had our first rain for weeks. By the time you read this, it is likely that we will be in the middle of a wet spell, since at the moment the weather seems to lurch from one extreme to another!

At the moment, however, no doubt like most of you, my lawn is no longer an expanse of grass, but a desert of straw, punctuated by occasional splodges of green, where weeds with longer roots (such as dandelions) are still just surviving, while the grass around has given up the ghost. Many of my flowers have also popped their clogs, so that my flower beds are looking depressing.

During the drought I have been visiting my allotment every evening to do some watering; and have now exhausted 7 water-butts (made out of old plastic oil drums), and for the last week have been ferrying water

from my pond down to the allotment in a watering can and glass container. I have had to leave most of my vegetables to fend for themselves, but have used the water to keep my French beans and beetroot alive, and to help my leeks and carrots to grow. Some plants, such as sweetcorn and courgettes seem to be thriving – but of course they originally came from hotter, drier countries than England. One of my cucumber plants died before I spotted its condition: and even some weeds were dying before the rain came!

My French beans did very well initially, but the supply of beans has tailed off considerably this month, as the lack of water affected the plants.

In normal years, when I dig up my first and second early potatoes, within a week or so, the turned-over ground is quickly colonised by weeds: this year there have been virtually none! (About the only silver lining to the drought – although it has just struck me that I cannot remember the last time I saw a slug on the allotment! I suspect these have suffered in the drought)

Because this was the last year in which I could plant them, I planted all the 6 seeds left in my packet of courgette seeds. Inevitably all of them germinated, and as mentioned above, flourished. This year I sold some of my surplus produce at the Village fete, and in the 7 days leading up to the fete, picked (and stored in

my fridge) over 40 courgettes! This was probably my most productive week, but even since then I have probably gathered around 30 courgettes each week.

So far my crops of potatoes have been excellent, and relatively scab-free, and I am expecting the main-crop potatoes will be equally good. My onion crop this year, however, was a little disappointing: for the first time a number of the plants were affected by the wretched

alium borer beetle, which affects the foliage, and thus prevents the bulb from growing to its full size.

Still, having regard to the odd weather we have had this year, it has so far been a good year for me, gardening-wise. Apart from the extra watering I have had to do, I can't complain.

Peter Shorrock

Church Matters

The all-ages service and breakfast resumes on **September 18**. Do join us.

Fete weekend The church flower displays on the theme of Famous People were beautiful and inventive. Thank you to those who created them. We had Lewis Carroll, James Clark Ross, Mrs Beeton, Florence Nightingale, The Queen, Nell Gwynn, Vincent Van Gogh, David Attenborough and John Cadbury! The dog show in the churchyard went well and there were a good number of visitors to the church. The fete is an important fundraiser for the church so thank you to the new organisers for making it happen this year.

Ride and Stride 2022 is on Saturday 10 September, in aid of Bucks

Historic Churches Trust. Half your sponsor money goes to a church of your choice. Anyone can join in, or I'd be very grateful for sponsorship in support of St James's church here, either before or after the event:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-lane12>

Pet service We are holding our first pet service at 4pm on Sunday 25 September. Bring your dogs, cats, guinea pigs... anything portable/housetrained that won't be upset by seeing other animals. At the time of writing we don't know exactly what's going to happen but it should be fun. **Caroline Lane, PCC secretary** (01296 681373, carolinelane@btinternet.com)
PCC members: Caroline Abel Smith (churchwarden), Caroline Lane, Anita Parker, Lesley Clough, Ro Knight, Ann Goodman, Annie Pettie, Andy Bystra

Church Duties September

Date	Cleaning	Flowers
2nd	David/Colin	Wedding
10/11	Alex/Anita	Wedding
16/17	Ann/Caroline L	Ann
23/24	Colin/Gay	Ann
30	David	TBA



St James Aston Abbotts Church Services September

Sunday 4th	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 11th	10.30	Parish Communion
Sunday 18th	09.30	Breakfast, Village Hall then all ages Service in Church
Sunday 25th	10.30	Parish Communion
Sunday 25th	16.00	NEW! Pet Blessing Service

Saturday 10 September: Ride and Stride for churches

Sunday 25 September: Pet service! Bring your pets to church at 4pm. All animals welcome with their owners

Harvest (breakfast) service will be on Sunday 16 October

100 Club Draw July and August

1st prize, £50 – Sally Clarke (July); Jackie White (August)

2nd prize, £10 – Anita Parker (July); Shirley Ford (August)



Ride+Stride raises money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels

of any Christian denomination. We have had help here for St James's in Aston

Abbotts. **Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am – 6pm**

Do join in – you can ride a bike, a horse, or just walk around some of our local churches. It is a great opportunity to see inside churches (e.g. the box pews at Dunton, or the wall paintings at Kimble), and sometimes there is cake! Half the money you raise goes to the Trust and half comes back to a church of your choice – in my case, St James's here. Details on the website if you want to join in:

<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

I'll be cycling, and would love company, and also any sponsorship you can spare, however small. Here is my JustGiving page (or I have a traditional paper form too):

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-lane12>

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Life doesn't get easier, does it?

As I write the weather is getting hotter and the bills are looming larger. Who knows who will win the duel for the job of prime minister or what they might or might not do to help.

We learned a lot during the pandemic about how to care for one

another. It's a fundamental part of the Christian message - Love thy neighbour as thyself. We might need to wind up the system again.

Can you afford your shopping? Then pick up an extra item or two for those who can't. Nice warm home? Invite someone in for a cuppa, we all need to stay warm (especially the unwell and the elderly). Friendly company is invaluable to all of us.

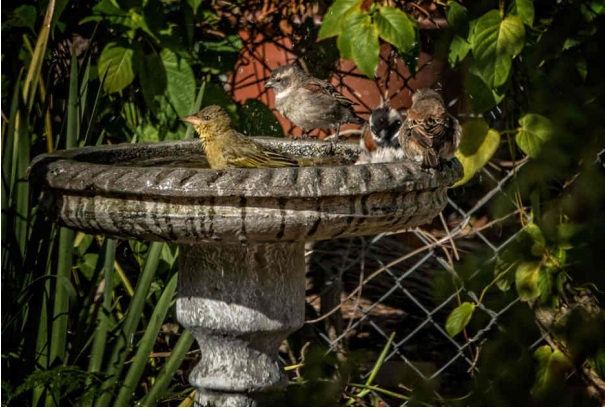
There are places you can go for free to keep cool (like our churches!) and places to keep warm (like our churches!). Those nice thick walls keep heat out and keep it in. Libraries are still great places to go to as well. You can get lots of books, for free (as long as you remember to take them back), great to take your mind away from troubles. And the staff will help you find information too, if you're not sure where to go for help. Your church should be able to help with that too. There are lots of good people around. Lots of beauty in the natural world. Lots to be grateful for.

If you have plenty, please offer. If you don't have enough, please ask. Our communities are strong. We proved it in 2020.

Annie LLM to the Cottesloe Team of churches.

You can help smaller birds in your garden

There are some ways you can deter bigger birds to allow smaller ones a chance to grab some food.



(Image: Alamy/PA)

Whether it's birdsong, the flutter of wings, a happy chirp, birds cooling off in your birdbath or feeding time, one of the joys of having a garden is bird watching.

Putting out seeds and scraps in your garden, you want everyone to have a share of the pickings. But it only takes one greedy magpie, or a squawking jackdaw to steal the best bites and leave the little ones with nothing.

No matter how careful you are with your feeders, sometimes the big birds take the monopoly. So, is there any way you can at least deter some of the bigger birds to allow

Sarah Hancocks, of specialist CJ Wildlife says: "There is never a guarantee that by putting out bird food, larger birds won't attempt to eat it. However, some foods such as nyjer seed are less likely to attract larger birds because they have the biggest draw to greenfinches and chaffinches.

"Mesh feeders that contain peanuts are also less likely to attract larger birds, as the mesh makes it more difficult for them to get to the food. There are also small steps you can take to help keep them away from your caged feeders while maintaining some harmony among all kinds of birds – we never want to leave anyone out," she adds. Here's what experts advise to help smaller birds have their fair share.

1. Add a ground feeder

Ensure the larger birds have their own supply of food away from your small garden bird feeder – Hancocks says this will deter them away from waiting for scraps from the smaller birds.

2. Place your garden bird feeder behind dense shrubbery or planting

"Out of sight, out of mind! Larger ground feeding birds are less likely to forage for food that's more hidden behind shrubbery and plants," she says. "Whereas smaller garden birds such as blue tits and chaffinches will root around for their food in the undergrowth, so hiding your bird feeder can help deter larger birds."

Place your feeder close to a hedge or wall – this will stop any large birds landing on your feeder, causing it to swing and shake food to the floor. "This often causes a feeding frenzy for ground feeding birds!" she adds.

3. Place some food higher

As Hancocks points out: "Larger birds are much more likely to sit and feed from greater heights. So by putting out some food on top of your garden shed, one top of a high wall or other high flat

locations, this will keep the bigger birds happy and off the smaller garden bird feeders.”

4. Choose food that’s suitable for little birds

In terms of food to offer small birds in your garden at this time of year, Helen Moffat from the RSPB says black sunflower seeds are popular with lots of garden birds, from finches to robins and tits, along with other smaller seed varieties like millet and flaked maize.

“Split peas, beans, dried rice, lentils and even dog biscuits are sometimes added to cheaper seed mixes to bulk them out – and small birds cannot eat things like this unless they have been soaked, so try and avoid them,” advises Moffat.

Whilst there are chicks in nests, she recommends avoiding foods which pose choking risks like whole peanuts and fat. “These foods become important later in the year, when birds need more calories to cope with the colder weather,” notes Moffat.

“You can also put out some staples from your own kitchen such as soft fruit, like halved apples and bananas, soaked raisins or grated cheese.”

5. Get the right feeder

As Moffat points out, feeders are key to helping ensure smaller birds can access food, if you’re concerned about larger species taking it all first. Whatever food you choose, she says it’s still likely to be eaten by larger ones if they can get to it.

“Special nyjer seed feeders have very small feeding holes which are difficult

for larger birds to feed from. Finches – especially goldfinches – love this tiny oil-rich seed,” she says.

“Hanging bird feeders are ideal for perch-feeding birds like tits, goldfinches, and greenfinches, and you can deter larger birds with ‘feeder guardians’ – cages placed around the feeders.”

Moffat says no feeder guardian is 100% effective – and small or juvenile squirrels can sometimes squeeze through – so she advises regular checking. Also, having a mix of feeders is best, she says, to ensure all birds can access some food – and don’t forget clean water too, an essential all year round but especially during hot weather.

6. Consider the weather

Food for your garden birds becomes vital if there are changes in the weather, warns Moffat, such as the extreme heat we’ve had.

“The hard, dry earth makes it really difficult for ground-feeding birds like black birds and thrushes to reach earthworms, and likewise, cold, wet spells can affect the insects available.”



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**Fri 2 1800 WCA family BBQ
Community Centre**

**Sat 3 1900 Wingrave Wasps Quiz
Night Community Centre**

Sun 4 1500 Last cream teas Parish Church

Mon 5 School term begins

**Wed 7 1000 WI meeting Methodist
Church**

**Fri 9 1000 Tea & Tots starts
again Parish Church**

**Sat 10 0845 Men's Breakfast Talk:
Does Democracy work? Methodist Church**

**Mon 12 0930 Weekday Walking Group
ramble, contact Jan:07813 085211**

**Mon 12 1500 Friendship Group
Baldway House, Leighton Rd**

**Tue 13 1930 Parish Council
meeting Community Centre**

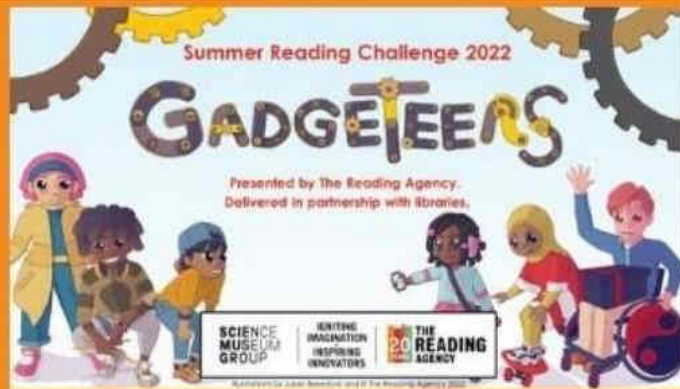
**Fri 16 1930 Village bingo
Community Centre**

**Sun 18 0930 Local ramble 4-5
miles Nup End Lane**

**Fri 23 1930 WwRHA talk:
Pantomime and Music Hall over the
Centuries Community Centre**

**Sat 24 WCA Roaring 20's Champagne
and Cocktail Party Community Centre**

**Tue 27 1930 Parish Council
planning meeting Community Centre**



Opening Times

Tuesday	1400 - 1630
Wednesday	1000 - 1230
Friday	1400 - 1630
Saturday	1000 - 1230

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Save the date: Saturday 5th November
Join us in Wing Hall as we celebrate 10 years as a Community Library

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Closing date: Saturday 11th Sept.



Magazine and newspaper service changes

During Covid Buckinghamshire Libraries removed hard copy newspapers for hygiene reasons, and now we have the opportunity to reshape our provision using digital resources. In Buckinghamshire, there has been an increase in usage of online newspapers and magazines.

Buckinghamshire Libraries are proposing to discontinue physical copies of magazines and newspapers at this library and all staffed council libraries. We want to hear your views- please fill in this survey.

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ASTON ABBOTTS FETE 2022

Income	Proceeds
Books	£103
Bottle Tombola	£159
Bric-a-Brac	£227
BBQ	£184
Cakes and Gifts	£253
Candy Floss	£76
Children's Activities	£214
Dog Show	£52
Ice Cream	£190
PIMMS	£467
Plants	£165
Produce	£54
Raffle	£1,432
Skittles	£90
Treasure Hunt	£72
Village Hall Teas	£281
Donations	£96
Total Income	£4,115
Expenditure	
Aldbury Morris Men	£150
Queens Park Jazz Band	£150
Raffle	£232
Gaming Licence	£20
Drinks Licence (TEN)	£20
Charge for use of village Hall	£60
Total Expenditure	£632
Net Proceeds	£3483
Recipients 2022	
Bulb planting (D Whyte)	£75
Fireworks	£500
The Chronicle	£1,454
St James Church (PCC Aston Abbotts)	£1,454
	£3,483

Notes

1. Distribution of proceeds as decided at the Annual Parish Meeting
2. Public Liability Insurance Premium paid by the Parish Council

The grand total raised at this year's fete is £3500. Well done and thank you to everybody who helped, ran stalls or just came along with their friends to spend money.

The proceeds will be divided amongst village funds as agreed by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Thank you from the Fete Committee

Aston Abbotts Fete 2022

Well we did it! And what a relief it was on the Sunday.....

Now that a few weeks have passed it is probably a good time to review and reflect on what went well and what was a bit challenging.

First of all, a **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who participated – the local coordinators for raffle tickets and collections; the stall holders; people involved in the entertainment; everyone who helped with the cream teas and refreshments for the band, Morris dancers and tractor drivers; people who managed the car parking arrangements, put up gazebos, erected the stalls and then took them down again. People who were involved with the flower festival in church, and the people who organised and delivered the dog show. All those who allowed us to use their electricity.

Also a massive thank you to all the organising committee – everyone worked so hard. And to everyone who prayed for good weather – it worked!!

Feedback

We have had quite a lot of feedback and we have enjoyed reading all the comments and suggestions. Most people liked the jazz band and we have not heard from anyone who didn't. The children's games were very popular too, as were all the regulars – cream teas, prosecco, PIMMS, and all the stalls. The BBQ was also very popular. We have also had some good suggestions and new ideas for future Fetes.

Challenges

The significant challenge was that there were not enough helpers on the day. We needed more help to get the tables from the shed behind the church and put them up for the stall-holders; and then take them down and put them away. We also would have benefited from more people to relieve the stallholders so that they could have had a break and looked round the Fete.

I am aware that some people who have previously helped with some of these tasks did not feel able to help this year, one reason being that everyone is getting older and the same people have helped for many years and now feel it is time for new people to come forward. This also applies to stallholders as some have said that they do not want to be involved next year.

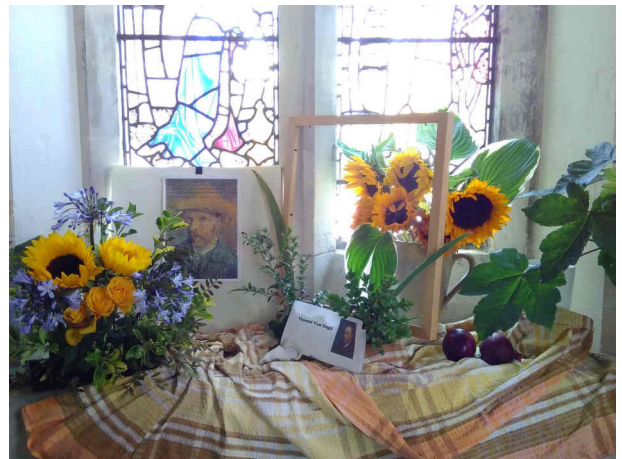
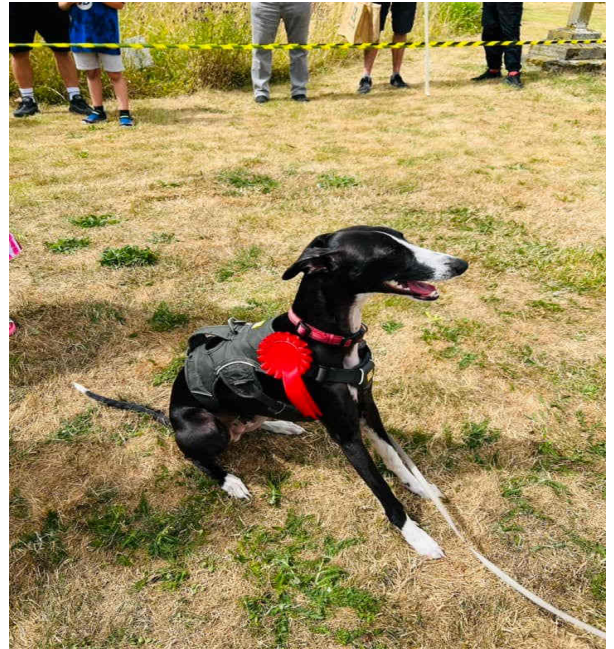
So finally, this is a **BIG PLEA!!**

If anyone feels they could help with the Fete next year, particularly people new to the village, please let me know. I think there will be a real problem delivering the Fete next year without extra help. I am proposing to break down some tasks into half-hour slots, so if anyone could just commit to half-an-hour then that would be massively helpful – more than that would be brilliant.

Many thanks to everyone in Aston Abbotts for helping and attending the 2022 Fete.

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The Fete



Meet & Greet Night (Michael Gould)

