



# The Chronicle



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## *Under threat again from a serious increase in HGVs through Aston Abbotts*



*See Waste Company's appeal against expansion decision, next to our village. In News section on Page 3*

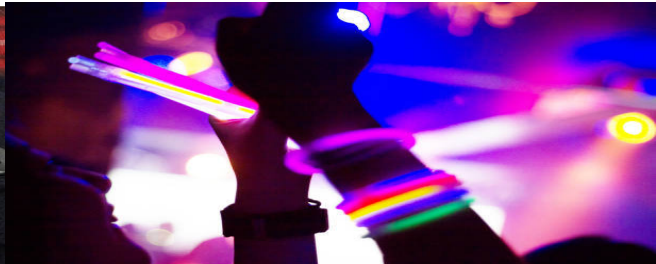


# ***Aston Abbotts Fireworks Display is scheduled for Saturday, 5th November on the Recreation Ground.***



**Hot**

***Soup, Mulled Wine, glowing things for kids, as well as a Bonfire and Fireworks display.***



***The event will start at 17:45. A bonfire will be lit at around 18:00. Fireworks will start at 18:30 and last no more than 30 minutes***

You are welcome to bring Friends and Family to the event - the more, the merrier.

The event is paid for partly by the Fete profits along with donations made on the day. Contributions can be made via the Donation Buckets that will be located throughout the spectator area.

## **Important Information:**

- Please do not bring any Fireworks, wood or other materials for the bonfire on the day.
- Sparklers are welcome but must be used in the designated area - the Children's Play area.
- Please follow all directions provided by the Marshals or Fireworks Team for your own safety.

- Please do not drive to the Recreation Ground if possible. If you have Friends and/ or Family coming, it is best to have them park by your homes. This is to ensure access for Emergency Services is maintained.

Finally, if you would like to offer your assistance with this event, please contact Martyn Simpson.

We recognise that Fireworks can be distressing for Pets and other Animals. We will ensure that the display is run at the timings provided above to allow people to plan accordingly. For advice on looking after Pets and other Animals during Bonfire Night, please refer to the RSPCA's website - <https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/general/fireworks>.

# ***News from within and around Aston Abbotts***

## ***Waste Company appeals against expansion decision, next to our village.***

***Pete Lucas***

A renewed threat that could see HGVs and tippers through our village increase by 250% has been raised again by Bulk Transfer Ltd, Cublington, appealing against Buckinghamshire Council decision to deny a massive expansion.

Back in January, the council voted against the expansion due to the massive effect it would have on residents and the environment of Wing, Cublington and Aston Abbotts villages.

The appeal is set out below and it is strongly advised that we all play our part and urgently write to object to the decision being overturned, to the link or to Caroline Harvey:

**[East2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:East2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)**

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0300 131 6000

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Please Quote: APP/P0430/W/22/3300155

Date: 17 October 2022 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990. Appeal reference: APP/P0430/W/22/3300155

Appellant's name: Bulk Transfer Ltd

Appeal start date: 11 October 2022

Application Reference: CM/0066/20

Application type: Refusal

Location: Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility, Wing Road, Cublington, LU7 0LB

Proposal: Planning Application made under Section 73 of the Town and Country

Planning Act 1990 to vary Condition 1 (Plans), Condition 2 (Operating Hours) and Condition 3 (Lorry Movements) of planning permission 08/20007/AWD at Lockharts Farm Recycling Facility, Wing Road, Cublington, LU7 0LB.

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Buckinghamshire Council to REFUSE planning permission. The appeal will be determined based on written representations. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal (unless you withdraw your comments by 15th November 2022). If you wish to make further written comments you must submit three copies to the Planning Inspectorate by 15th November 2022. If comments are submitted after this deadline, the Inspector will not normally look at them and they will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate will not acknowledge representations but will ensure that letters received by the deadline are passed on to the Inspector

dealing with the appeal. All representations must quote the appeal reference APP/P0430/W/22/3300155.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw any previous representations you have made, you can do so on the Planning Inspectorates website at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing (Caroline Harvey, East2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) she can also be reached by telephone on

0303 444 5361. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

The Planning Inspectorate

C Eagle, 3rd Floor. Temple Quay House.

2 The Square Bristol. BS1 6PN

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. Information provided in your representation will; be published on the Council's website. We will use our best endeavours to ensure that signatures, telephone numbers and personal email addresses are not published. Using the Council's application reference, the planning application documents, and appellant's grounds of

appeal are available to view on the Council's Public Access System

<https://publicaccess.buckscc.gov.uk/online-applications>. If you require access to a computer, you may come to the Council Offices where there are facilities available. Your local library may also have available computers and internet access.

More information and guidance on taking part in appeals is available from the Planning Inspectorate's

website, [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate).

You can download a copy of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklet(s) at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-enforcement-appeal](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-enforcement-appeal). The guide explains who decides an appeal and what the rules are, how you can make your views known and what is considered.

When made, the decision will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> and the Council's website.

Yours sincerely

J Suter

James Suter. Senior Planning Officer.  
Minerals and Waste Team

**Below is my personal email to Caroline Harvey:**

***Dear Caroline Harvey***

***Objection of Bulk Transfer Ltd appeal to expand.***

***APP/P0430/W/22/3300155.***

***I strongly object to the appeal of the above expansion to be granted on the grounds of HGVs, noise and litter. The general route may state Wing Road to A418 but in practice, drivers shortcut through Aston Abbotts to and from the A418 and A413 destroying our village which has achieved best kept village, champions of champions.***

***We have a problem with HGVs and tippers coming through the village already. We are campaigning to have them banned from Aston Abbots due to them destroying our road surface, walkways and furnishings. There have also been a number of near misses and a crash involving an HGV, a bus and a skip being forced into a bus stop of people on The Green Aston Abbots earlier this year. Children play around the village and it will only be a matter of time before one or more are hurt or worse.***

***With trucks full of waste, our village will be covered in litter and general waste as is others with such lorries going through them. We already have volunteers litter picking on a regular basis. Their efforts will become futile if we have these waste lorries through our village.***

***Then there is noise and smell despite a wall and netting.***

***I very much hope you will favourably consider this objection to the Bulk Transfer's expansion appeal. A lot of work has been undertaken by residents of Aston Abbots to keep our small village special. We don't want it destroyed by big trucks such as those attached, taken in the village by residents.***

***Yours Faithfully***

***Pete Lucas***

**Dear Pete**

Thank you for your email and co-operation.

I confirm that all of your documents are now on file for the Inspector to see.

Regards

**Caroline**

**PLANS for new homes won't happen on land at Mount Tabor House, Leighton Road, WINGRAVE,**

A developer wanted to build five houses, made up of one lodge and four houses set around a central parking court-holding 12 vehicles. The design had elements from the Rothschild era, in keeping with the established architectural style of Wingrave village.

But Bucks Council planning officers considered the impact on the nearby Grade II listed Mount Tabor House and the Former Stables too great for them to approve the plans.

However, the council has given the final go-ahead to its outline plans to build 50 homes. Three one-beds, three two-beds, 33 three-beds, six four-beds, and five-bedroom homes.

A final application must be submitted for the development to happen as the council only agreed the plans are acceptable in principle. Despite planning committee members giving approval, the plans were met with some heavy resistance from locals.



They argue the scheme proposes 'too many' homes, it will visually impact the area, the loss of green space, an impact on wildlife, and the roads are not currently suitable for the increased number of motorists.

The sign is now up at the latest **Estate Agents in Wing.**



If you live in Wing or the surrounding villages and are thinking of moving, please contact the team:

4 Aylesbury Road, Wing, LU7 0PB.  
01296 252 043

### **Speed camera in Elmhurst 12 of top 20 in Bucks.**

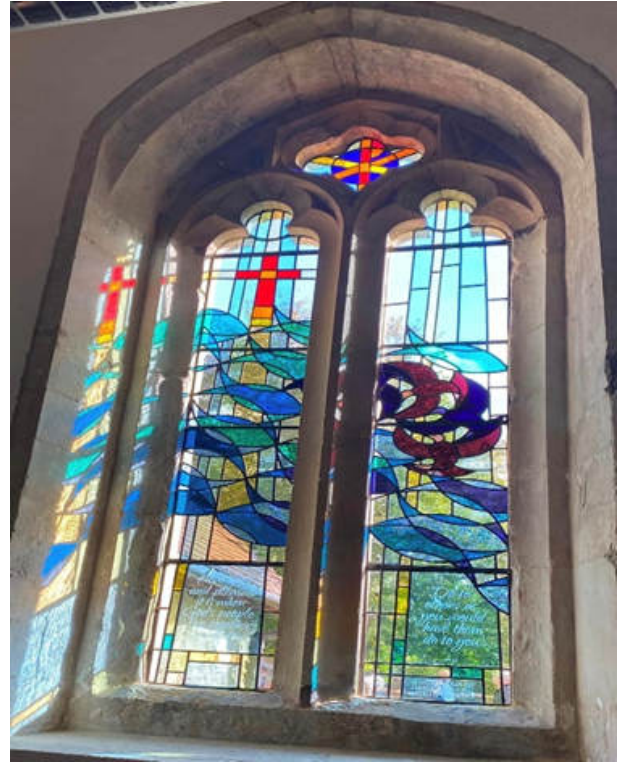
Others not local

12) Elmhurst Road, Aylesbury

- Offences: 1,068
- Speed limit: 30mph
- Top speed recorded: 65mph

**New stained glass window installed in St Nicholas Church, Cublington,** to commemorate how the village came together as a community and

overcame adversity in covid.



The window was designed and made by Cublington resident Roger Bottle. His wife Sue helped with getting permission for it. They view it as a gift for future generations so they can appreciate the Christian ideals of "compassion, selflessness and mutual support." Roger wrote: "This enduring community spirit has enabled the inhabitants of Cublington to overcome adversity and confront many difficulties down through the ages. Whether that was to relocate the village and rebuild our church in the Middle Ages, survive harsh winters and famine, endure the consequences of war, or live with the dread of life-threatening illness."

He concludes: "The design attempts to convey that it is the combined talents and strengths of individuals that promote a vibrant, dynamic and thriving community spirit."

**Diana Blamires**

## **Wing Market**

Old news for some maybe but a small market has opened in the grounds of the Wing Social Club each Thursday and is proving to be quite popular.

I'm told it has a fish van, a refil van, a greengrocer, meat stall and apparently new this week a chocolate stall. The plant's stall has left for the winter and will return in the spring.

## ***3 colourful autumn walks in Buckinghamshire that are perfect for the season***

A special trip to one of these stunning locations will be just the seasonal pick-me-up you need

Yes, life is busy, but you could go for a wander close to home. A special trip to one of these stunning locations will be just the seasonal pick-me-up you need.

Connecting with nature, and noticing the magical beauty of [ancient trees](#) blushing just before they drop their leaves, has to be one of life's great pleasures. So, three musn't-miss

autumn walks that you need to make space in your diary for this year.

## **Cliveden woodlands**

This stunning [National Trust](#) location offers you the chance to wander in ancient woodlands while casting your eye across far-reaching countryside views which take in the River Thames. Address: Woodland car park, Cliveden House, Taplow, Maidenhead SL6 0JF. Cost: £16 Adult / Child £8 - National Trust members: FREE

## **Whiteleaf Cross**

An inspiring walk here will allow you to see the wind brush the leaves from branches as you gaze out at the delightful views across the Vale of Aylesbury.

## **The Ridgeway**

Take in the highlights of the season with a walk along the ancient 87-mile long Ridgeway path. The stunning walk starting in Chinnor. The circular walk takes you on a secluded adventure where you can marvel at the impressive trees at Bledlow Great Wood, with occasional glimpses of the Chilterns sure to be a welcome distraction. Address: Chinnor centre (then follow sign to ridgeway east)

## ***What's on in November***

<b><i>Coffee Shop</i></b>	<b><i>Village Hall</i></b>	<b><i>Thursdays 10-11.30</i></b>
<b><i>Whist Club</i></b>	<b><i>Village Hall</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday 3rd/17th 19.30</i></b>
<b><i>Firework display</i></b>	<b><i>Recreation Ground</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday 5th November 18.00</i></b>
<b><i>Bingo</i></b>	<b><i>Village Hall</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday 10th 19.30</i></b>
<b><i>Armistice Day</i></b>		<b><i>Friday 11th</i></b>
<b><i>Churchyard leaf sweep. (volunteers please)</i></b>	<b><i>Churchyard</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday 12th 10- 12.00</i></b>
<b><i>Remembrance Day</i></b>	<b><i>War Memorial then church service</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday 13th 10.45</i></b>
<b><i>Rambling Club</i></b>	<b><i>Caldecotte Lake</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday 13th 14.00</i></b>

### ***Dear Editor - Your Emails***

**Dear Pete**

please see below final email from Paul Foot at Transport for Bucks

The Parish Council have been chasing for repairs to all the village pavements for some time and we pressed our case again after a resident slipped on the pavement by the bus shelter.

**Sally**

***Dear Ms Palmer***

*I refer to your communication of 5 October.*

*I am sorry to hear you are not happy with my previous response. At the time of our site meeting I was of the understanding that the job was still on an identified programme of footway surfacing / patching schemes. I have since been informed that this is not the case as the funding has been depleted. It is for that reason I*



*am investigating the availability of other resources by which we can carry out repairs to the footway surface in the vicinity of the bus shelter.*

Regards

**Paul Foot**

**Local Area Technician**

**Hi Pete**

Just to let you know the information printed in the chronicle about the field fire is incorrect.

The fire was in fact past Burcott Hall Farm (the next field) and the smoke was so bad it was the owner of Burcott Hall farm that called the fire brigade to ensure no harm came to her or other horses owned by people who stable them at the farm.

It was relatively close to her hay barns as well, so clearly something that she wanted to avoid spreading at all costs.

Once the fire brigade arrived and put the fire out, the smoke became manageable..

Thanks **Jodie**

*I would just like to say thanks to everyone who was involved in arranging or participating in the wonderful 100th birthday party held in the village hall for my mother. It was so kind of you all and she absolutely loved it. I would also like to thank all the other well wishers who have contacted her with special wishes.*

*As I said at the birthday party Aston Abbotts is a special village and I wanted to thank you all on my mum's behalf.*

**Jackie**

**Farewell and best wishes to Aston Abbotts**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October we waved goodbye to Aston Abbotts and set up home on the Cassiobury Estate a short distance from the award-winning park and Grand Union canal.

We have fond memories of the village and will miss the friends we made and have left behind.

We hope that the village make the new owners of Oak House welcome as the location can sometimes feel remote from the hub.

It would be good to think that our Parish Council will continue to push for additional safety signs in Cublington Road and that eventually the speed limit will be reduced from National to at least 40mph if not lower to protect pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. A campaign we pushed hard for.

Finally, a big thank you to Andy Bystra and Tony Hinds for making me feel very welcome as a member of the 6:30 club and to our neighbours Mark and Charlene Leeder at Hillrise House who not only adopted our chickens, have taken up the task of distributing the

Chronicle around the hamlet of Longmoor.

Very best wishes to all the residents of Aston Abbotts!

### **Martin and Heather Clarke**

I'd like to say a big thank you to Heather and Martin for doing such an excellent job in delivering the Chronicles around Longmoor for the past few years and wish them lots of happiness in their new home in Watford. And many thanks to Mark for agreeing to take on the Longmoor deliveries.

Jill

***A brief email requested by Cllr Diana Blamires from me regarding my thoughts on the HGV problems through Aston Abbotts. Ed!***

**Hi Diana,**

My apologies for the delay. Docherty tipper trucks are/have been the main problem, sometimes in convoy.

The person who took this pic stated on our community page, 'This one nearly took out the wall of this house. Too many near misses!'



We have signs at both ends of the village stating, NOT SUITABLE FOR HGVs. We need the road sign below:



Speeders. So much has been tried to no avail. Speed bumps opposite church /Village hall and outside my house or near suitably avoiding driveways. I don't mind a speed bump outside my place. 34 The Green. I believe most immediate neighbours would agree.

I hope this helps. I have kept it brief. As always, thanks for your hard work.

***Pete Lucas***

**Wingrave Community Choir** *Invites you to join us for*

**AN AUTUMN EVENING OF SONG**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at**

**Wingrave Community Centre. Doors open at 7pm**

**You can enjoy a drink from the Community Centre Bar**

**Concert starts at 7.30pm**

**Tickets £10 – available from choir members and Wingrave village shop! Ticket includes interval sharing platters**

**Your Community Choir is back and we are looking forward to entertaining you all once again!**

[sally.palmer50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sally.palmer50@yahoo.co.uk)

**Christmas Quiz Night**

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Aston Abbotts Village Hall**

**Two hours of fun from 7.30pm**

**Cash Prize plus others (Play your cards right)**

**Christmas dress up optional, Bring your own booze / drinks**

**Pizza Van in attendance from 7pm. Christmas Snacks on tables**

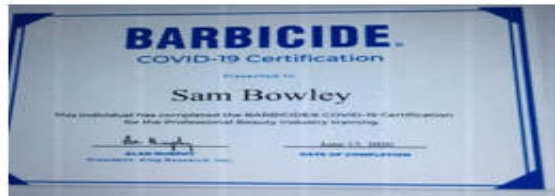
**Tickets £3 per person.**

**Maximum of 6 to a team. Join the fun on a cheap night out**

**Further Information from Pete 07544227991**

# Aston Abbotts Mobile Hairdresser

COVID-19 SAFE



Covid-19 SAFE

Hi, I'm Sam and have lived in the village for 5 years. I am a freelance hairdresser (He & She) and have been in the business for over 20 years.

If you are looking for a change or can't get to a salon, please contact me on 07800743856 or email:

[bowleysamanthat@gmail.com](mailto:bowleysamanthat@gmail.com)

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lifestyle

Charlene Leeder  
07415717067

#One2OneDietChallenge



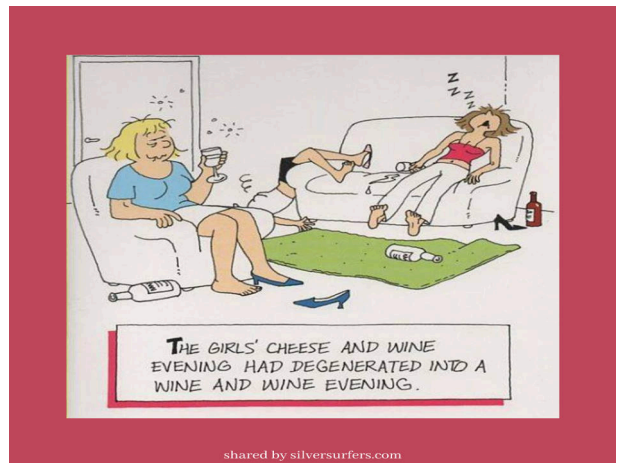
# The Wing Market is thriving

Diana Blamires

At the Wing Village Sports and Social club Wing market this morning til 12 as well as [Paul Biggs](#) selling fish there is Morris of Hoggeston butcher The Good Refill, Molly's Pantry fruit & veg & The Chocolate Mill MK posh chocolates. The Community board officer is here & Thames Valley neighbourhood police.

**Every Thursday Wing Sports and Social Club**

**Wing Sports and Social Club.  
Another good place to join for good cheap ale and drinks plus entertainment. Ed!**



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# **BINGO**

## **THURS 10 NOV**

Doors open 7pm, Bingo starts 7.30pm  
Aston Abbots Village Hall  
Raffle prizes too



# Aston Abbotts Parish Council October

*It has been a while, the PC news was becoming a little repetitive – but we have moved on with some projects and have new matters arising so please see attached an update from the PC. Many thanks.*

*Kind regards*

**Liz van Hullen**

**Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**

The Parish Council meets again on 15th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The summer months were busy & productive for the Parish Council, we report below on some of the ways we have supported the village recently:

## **Roads and traffic calming**

A project to add additional signage and white lines to enhance road safety in this village and Cublington was finally completed at the end of May. Since then Councillors have lobbied hard for further signs to be installed on the Cublington Road and these have been agreed by Transport for Bucks.

## **Street Lighting**

As we head into longer nights we are pretty confident that all immediate repairs have been carried out and all

lights are working. The ideal would be to switch to LED lighting and we are currently exploring funding options. We do rely on residents letting us know if a light is out – please use the email address below.

## **Footpaths and Bridleways**

Over the summer months one of our councillors has walked many of the local footpaths and reported issues to either the Rights of Way team at Buicks Council or the landowner direct. We continue to monitor our local rights of way and of course welcome your input if you find something amiss.

## **The Green**

Supported via funding from the Local Community Board a second information board has been completed and put into place on The Green.

## **Defibrillator Housing and Training**

Early on in the year the Parish Council, again with support from the Community Board, bought a new housing for the village defibrillator, we then organised some Defibrillator Training, delivered by the South Central Ambulance Service – 15 of you turned up which is just fantastic. Thank you.

## Bus Shelters

Some of you may have noticed that the Wingrave Road Bus Shelter has had a bit of a face lift. We co-own this together with Wingrave and Rowsham PC who, with a donation from us, have initiated this refurbishment.

The bus shelter on The Green needs repair – we are in the early stages of seeking quotes and hope to be able to replace the old timbers soon.

Moving forward – Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility has appealed against the decision to refuse its application to extend operating hours & lorry movements. The Parish Council will work with our Unitary councillors and submit comments with an emphasis on the unsuitability of the village lanes to support such traffic. Anyone can offer comment & we would urge you to do so on the Planning Inspectorates website at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing (Caroline Harvey, East2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

For a full set of minutes from each Parish Council meeting please visit the website <https://astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk/>

And if you would like to contact us please do so through the Clerk [clerk@astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@astonabbotts-pc.gov.uk)

## Book Club Review

### SMALL PLEASURES by Clare Chambers



A book that we ALL enjoyed reading, why? This book was pleasurable, beautifully written, sensitive to Jean Swinney's plight as the spinster daughter in the 1950s. She writes columns for the local paper giving household hints. The paper gets a letter from Gretchen Tilbury claiming a virgin birth, Jean becomes involved with the family, daughter Margaret and husband Howard. The plot of the virgin birth, before DNA was available, was interesting

Jean's loneliness and dull life caring for her mother is eased when she falls in love with Gretchen's husband Howard.!!! read all ....about it.

If you like reading about modern everyday life history then this book sheds some light on how it was. The group had a good discussion about our own family life in the 50's. The most notable was bath time. How much water? If there were brothers and sisters who went next in the same water.

SMALL PLEASURES by Clare Chambers. I'm sure a few copies will be found in the bus stop library.



# ***Five shocking crimes that took place in Buckinghamshire***

**By James Richings**

Many high-profile crimes have taken place in and around Buckinghamshire which have made national headlines. High-profile crimes that have taken place in the county that have made national and international headlines. From drink-driving Premier League footballers to some of the worst and most horrific sex crimes the country has ever seen, Buckinghamshire has been the location of some of the most conspicuous trials and scandals of all time.

Reader discretion is advised due to the nature of these stories, in which we have chosen five that shocked residents of the county and beyond.

## **5. Jermaine Pennant's drink-driving case.**



In January 2005, then Premier League footballer Jermaine Pennant made national headlines for all the wrong

reasons. Just eight days after he had turned 22, the Arsenal midfielder crashed his uninsured Mercedes in Aylesbury whilst being over the legal drink-drive limit.

It was reported that the accident occurred near the town's Aqua Vale Leisure Centre.

What made things worse for Pennant was that he was already banned from driving following a previous drink-driving conviction 11 months earlier, and when he was initially questioned by the authorities in Aylesbury, he identified himself as Arsenal's then left-back, Ashley Cole.

He was eventually jailed for three months following a trial at Aylesbury Magistrates Court but was released after just 30 days.

Pennant also has got the infamous title of being the first-ever Premier League footballer to play a top-flight fixture with an electronic tag in April 2005.

## **4. The Aylesbury child sex abuse ring**

In a truly disturbing case, in July 2015, six men were jailed for a total of 82-and-a-half-years between them after they were found guilty of a range of numerous sex crimes against two young girls in Aylesbury.

Clockwise from top left - Vikram Singh, Akbari Khan, Asif Hussain, Mohammed Imran, Taimoor Khan and Arshad Jani were all found guilty (Thames Valley Police)



All six were all charged with multiple crimes, which included rape, conspiracy to rape, child prostitution, and administering a substance with intent.

The crimes took place between 2006 and 2012 with the two girls (known as Girl A and Girl B during the trial), revealing to the court that they were trafficked as child prostitutes. One of the children also revealed that she had sex with up to 60 men mostly of Asian heritage.

Vikram Singh, of Cannock Road, Aylesbury, was found guilty of four counts of rape and one of administering a substance with intent – Jailed for 17-years.

Asif Hussain, of Hodge Lea, Milton Keynes, was convicted of three counts of rape – Jailed for 13-and-a-half years.

Arshad Jani, of Cousins Drive, Aylesbury, was found guilty of rape and conspiracy to rape – 13-and-a-half-years.

Mohammed Imran, of Springcliffe Street, Bradford, was convicted of three counts of rape, one count of conspiracy to rape, and one count of

child prostitution – Jailed for 19-and-a-half years.

Akbari Khan, of Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, was found guilty of two counts of rape, one of administering a substance with intent and conspiracy to rape – Jailed for 16 years.

Taimoor Khan, of Highbridge Road, Aylesbury, was convicted of one count of sexual activity with a child – Jailed for three years.

### **3. The Great Train Robbery**

**Police take measurements in 1963 at Cheddington Station, Buckinghamshire, on one of the coaches involved in the Great Train Robbery.**



On August 8, 1963, 18 people, included the well-known criminal Ronnie Biggs, hijacked a Royal Mail train in Buckinghamshire containing £2.6m (the equivalent to £45m in 2022) in what is regarded as one of the most high-profile crimes in international history.

In the early hours of that morning, the group knew that the train would be

entering the hamlet of Ledburn within the county.

To get on board, members of the party tampered with the signals which instructed train driver, Jack Mills, who was the driver to at first slow down and then stop. This is after he first saw a yellow and then a red signal. Once stopping at the latter, he, along with his assistant, David Whitby, were ambushed by the group. The two suffered serious head and facial injuries after they were hit with iron bars.

They were then handcuffed together and left in the engine compartment before the criminals made off with the money. Sadly, Mills never fully recovered from the trauma and died seven years later.

The crime took place at Bridego Railway Bridge (Bridge Number 127) in Ledburn which is considered a hotspot for trainspotters.

## **2. Bilal Abdullah and the Glasgow Airport attack**

**A qualified doctor who was born in Aylesbury**, Abdullah worked at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, Scotland.

He, along with Kafeel Ahmed, were attempting to cause terror in London on June 29, 2007, when they planted car bombs in the English capital, only for the explosives to be discovered and disabled by the authorities.

A day later on June 30, 2007, the two tried to ram a Jeep Cherokee filled with petrol cans and propane gas cylinders at around 30mph, into the departure area at Glasgow Airport.



The Jeep that was used in the Glasgow Airport attack in June 2007

However, their plan failed after they smashed into some concrete bollards outside the airport. This prevented them from entering the airport in the vehicle, which had roughly 4,000 people inside. As the car failed to explode, it was reported that Abdullah threw petrol bombs from the passenger seat whilst Ahmed doused himself in the liquid and set it alight.

Ahmed died in August 2007 as a result of the attack, suffering fatal burns that covered 90 per cent of the body, whilst Abdullah survived the incident.

Thankfully, no members of the public were killed with there being only five injuries.

Abdullah was eventually sentenced to life behind bars, where he must serve a minimum of 32 years.





He was jailed in 2009 and remains incarcerated.

## 1. The Jimmy Savile Sexual Abuse Scandal



One of the most disturbing and concerning scandals to ever rock the country, October 3, 2012, was the day that the British public discovered about the sordid actions of the disgraced and deceased media personality Jimmy Savile, who had died one year earlier.

### Most of Savile's crimes took place at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury

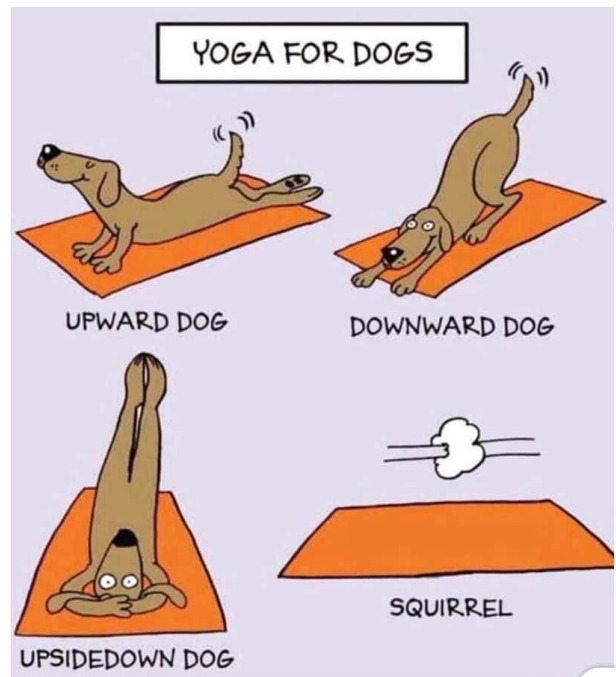
A documentary, which was aired on ITV, revealed that Savile had sexually abused hundreds of people across the country ranging from children to OAPs.

More shockingly was that most of his crimes had taken place at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, a venue he would frequently visit as part of his 'charity work'.

In all, 22 reports were made to the authorities between 1965 and 1988 when Savile visited the hospital but to no avail.

A report published on February 26, 2015, confirmed that more than 50 people were on the end of Savile's behaviour, which included patients, staff, and visitors.

***There should have been 6 chosen. Although not occurring in Bucks, the infamous 7/7 bombings. One of the bombers, Jermaine Lindsay, was resident in our hometown at the time. Ed!***



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## ALLOTMENT DIARY



Since the major growing season has now come to an end, and I have nothing much to say about my allotment, I thought I would give some advice to those of my readers who are thinking about growing vegetables, but are as ignorant about this as I was, when I first took my plot on the allotment about 20 years ago. While I am still no sort of expert, I can tell you what has worked for me.

What vegetables should you grow? Here is my advice:-

- Potatoes: an absolute doddle. In my time on the allotment, I have only had 2 occasions when my crop has not been good. The first was in a very wet summer, when the plants were affected by potato blight, when the foliage started dying, and the tubers grew small and mushy. If this happens you will need to Google what to do, to try to save part of your crop. The other time was when some of my first potato plants were affected by a late frost. If this happens, the only answer is to plant more potatoes.
- Onions: again a very easy crop to grow. I usually buy onion sets, rather than growing my onions from seed. The only problem is that onion plants have started to be attacked by a pest called the allium leaf miner, which causes the

leaves to wither and corkscrew, and stops the bulb from maturing. If this happens, I believe there are pesticides you can use to control it, but otherwise the best bet is to pull up and destroy the infected plants.

- Leeks: need to started off in the greenhouse or on a window ledge, but very easy plants to grow, and have the advantage of ripening after other crops, and being happy to be left in the ground until you want to eat them. Also affected by the allium leaf miner
- Carrots: Once the seeds have germinated, an easy crop. But some years you will find that the seeds refuse to germinate, in which case the only solution is to plant more seeds. My belief is that the seeds are more than usually temperature-sensitive, so that if the ground temperature is below or above a certain range of temperatures they will not germinate. Once they have started growing, it is essential to thin the seedlings out, otherwise you will get lots of thin, weedy. carrots. I always grow my carrots in a "cage" of mesh to prevent the plants being attacked by carrot-fly. I does not need a top, and only needs to be about a metre high, since the carrot fly is a lousy flier, and cannot fly higher than this.
- Beetroot: another very easy crop – with the added advantage that when the baby beetroot plants come up, the leaves have dark red veins, so that it is very simple to distinguish them from weeds, and not pull them up by mistake. (See parsnips below).
- Courgettes: you need to start them off in a greenhouse or on a window ledge, and plant them out when there is no risk of frost. I always surround my plants with anti-slug pellets when they

are first planted out, because before I did so, I regularly lost several plants to slugs, which are very partial to young courgettes. After a couple of weeks or so, the plants should be big enough to no longer be at risk. The other thing to remember when planting out, is that the mature plants will cover an area of around 2 square metres, so plant them far enough apart.

- Parsnips: I have never succeeded in managing to grow to maturity more than about 10% of the seeds I plant. I suspect that the reason is that parsnips are very slow to grow, and it is a long time before one can identify the parsnip leaf – with the result that when weeding, I often pull up infant parsnips with the weeds.
- Beans: I only grow climbing French beans, which I find very easy to grow. Again, you need to start them off in a greenhouse or on a window ledge, and plant out when the risk of frost has passed. You will need to erect a “tent” of bamboo canes to support the plants, and do not forget that when the bean plants are fully grown, the bamboo stakes will be supporting a lot of weight, so err on the side of making the “tent” too sturdy rather than less, or you will find it collapsing on you in the autumn.
- Sweetcorn: very easy to grow. You can plant it direct in the garden, but I find it is better to start the plants off in a greenhouse or on a window ledge, and plant them out when the risk of frost has gone. Don’t forget that the plants will grow to be 4 or 5 feet tall.
- Tomatoes: I always grow them in my greenhouse, but you can grow them outside if you wish – although I do not

think you will get as good a crop. I have grown them both from seed, and by buying small plants from plant nurseries.

- Cucumbers: I have grown them both in my greenhouse and outdoors, and found that I have had a far bigger crop when growing them outside.
- Brassicas (e.g. cabbages, sprouts, broccoli, etc.): I never grow these crops now, because of the fact that unless you are very careful, your plants will be attacked initially by pigeons, and then by the caterpillars of butterflies like the cabbage white – so that at the end of the day you will have few plants remaining to harvest. If you do want to grow these plants, be prepared to invest in netting and plastic hoops to protect your crop from the ravages of these pests.
- Peas: In my view it is not worth growing these, since frozen peas are so good and cheap. I used to grow mange-tout, but have given up on these as well, since I found the season for picking the ripe pods was so short.
- Lettuce: The seed packets recommend that you stagger the planting of your lettuce seeds by a week or so, so that the plants ripen one week apart. I found this never happened: the later-planted seeds caught up with the earlier, so that I had a number of lettuces all ripe at the same time, and before I could eat them all they had started bolting.

I hope you find these thoughts of use, and if you do decide to start growing your own vegetables, I trust you will find it as rewarding and enjoyable as I have done since I started

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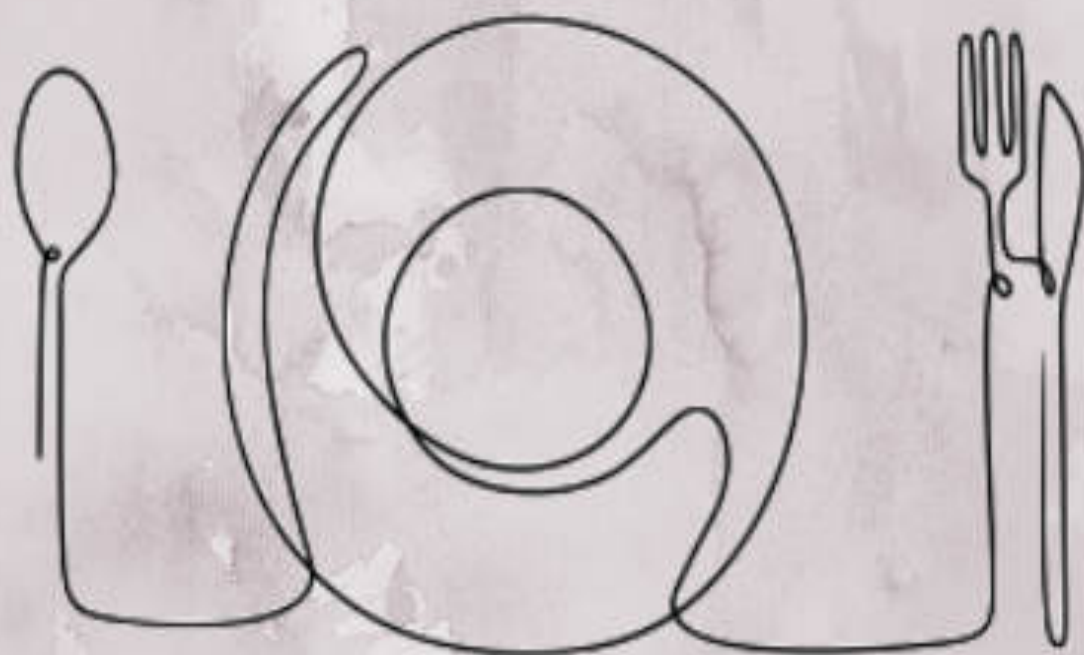


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## **Dear School Friends and Neighbours**

One of the highlights of this term is being able to provide tours for and meet prospective parents for the next September intake. Hard to believe our new arrivals have only been here 6 weeks and we are already thinking about September 2023!

It is a real privilege to have that quality time with parents, many of whom are looking at schools for the first time, and be able to show off what we do. It is a great opportunity to acknowledge all that our staff team do and how brilliantly our children learn and work together. With applications opening in early November, we provide small group tours for parents throughout October and November and take them through the full 7 year journey we hope they and their children will join us for. We organise these during the school day so that they can really see what goes on across the school site – no standing on ceremony, the real deal. Already visitors have commented on how warm and welcoming the school is, and how

happy and calm the children are, which is music to our ears.

As I mentioned in a previous issue, plans are moving ahead for our library project and Phase 1 began over the October half term. An internal wall is being pushed back to open up more space and the entire room is being plastered, decorated and re-carpeted to create a blank canvas for Phase 2, new bespoke library furniture and fittings. This is all in aid of our push to increase the profile and enjoyment of reading and, to some extent, compete with the nature of technology which is now such a big part of our lives. We want to create an inspiring and welcoming space free of screens but full of books and artefacts to spark interest and support learning. Members of the school community and visitors are getting a sneak preview of some of the possible designs ahead of final approval in the coming weeks.

The finishing touches to our new library will come in the form of new books, interesting artefacts and wall art so if anyone would like more information or feels they would like to support this venture in some way, please do contact us in school. We look forward to announcing a grand opening!

**Matt Tomson. Headteacher**

***Remembering past and future***

In the church's calendar November is very much the season for remembering, which most obviously calls to mind both the more distant and the more immediate past, and especially when we think of, or actively commemorate, those who have departed this life in the service of others. All Souls' Day is the most universal of such commemorations, since it remembers the departed more generally without any qualifications placed on the reason for their departure, while other days look more specifically either to individuals who have set a very particular example or to groups who have given their lives for a common cause.

Since last November, of course, we have seen again the effects of conflict, particularly in the Ukraine but also in various other forms nationally and internationally. Conflict demands, among other things, that we remember not only the past and present but also the future – that we think about, or remember, what various aspects of life are *going to* have to look like in order to deliver what we require and to be sustainable. Short-term thinking is clearly not enough and yet there will always be a sense in which we are at least partially reliant on it as we try to get by from one day to another. Thinking about how *we* are best placed to respond to the necessary formation of a world for the future is, furthermore, something heavily dependent on the situation and

viewpoint of each individual, in turn shaped by their past experience.

Matching this past, and all the remembering that has in one way or another come along with it, to a sense of hope and capacity for shaping the future can be a very tense experience, and it reminds me of a phrase I once saw written on someone's coffee mug which read 'past, present and future walked into a bar...it was tense!' Tension, however, can also be a means of storing energy. In terms of the potential that lies latent in our experience, learning and motivation perhaps that is one of the most helpful things to bear in mind as we fit our present capacities and viewpoints to remembering the need for a sustainable future out of respect to ourselves, to those who have come before us, and to those to whom the weight of responsibility will be passed.

With my best wishes for the coming season

**Andrew Krauss**

**Church Duties November**

Date	Cleaning	Flowers
4/5	David/Colin	Donated
11/12	Alex/Anita	Remembrance
18/19	Ann/Caroline L	Remembrance
25/6	Colin/Gay	Remembrance
2/3	Colin/David	No flowers in Advent



## ***Church Matters – November***

### **COMING UP**

**Remembrance Sunday – 13 November.** We will be holding the usual gathering by the War Memorial at 10.55am followed by the church service which will be led by the Revd Andrew Krauss (team vicar).

**‘Tea and Tots’** – anyone at home with a child under 5? Would you like to bring your child to a monthly drop-in at St James’s church on a Wednesday morning? Refreshments, games and songs, a prayer and a chat. Already happening at Wingrave and we are thinking of starting this here in the New Year. Please let one of the PCC know if you might be interested (see below).

### **LAST MONTH**

**Pet blessing service** on 25 September was very successful and memorable with a good number of well-behaved dogs and owners!

**Harvest (all ages) breakfast** and informal service on **16 October** led by the Revd Howard Robson was great fun and thought-provoking. 28 adults and 8 young attended. Our food contributions were taken to the Aylesbury Vineyard church foodbank who were extremely grateful.

**Church opening hours** Anyone, churchgoer or not, is welcome to use the church for quiet reflection and/or prayer. It’s now locked, but Caroline Abel Smith or I will be happy to let you in (see below for contact details).

**Caroline Lane, PCC secretary (01296 681373, [carolinelane@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinelane@btinternet.com))**

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**PCC members: Anita Parker, Lesley Clough, Ro Knight, Ann Goodman, Annie Pettie; Andy Bystra (fabric); Tatiana Butler, Francesca Bean (finance)**

### **100 Club Draw October**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize, £50 – Reg Mayhew**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize, £10 – Venita Dixon**

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## ***St James Aston Abbotts Church Services November***

<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday. 10.55 at the War Memorial</b>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Breakfast in the Hall then to Church for all ages Lay led service</b>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>

## **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.

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Sat 5 1745 Aston Abbots Fireworks  
Display AA Recreation Ground

Sun 6 1030 The Slow Walk: Walk for  
Non-Walkers Village Green

Sun 6 1260 Swingrave dance  
Community Centre

Tue 8 1930 Parish Council meeting  
Community Centre

Fri 11 1930 Family Bingo Community  
Centre

Sat 12 0845 Men's Breakfast Talk:  
What is the future for charitable  
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Sat 12 1930 Wingrave Community  
Choir Autumn Concert Community  
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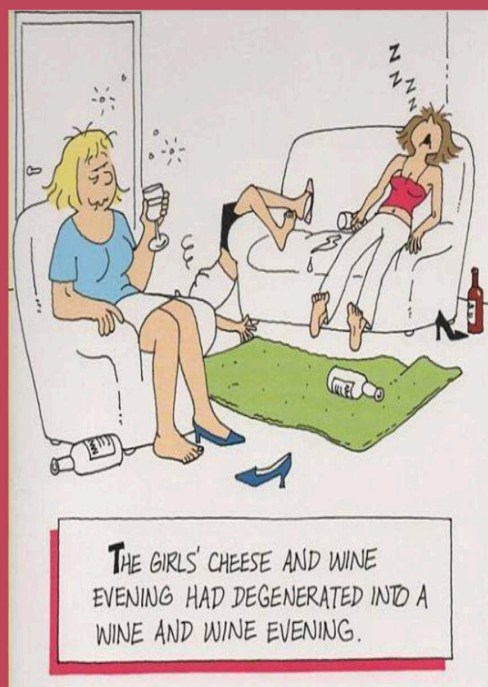
Mon 14 1500 Friendship Group  
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Fri 18 1930 WwRHA talk: London's  
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Sun 20 0930 Local ramble 4-5 miles  
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# ***Good News for the Orchard. Apple boom: Why community orchards are on the rise***

By Helen Briggs

**Traditional orchards are vanishing from the landscape, with an area the size of the Isle of Wight lost in a century.**



But community orchards are booming, thanks in part to renewed interest in living off the land during Covid-19 lockdowns.

People are clubbing together to plant fruit trees on local green spaces, from village greens to schools.

This new generation of orchards is keeping old traditions alive and reviving Britain's "lost" apples.

"Being away from the usual hubbub of life, coming somewhere that's beautiful like

this; outdoors, there's the birds, the animals, the human company as well - there's something magical about it,"

The air carries the smell of apples and the rhythmic whirr of the scrapper, a century-old wooden apple press used to make juice.

"What better thing to do than come out here on a lovely day like today helping the environment, helping the community?" says one participant, looking up from chopping apples.



Chopped apples waiting to be pressed

The revival in community orchards is being fuelled by an interest in growing healthy local food, spurred in part by Covid lockdowns. With the cost-of-living crisis biting into people's food budgets, this year's bumper crop couldn't have come at a better time.



Claire Matthes says fruit from community orchards often goes to local meals-on-wheels services or to food banks. "How things are now with the cost of living, I think maybe there's more of a consciousness about not wanting fruit to go to waste," she says.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has seen an increase in gardening groups growing crops since the pandemic, including planting fruit trees and maintaining orchards.

"Many of these groups are keen to reap the community and educational benefits of growing, caring for and harvesting their fruits but also the environmental and wildlife benefits of trees. Apples will be sweet with a good flavour this year.



## 'Lost' apples

The vast majority of these heritage apples never make it to the supermarket shelves and their names are disappearing from the lexicon. Jim Arbury of the RHS is on a mission to revive "lost" fruits through his remarkable knowledge of everything apple.



"They're going to taste really good," says Jim Arbury. "They're going to be quite firm with good flavour and sweet: plenty of sugar in them."

All the better, he adds, for making apple juice and cider.



The Vic Scott Orchard Aston Abbots at the back of the allotments.