



The Coronation

May 2023 Issue 436



Saturday May 6th

Help us celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III



Coronation Tea. Village hall/churchyard, **Sunday 7 May from 2.30pm**

Traditional afternoon teas + a glass of Prosecco

Dress up!

Make-a-crown competition (materials provided)

Treasure hunt in churchyard + other games

Music from our very own keyboard player

If fine, picnic in the churchyard (do bring picnic blankets, chairs, gazebos)

**No charge – donations appreciated to cover costs and all profits to the
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**For catering purposes, please let us know, ASAP if you
are coming: Francesca 07710 593059, Caroline Abel**

**Smith 01296 681001, or email PCC clerk
carolinelane@btinternet.com (and let us know if you would
like to help!)**

Followed by Coronation Songs of Praise 5pm

NEWS

Mrs Hodges of Firs Close died on Wednesday 12th April. She leaves her Son Paul and Granddaughter, Amelia. Her funeral will be held on Friday 26th May, Bierton Crematorium at 2pm. Our condolences to her family.

Postman John Retires



John the postman has delivered for the last time. He became quite emotional when handed the box with your cards and donations. He says it's the loveliest gesture he's received in 22yrs of doing this job

He's deeply touched and very grateful to you all, and is looking forward to reading your cards, and spending the £348.50 you've so generously donated. I know some of you put money in his cards, so that will be an extra surprise when he opens them. He will let me

know, so I can reveal the final sum of your generosity.

He thinks he and his wife might spend it on a few relaxing days away.

Best Kept Village. Chris Phillips

Our entry for Best Kept Villages 2023 is in! We are competing for the Gurney Cup (the trophy we won in 2019).

More information further inside.

We want more images like this, don't we....



Buckingham Constituency to be scrapped. From the next General election, our constituency of Buckingham will be abolished as part of the Parliamentary Boundary plans.

Gregg Smith, our current Conservative MP will be the Conservative candidate for new Mid Bucks Constituency.

Aston Abbots will come under the much reduced constituency of Aylesbury.

Fears raised regarding sewage discharged from Wingrave treatment works. Phil Lees

Regarding the storm overflow discharging from the Wingrave Sewage Treatment Works, I have continued to monitor the situation. During a 200 hours time limit, the facility has been discharging for at least 188 hours, 84% of the time!!

This has coincided with a wet period culminating in a recent storm. I have tested the water at the overflow pipe and nitrate levels indicating contamination from sewage were very high at the beginning of the period and had reduced to high following the storm from the effect of higher volumes of rainwater runoff passing through the facility.

The facility discharges into a tributary of Rowsham Brook. Above the discharge point, the bed of the stream is clear. Below the discharge point the bed of the tributary is badly affected by brown algae growth clearly indicating the impact of pollution enriching the water and lowering oxygen levels and this process has been taking place for a very long time.

I cannot check for the more unpleasant bacteria that are also

likely to be in the discharges but sufficient to say my personal recommendation to keep children and pets away from Rowsham Brook and its feeder tributaries remains.

I visited the Works more recently to see a team of men from Thames Water carrying out a survey. Spoke to the helpful man in charge who told me that they were carrying out a survey of the plant and facility, much of which is very old, prior to plans being developed to refurbish/upgrade the facility with work possibly scheduled to begin as early as next year. We must make sure that the work adequately addresses the needs of the village and its environment and in a timely manner. Establishing an effective liaison link with Thames Water will be essential.

I will continue to monitor the situation.

Attempted Night time Break Ins.

Regarding the occupants in the silver BMW who fled from Aston Abbots on 19th March and were filmed trying a door in Elm Lees during the early hours of April 4 and driving around the village a few earlier: Councillor Blamires contacted the police and requested they carry out more

patrols in the village during the night/early hours.



The police would appreciate footage/ reports of any other premises these men tried to access, in addition to the Elm Lees property, which has already been registered.

Councillor Blamires is happy to pass these on if you'd prefer. She can be contacted on: Diana.

Blamires@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Revised Bin Days for May Bank Holidays

Wednesday 3 - Thursday 4 May.

Wednesday 10 - Thursday 11 May

Wednesday 31 May - Thursday 1 June.

Dog owners lungworm awareness after healthy cocker spaniel catches deadly parasite

Lungworm is a serious disease but many dog owners are unaware of its severity.

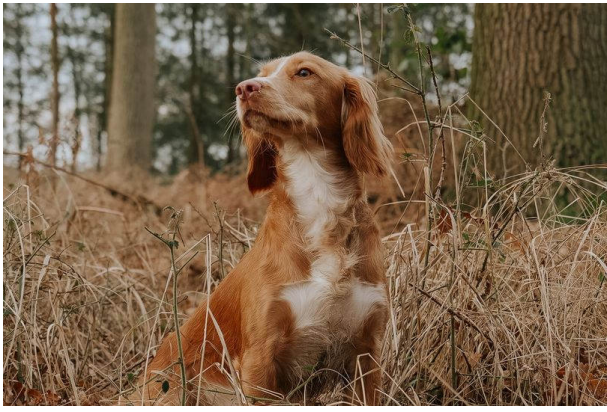
Vets in southeast England have expressed their concern at the rise

of a parasitic disease affecting dogs. Lungworm - a parasitic disease which can be fatal.

Symptoms of lungworm in dogs can include general sickness, weight loss, poor appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea; behavioural changes such as depression, low energy levels and seizures; breathing problems; and unexpected bruising or bleeding, which indicates poor blood clotting. Lungworm is believed to be the only parasite that can kill dogs but it can be hard to notice the signs and symptoms in an affected dog.

Phoebe Claydon, a [Milton Keynes](#) resident, noticed that her usually active cocker spaniel, Gracie, appeared tired and lethargic. Initially thinking Gracie was showing her age, it transpired that she had caught lungworm with her condition quickly worsening.

The trigger that resulted in me going to the vet with Gracie was that one evening she fell off the sofa which wasn't unusual as she is a clumsy dog, and I didn't think anything of it as she got up and carried on as normal.



"But then later that evening she was sick, and there was blood in the sick. The next morning, Gracie's left side was swollen up where she had fallen, and her skin was black. This was shared with the vet, and they confirmed it to come in as it was blood pooling underneath the skin.

"The vet started treating for lungworm with tablets, Gracie also had steroids, furosemide for excess fluid and painkillers. So she was on three medications plus the lungworm treatment."

Gracie eventually returned to full health with Phoebe even saying that she now had "even more energy than I've ever known her to have." Phoebe suggested that all dog owners familiarise themselves with the parasite to prevent the worst from happening.

Whilst many vets are well aware of its severity, just 21 percent of dog

owners have said they are concerned about lungworm in their area.

The parasitic disease was previously confined to several hotspots in the UK, including the south of England and Wales. However, new data shows the lungworm is spreading and is now endemic in central England whilst further cases have been reported in the north of England and Scotland.

Kim Hart, a local vet, said: "Education is needed to make sure lungworm is covered with prescription treatment for those dogs at risk. Off-the-shelf medications will not be effective, and they can leave animals vulnerable to lungworm. Pets could have lungworm for several months undetected and it is either detected by owners only when symptoms have become very severe, or if a secondary problem triggers a visit to a veterinary practice." To check your local case numbers and stay on top of the lungworm risk in your area, head to www.lungworm.com.



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What's on in Aston Abbotts - May

Event	Details
Coronation Tea	Sunday 8th
Coffee Shop	Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30. Village Hall
Fish & Chip Van	Every Wednesday around 20.00. Every Saturday around Lunch time. Listen for the bell
Whist Drive	Thursday 4th & 18th Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 11th. 19.30. Village Hall
Pop Up Pub	Saturday 13th May 19.00 Village Hall
Rambling Club	Sunday 14th. 14.00. Meet at Startops Marsworth
Bus Trip	Friday 26th. 10.00 bus to L/ Buzzard. Details - Colin Higgs 681343

Future events to remember

Village Festival & Fete - 22 & 3 July

Bucks County Show - Thursday 31st August

Village Horticultural Show - Saturday 2nd September



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Your Letters

Dear Pete

Many thanks to Colin for organising an Easter egg hunt on a very rainy Easter Monday. Well done to everyone who came and found the eggs in the trees (and behind Trevor the Trig)!

Caroline Lane

Hi Peter

(Reply to Editors Comments in last month's edition).

I had problems with Anglian water. When my new bill came in, my monthly payment had doubled and my usage was 3 or 4 times higher than the previous year. I queried this and they did another meter reading. When they sent that in 10 days I had used the equivalent of 80 baths or 40 loads of washing.

I called them and explained I live on my own and was told I was using the equivalent of a household with 4 or 5 people. I was told to contact the housing association and get a plumber to check for a leak. They found a big leak underground in the pipelining into the water meter. It has now been repaired but I am waiting for a revised bill.

Had I not queried why my usage and just accepted the charges, I would never have known there was a water leak.

Thankyou

Lyn

Dear Peter

This week, I had the immense privilege of commencing in the role as your Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police.

I take this honour incredibly seriously and I am fully committed to working and engaging with you, the public, to ensure Thames Valley Police protects our communities.

As the person responsible for keeping you safe, I feel it's important that you should know a little bit about me. I've been in policing for 27 years and Thames Valley Police since 2016, most recently as Deputy Chief Constable.

As your Chief Constable, I want to share my priorities with you. They are: supporting victims, fighting crime, and building trust and confidence amongst our communities.

Supporting Victims

As an emergency service our response will depend on the seriousness of the incident, and vulnerability of those involved, enabling us to prioritise the nearly two million reports that come into the force every year. We will strive to provide the best possible response and victims will always be at the centre of our service.

Fighting Crime

We will continue to focus on preventing and disrupting crime. However, when crimes do occur, we will pursue those responsible, with an emphasis on neighbourhood crime, tackling knife crime, acquisitive crime and violence against women and girls.

Building Trust and Confidence

I know that trust in policing both nationally and internationally is low. Therefore, everyone in policing needs to take responsibility to build and maintain trust and confidence in the police. I take this responsibility extremely seriously, and although this will undoubtedly take time, we will work tirelessly to build trust through treating everyone with fairness and respect. It will be through having greater visibility within our communities, increased transparency and engagement with all of our communities that

we can begin to make strides towards this.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our communities for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Jason Hogg



Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police

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Bucks Historical murders

***The latest in the gruesome
murder series.***

***Repeated from a Chronicle a
few years back, for new
residents and following
requests to repeat the series.
(Not for the sensitive)***

John Jones

Oh May 21, 1870, the family of Denham blacksmith Emmanuel Marshall were seen alive at Uxbridge market - and all seemed well in their world.

Emmanuel, his wife Charlotte and their four children lived together in a humble cottage in Denham, along with the blacksmith's sister and mother.

But two days later, when a wedding dress maker popped by to see Emmanuel's sister Mary - for whom she was making a gown - she discovered the most horrendous scene imaginable.

The Spectator reported it as a "special horror" - every member of the family, except Emmanuel - was found in the cottage, brutally slain. The crime scene reportedly

resembled a battlefield or a slaughterhouse.

Suspicion might have fallen on Emmanuel himself, but he was found in the smithy, also bludgeoned to death.

It was found that all seven members of the Marshall family had been hit with a sledgehammer, an axe, and a poker. Little Gertrude - the youngest family member at just four-years-old - was still in her grandmother's arms.

The appalling murder shocked Buckinghamshire. Who would commit such a heinous act? Police began their investigations and started by interviewing the neighbours.

One woman said she'd seen a respectably-dressed man leaving the cottage on the day of the killings, though she'd assumed it was the blacksmith.

A local bricklayer said he knew of a man called 'Jack' who had lived with the Marshall's, who was suddenly flush with cash and planning to leave for Reading in Berkshire that evening.



Police tracked the man to Reading and arrested John Owen, a blacksmith with a bad reputation. He held a grudge against Emmanuel for not paying him for a job that the now dead blacksmith had deemed bad.

Owen had a criminal past and had been in trouble with the law for sheep rustling and larceny. This crime would be his last.

On August 8, 1870, John Owen was hanged by the neck until dead at Aylesbury Gaol.



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THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Waterside Theatre



The 50th Anniversary tour of the legendary smash hit musical **The Rocky Horror Show**, will be time warping its way on to the **Aylesbury Waterside Theatre** stage from **Mon 3 – Sat 8 Jul**.

Since it first opened in London in June 1973 at the Royal Court Theatre, *The Rocky Horror Show* has become the longest continuous run of a contemporary musical anywhere in the world.

A brilliant cast are already wowing Rocky Horror audiences up and down the country, with West End star **Stephen Webb** (*Jersey Boys/Legally Blonde*) continuing in the iconic role of Frank, slipping into a corset and heels with ease, actor **Philip Franks** (*The Darling Buds of May*) plays The Narrator, **Richard Meek** (*Hairspray/Spamlot*) makes a welcome return as Brad and is joined by fan favourite **Haley Flaherty** (*Mamma Mia/Chicago*) as Janet.

Kristian Lavercombe (*Jersey Boys/Jesus Christ Superstar*) once again reprises his role as Riff Raff, following more than 2000 performances around the world, with **Darcy Finden** who made her professional debut last year as one of the Phantoms now stepping up to play the role of as Columbia. **Ben Westhead** (*Oliver/The Sound of Music*) plays Rocky, **Suzie McAdams** (*School of Rock/Kinky Boots*) takes on the role of Magenta and **Joe Allen** (*Little Shop of Horrors/Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*) plays Eddie & Dr Scott. Playing the Phantoms are **Stefania Du Toit** (*Starlight Express/Singing in the Rain*),

The Rocky Horror Show is the story of two squeaky clean college kids – Brad and his fiancée Janet. When by a twist of fate, their car breaks down outside a creepy mansion whilst on their way to visit their former college professor, they meet the charismatic Dr Frank'n'Furter. It is an adventure they'll never forget, filled with fun, frolics, frocks, and frivolity. To book tickets visit

www.atgtickets.com/aylesbury *

Dates: Mon 3 – Sat 8 Jul
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Future of Fete

Beneficiaries Review

The Fete Committee has revised the guidelines for those wishing to apply for funds, these guidelines are to be approved at the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the applications. The guidelines are as below:-

Requesting Funds

The following guidance is provided for those seeking funding from the surplus of the Aston Abbots Fete.

All requests must be made for a whole amount and be provided with suitable justification. Requestors should ideally make their requests known in advance of the APM to the Fete Treasurer so that they can be added to the agenda, although this is not a requirement. Requestors should expect to speak to the residents detailing the amount to be requested, the purpose of the funds, and the general benefit of the funding for the village during the APM when called upon.

Amounts Over £500

A written request, including business justification, must be provided to the Fete Treasurer at least 1 week before the APM. In addition, an Annual Financial Statement or similar Statement of Accounts must be provided to the Fete Treasurer. This statement should include the current

account balance of an established committee or group.

Amounts Over £1000

In addition to the items for over £500, receipts will be requested covering at least 80% of the amount requested.

Any additional information provided to the Fete Treasurer as part of requests over £500 may be disclosed to residents, if requested, during the APM.

Surplus Funds

Any surplus after the distribution of funds will be retained in the Fete Accounts, and this amount will be published along with the Fete Accounts to the Residents.

Requests in excess of Funds

Please note that in the event that the fete does not generate enough funds to cover the amounts requested, then there maybe the need for an additional meeting to review how the profit is allocated to the various bodies. Any surplus funds which are not allocated will be held by the Fete Committee and carried over.

Please apply to the Fete Treasurer:-

Kate Curry. 2 Norduck Cottages Moat Lane. Aston Abbots. HP22 4NF

Email: norduck@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you. **Aston Abbots Fete Committee**

A Changing World?

By the time people read this the big event on the immediate horizon will be the Coronation of King Charles III, and the majority of the population will not have seen a live coronation in this country before in their lifetime. Out of interest I looked up a list of all major events that occurred in the year Queen Elizabeth II was crowned and compared it to a list of major events over the last year.

In one sense there was a marked similarity – it was the same type of mixture of good and bad news, including a variety of election results across the world, famous people either progressing in or departing from this life, world events (often involving significant clashes of ideology) that raised concern for stability, natural disasters and other accidents, and yet also new discoveries that inspired hope for the future.

In another sense, of course, it is clear that tremendous change occurred during Queen Elizabeth II's reign. One of the most major themes within this change has arguably been an increasing degree of independence, not only in terms of widespread decolonization, but also in terms of an increasing emphasis (at least in Western

culture) on individuality and the uniqueness of each person's self-image or self-expression. Technology has of course contributed to this. Consider 1953 as the year not only of the previous coronation but also of the discovery of DNA and of the building of the first transistor computer, then compare with where biological and digital and technology are today. These discoveries have had a profound effect on both our understanding of the individual and the degree to which individuals are empowered, accompanied by some important ethical questions.

Recently, however, it does also seem that there has been an increasing awareness of our *interdependence*, not least with respect to the climate crisis and the big ecological and economic questions it involves. Our new monarch is well known for expressing his deep concern for environmental matters, and perhaps the criticality of acknowledging more fully how interdependent we in fact are will be one of the most telling factors in the time of His Majesty's reign, not just nationally but also globally.

With best wishes for the Coronation Weekend

Andrew Krauss

Service St James Aston Abbotts - May

<i>Sunday 7th</i>	<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Coronation Songs of Praise</i>
<i>Sunday 14th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i> <i>Followed by coffee & biscuits</i>
<i>Sunday 21st</i>	<i>9.30am</i> <i>Then 10am</i>	<i>Breakfast, village hall Then</i> <i>All Ages service</i>
<i>Sunday 28th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>

Church Duties May

Date	Cleaning	Flowers
5/6	David/Colin	Coronation
12/13	Alex/Colin	Coronation
19/20	Caroline L/Ann	Donated
24/7	Annie/Offers?	Decoration

**Note: Cleaners open church 9-5
from Saturday to Friday**

100 Club Draw March

1st (£50) Pam Hewitt

2nd (£10) Peter Knight

Church Matters –May

LAST MONTH

Services – Easter Day service – the church was well attended and the flowers for Easter looked lovely, including lilies donated in memory of loved ones.

Churchyard – the bulbs planted in the wild area last autumn are doing well so far, plus an extra area with crocus and wild daffodil (the extra bit will be mown over when the leaves have died back). We are planning a “count” of plants in the churchyard in June so please get in touch if you’d like to help with that.

COMING UP

CORONATION TEA - this will probably have happened by the time you read this, but if not it's on Sunday 7 May, 2.30pm onwards in the churchyard/village hall; look at notices around the village and the postie! There will be a Coronation Songs of Praise at the earlier time of 5pm, outside if weather permits. Please join us!

HARDSHIP FUND

In need of extra help? – The church in Aston Abbots has a hardship fund – so if you need help at any time don't feel embarrassed, it is there for the asking and you can contact our Churchwarden Caroline Abel Smith (details below) in complete confidence.

CHURCH OPENING

Anyone, churchgoer or not, is welcome to use the church for quiet reflection and/or prayer. It is now open every day until October from about 10am to 5pm, but either Caroline will be happy to unlock and let you in at other times (see below for contact details).

Caroline Abel Smith,
churchwarden (The Old Vicarage,

01296 681001,
cbjlas@talk21.com)

Caroline Lane, PCC secretary (2 Church Row, 01296 681373,
carolinelane@btinternet.com)

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





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INVITATION

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

It's my favourite time of year again. My son has rotavated the allotment, so that it is a sea of dark-brown earth, divided into neat rows by the Rotavator, with not a weed in sight – and, where I have worked on it, planting potatoes, onions and parsnips, neat ridges and furrows. It won't last, of course, but it's great while it's like this.

Meanwhile my greenhouse is full of seeds which are, I hope, busy starting to germinate, so that the cycle of planting and harvesting can begin all over again.

Since I have nothing more of interest on my allotment to pass on, let me share with you two items of gardening news which I have recently read in my paper: both, curiously, to do with compost. The first is that what is being called "designer compost" is the latest luxury "must-have". A firm called "Land Gardeners" produces compost at the Althorp Estate (where Princess Diana grew up), and is selling a 1.5kg bag of compost made from horses & cows on the estate for £20. According to a spokesman from the company, the effort involved in making their compost is a craft, and is similar to making wine. (I promise I am not making this up).

And, possibly to justify the £20 price-tag, the compost has been given the name Climate Compost Inoculum; and the same spokesman has said

"Abundant in naturally occurring soil microbes, using just a pinch of this inoculum, we can sequester carbon more efficiently in our soils and increase the density of the produce we grow."

What this means, your guess is as good as mine! To save you looking it up, I can tell you that "inoculum" means, according to my dictionary, "a substance used for inoculation", which doesn't help much!

Meanwhile in the USA, a Los Angeles company called Flamingo Estate is selling a compost called "Good Shit" for \$75 (£60) for a 9lb bag. You will not be surprised to hear that it appeared on a gift guide from Gwyneth Paltrow's company, Goop, and as a result, sold out over Christmas.

A spokesman for Flamingo Estate has said of its product that

"It is a blend of goat, horse, chicken and cow manure, lovingly tended by Windrose Farm"

And -

“Mother Nature is the last great luxury, and we are the purveyors of luxury goods”

I think further comment from me is superfluous

The second piece of compost-related news is that a Canadian firm has started selling a table-top hot composter that claims to turn food waste into usable garden compost in 16 hours. It is called the Lomi Smart Waste Composter, and is now available in the UK from Selfridges and other retailers. However, the first bad news is that it costs £500. The second is that the machine is the size of a coffee machine, and includes a 3 litre bucket in which to put the food waste, so that it would not fit easily in the average kitchen. Thirdly, the machine emits a quiet rumbling noise while it is working, which lasts for the whole of the 16 hour cycle – so that you would probably not want it in your kitchen, anyway. And, finally, you have to keep buying activated charcoal pellets to use in the machine.

The article where I read about this pointed out that for £500, you could buy 50 bags of peat-free compost – or of course, as many gardeners do, you can put your food waste into your normal

compost heap, and pay nothing. Admittedly the compost will not be ready until 12 months or so, rather than 16 hours – but when was it ever urgent that you had compost to use the next day!

Peter Shorrock





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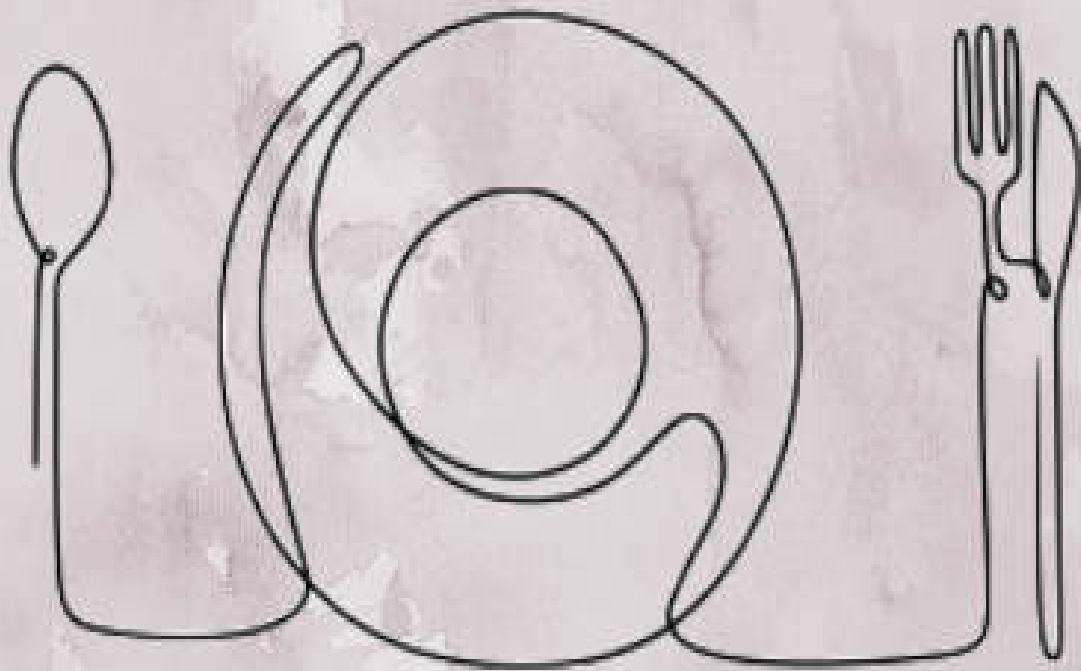
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Community Services

**Post office & shop Wingrave Deva
682964**

**Baby & Toddler Group Kim Gayler
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NHS Direct 24hr Advice 111

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Police Non-Emergency 101

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Wingrave Diary - MAY 2023

Wed	3	1000	WI: Japanese Flower Arranging	Methodist Church
Sat	6-8		King Charles' coronation events see separate announcements	
Sun	7	1230	Swingrave barn dance	Community Centre
Sun	7		Aston Abbotts Coronation Tea	Village Hall and Church
Mon	8	1500	Friendship Group	Baldway Ho, Leighton Rd
Wed	10	1200	Over 60s specials lunch	Rose & Crown
Thu	11	1900	Wingrave with Rowsham Action Group on Climate meeting	Wingrave Park
Fri	12	1930	Family Bingo	Community Centre
Sat	13	19.00	Aston Abbotts Pop up Pub	AA Village Hall
Sat	13	1000	Gardeners' bring & buy sale	Parish Church
Mon	15		Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan Walmsley:	07813 085211
Wed	17	1200	Last of the Summer Ukuleles	Rose & Crown
Fri	19	1345	Wild Slow Walk: another slow walk	Village Green
Fri	19	1800	WCA family barbecue	Community Centre
Sun	21	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Tue	23	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Wed	23	1200	Over 60s specials lunch	Rose & Crown
Sat	27-30		Twinning: Wingrave families visit La Bouëxière	
Sat	27~29	1100	Mentmore Arts Festival	
Sun	28	1500	Cream teas start	Parish Church
Mon	29-5Jn		School half term holiday	

Community Safety Contact Details

Community Safety Team	Anti-Social Behaviour Referral Form Community Safety Referral Form	https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/safety-and-crime-in-your-community/
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111	https://crimestoppers-uk.org/
National Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247	www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/
Modern Slavery Helpline	08000 121 700	www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/
Thames Valley Police	101 – Non-Emergency 999 – Emergency	https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/
Victims First	0300 1234 148	https://www.victims-first.org.uk/

Don't give thieves shed loads of opportunities!



Opportunist thieves identify sheds as easy pickings because they are unprotected and lack basic security measures. The buildings often contain property that can be sold on or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home.

Many people fall short on basic security of their sheds.

Please make sure you:

- Keep your shed in good condition
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed
- It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with
- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts, together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- Bond any window glass in with mastic to prevent easy removal. Fit grilles or mesh to windows to slow down the thief.
- Ensure all equipment and tools are locked away when not in use
- Install a shed alarm
- Post-code or mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smartwater or engravers.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points
- If building a shed, put it where it is most visible to you and neighbours
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they can't be used to reach top floor windows
- Chain large items such as bicycles together, making it much more difficult for a thief to carry away
- Fit a wire cage inside the shed where more expensive items can be locked away.

No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to so delay the time it will take them to get their hands on your tools

Best Kept Village 2024

Aston Abbots enters Best Kept Villages 2023 – let's aim retain our crown

Chris Phillips

Our entry is in and we're rolling our sleeves up for this year's Best Kept Villages 2023.

It only seems like yesterday that we were basking in the glow of our win in the 2022 edition. What's more, we won the "Champions of the Champions" Cup. The best of the best.



Yet, time moves fast and here we are again. This time we are entered in the Gurney Cup – for villages up to 500 residents. We can't enter the Champions Cup every year unfortunately but if we win this year's Gurney Cup we'll enter the

Champions Cup next year. However, let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Judging takes place between 1st June and 31st July and we can be randomly inspected at any time in that period. What the judging team is looking for is community effort as well as a tidy and well kept environment.



These are the areas under consideration by our visitors:

Provision, maintenance, and overall appearance of the following:

1 Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)



2 Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature

conservation area

3 Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc.)



4 Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall)

5 General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, ponds, stream, pump etc.)



6 Shops and pubs

7 Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs



8 War memorial

9 Evidence of community engagement (eg website, newsletter, magazine, posters and general community involvement in the Competition)



There's plenty of areas for all of our wonderful community to contribute in all of the above. Thank you in advance for getting involved and let's do our best to win. Of course, participation is not obligatory but as proven in years gone by participating and winning has brought Aston Abbotts closer together.

Can we do it? Of course we can.