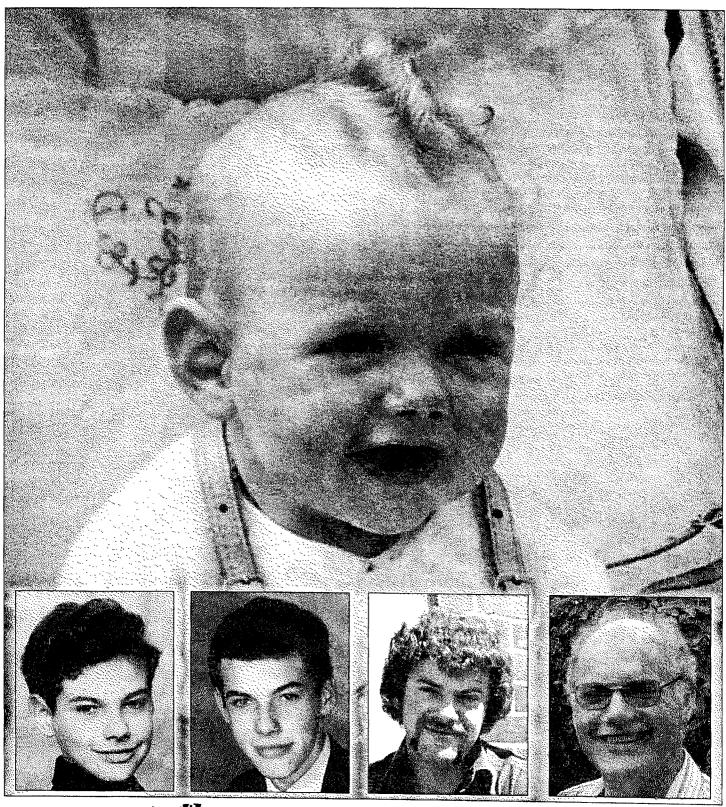
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Happy 50th Birthday Ivan Greenaway!

Editorial

Once again Christmas is upon us! I swear that it's coming around every ten months these days. For me this Christmas marks not just the end of yet another year, but also the end of my first year as editor of The Chronicle. So perhaps, as it's Christmas, I can indulge myself in a little reflection over the past year.

At the beginning of the year the water board dug up much of our roads to lay new water mains. The disruption was not disliked by all—Andy Bystra reported "The colourful barriers, yellow jackets and sky blue pipes have certainly brightened up the village...". A planning application for Moat lane caused considerable disquiet and I ran a feature on how to comment upon planning applications.

A public meeting held to discuss the Church Room renovations concluded that the village as a whole should be given the opportunity to comment and the subsequent referendum printed in The Chronicle drew a substantial response with 85% voting for the redevelopment to continue.

In April the awful spectre of foot and mouth loomed large, but here at The Chronicle we were in celebratory mood as issue 200 came out with a massive 36 pages—our largest ever. Andy Bystra wrote an article poking gentle fun at our Cublington cousins, provoking a spirited and anonymous riposte the following month. Since the beginning of the year I had been experimenting with trying to force recognisable photographs through our printing process and May's picture of vandalism to the shed in the recreation ground produced an outraged response from many who had heard about the damage but not seen it with their own eyes.

In June we were able to report upon our own 200th issue party, which raised £320 for Chronicle funds and the Church Room. July saw us taking a first look at the plans for the redevelopment of the Home Farm site and, after the summer break, we were back in September to report on a fabulous Astonbury event and a hugely successful fete which made over £3,100—the first time the £3,000 barrier has been broken.

October saw me voicing dismay over the village's apathy towards the Harvest Sale—an important fund-raiser for the Church. But no such problems a month later when we were able to tell how the Aston Abbotts Auction made an astonishing £3,258, making it the years biggest single fund-raising event.

Also in the November issue we were happy to report the wedding of my predecessor— and I printed five letters, possibly the biggest postbag in a single issue. By the way, I do like to receive your letters—so please keep them coming.

I didn't really know what to expect when I took on the job of editing our parish magazine. Sometimes it can be hard work and at other times it can be a downright nuisance trying to fit it in around the demands of a normal family and working life. However, I've had fun and enjoyed my first year 'in the chair'. The main thing that has made it worthwhile for me is the support I have received from contributors and the feedback from readers. So I would like to say

contributors and the feedback from readers. So I would like to sa a very special Merry Christmas to each and every one of you—and I wish you all a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

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Many Happy returns to the newly married **Becky Swain** who reaches the grand old age of 30 this month.

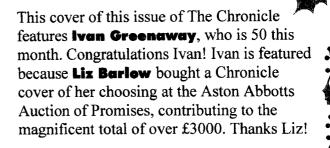
Our congratulations and best wishes to **Percy Humphries** who celebrated becoming a mere 75 years young last month.

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### **Churchyard Mowing**

Members of St James church are grateful to the 'Lads' (and 'lass') who volunteered to do the mowing throughout this season and have kept the churchyard looking so neat. It has received many compliments. Thanks also to the people who helped on the Autumn clearance of leaves. Your help is much appreciated, again with many thanks.

~ Colin



#### **Welcome** back

We were pleased to learn that **John and Pam Dixon** came back to live in Aston Abbotts during
November. Welcome back and we look forward to
seeing you both about the village.

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### So Long!!

Ray, & Jackie (and of course their dogs Jacko & Nelson), left Aston Abbotts on the 17th in convoy with their friends Benny and Ilene. They were last seen heading in the general direction of Portugal. Should the Chronicle get any news that they actually arrived, we'll let you know [Tony and Lydia have reported their safe arrival ~ Ed]. Just before leaving, they left a card for everyone with the following note enclosed -

Dear all,

Thank you all for our lovely 'pressies', again they were a lovely surprise and we will always treasure them. We hope you all enjoyed Saturday evening – we certainly did.

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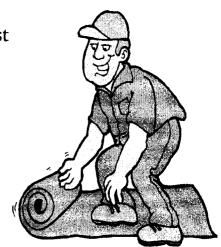
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## In The Village - 1

### **Jubilee**

ell, after last months plea for ideas to celebrate the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II I stood back and waited for the replies and I have to report that we were overwhelmed by the apathetic response.

I did manage to discuss it with a few of "the guys" over a pint and a curry at The Bull a couple of weeks ago. I should explain that there is a problem with organising things over a pint in this manner. We kicked around all sorts of ideas, discussed who should be involved and so on—but the following morning not one of us remembered that the conversation had even taken place. This week Andy Bystra, Bob Bean and myself chatted about it over a pint again, but....

So, what about it folks? Should we have a street party? Something special for the kids and then on in to the evening for adults? Should we close the road? I believe Cublington have already applied to do so! Or should we just let it pass?

If you have any ideas, please let us know. You won't get lumbered with organising it all—Honest!

~ Phil Spooner

### **New Streetlight On the Green**

Please remember that the Parish Council would like to hear resident's comments about the proposed new streetlight on The Green outside the entrance to The Abbey.

The expense involved is quite high — so PLEASE contact Kate Curry, either by phone (681137), in writing (2, Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane) before December the 5th and tell her whether or not you think it should go ahead. Or you can attend the next Parish Council meeting on the 5th.

Please remember—this is <u>your</u> Council tax that will be spent on this light.

~ Phil Spooner

### The Naked Swain

following last months article Torremelinos with Swain I have received over a dozen requests to print the uncensored picture of Andi Swain tied up and naked on Torremelinos seafront. I'm sorry Becky - it doesn't matter how many times you write - I'm not printing it! ~ Phil Spooner



### Happy 75th Percy!

A very surprised Percy Humphries, (believing he was just popping across the road for a quiet birthday drink) arrived in the back room of the Bull & Butcher to a party arranged by his wife Sheila. The occasion was Percy's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, so, being a 'special birthday', many of his friends and family were there to celebrate with him. Since Percy and several of his sisters who were at the party were born in the 'Bull' it seemed very fitting that his birthday should be celebrated there. Grand nieces were on hand and well rehearsed to not only lead us all with a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' but also to accompany us on keyboard. A very happy evening was had by all.

### Remembrance Church Service

his year the church parade and service were held at Wingrave. The fine autumn morning ensured a very good turnout. Regrettably, the numbers of ex-servicemen who had been in the war reduces each year but it was nice to see the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies so well represented. Following an open air service held around the War Memorial, each organisation represented placed their own wreaths etc. on the memorial with Tim Loder placing the Royal British Legion wreath. The silence was observed and the names of the Wingrave men who had fallen were read out. Led by the ex-servicemen, those present walked the short distance to the United Reform church for the main

### Chicken Run!!

e would like to thank all those steadfast '630' lads who turned out on that very muddy and frosty morning to help move two huge, heavy chicken sheds out of Ray and Jackie's garden, across several fields, fences and gardens, to be eventually set up in their new position at 'Longmore'. The sight of Alan's truck swaying gracefully along the Cublington Road with a chicken shed overhanging each side by some five feet was a something those of us in the following car will not forget in a hurry.

Had common sense prevailed, it was doubtful if any of us would have tackled such a n undertaking. Most of us there blame the extremely alcoholic coffees with which Jackie plied us first thing that morning.

Was it worth all those torn and muddy trousers, the hernias and aching backs? Well! The chickens and ducks seem to be enjoying their new abode and dads enjoying his weekly duck egg so all must be well.

Thanks again ~ Adrian and Vanessa.

### **Thefts From Vehicles**

Please be careful when you go Christmas shopping this December. There has been a spate of thefts from vehicles around Aylesbury recently. Don't leave those newly purchased Christmas presents on display in the car whilst it's parked in the town's car parks, as they are an attraction to petty thieves. Please make sure that anything of value is securely locked in the boot—and out of sight!

~ Phil Spooner

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## In The Village - 2

### Whizz, Bang Whoosh!!

watched those BBC weather girls with deep suspicion on Sunday November the 4th, but the following evening was dry and clear—unlike last year when it bucketed down for our annual fireworks display.

A good crowd turned up to see Dave Lewis attack a huge pile of garden rubbish and old carpets with a rather dangerous looking petrol flamethrower. Before long it was ablaze and the firework display area promptly disappeared in a cloud of thick smoke blown across by a strong breeze. A few minute later the smoke cleared a bit and we could make out the shapes of Lol Hinds and his team of volunteers as they started the display.

And what a display! There were lots of "ooohs" and "aahs" and some very nice fireworks indeed. The kids had fun with their sparklers and I think everybody had a great time. I liked the ones which went "whoosh" followed by a very loud "BANG", whilst Mrs Ed preferred the more genteel pretty ones.

Then it was off to The Bull for a glass of mulled wine or two. Thanks to everybody who contributed some great fireworks, thanks to the Parish Council for its support, and thanks to Lol Hinds and his helpers for putting on another great display.

~ Phil Spooner

### **Chinese Delivery**

e thought that Aston Abbotts had just about everything - a pretty village with two great pubs hosting a good bunch of regulars, ('What?' I hear you say), great views, and a (posh) restaurant.

But what about those evenings in, when you've had a couple of beers or glasses of wine so you cannot drive, you cannot be bothered to cook and you fancy some take out food. OK, we have the chippy van on Wednesday but what about the other days of the week.

Well we have finally found it. It took us over a year but we have found a Chinese take away that will deliver to our village - he even managed to find us tucked away in the corner of the village by the entrance to the Grove.

The man was very helpful, polite and pleasant—and I am not being sarcastic, although I did have to twist his arm a little to convince him to come. Poonam had established previously that they deliver to the Aston Abbotts road, but when I spoke to him he had not been past Weedon. The food arrived within half an hour, and that included time for him to drive around the green and appreciate the village, while Poonam directed him towards me, frantically waving to try and grab his attention! He said that now he knows where we are, that he would be happy to return.

The food was good too. We had the mandatory Peking duck to start, which was tasty and not too dry with ample pancakes, followed by chicken and green peppers in black bean sauce

with Singapore vermicelli. A thoroughly satisfying meal for which we paid £15, including a tip.

It is the 'Lakeside' takeaway at Watermead— Tel. 01296 339364. Deliveries are free over £12.

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### **Farewell Party**

Asy and Jackie held a party at The Royal Oak on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov. to officially say cheerio to their friends in Aston Abbotts. With so many there, all bars were packed to capacity. However, despite this, Bob Bean managed to make himself heard enough to present them with a table lamp and statuette as a memento from their friends and neighbours in Aston Abbotts.

This pleasant evening, sustained by a fine buffet, continued well into the early hours (by some; I'm sure you can guess who!!!!).



### **British Legion Coffee Morning**

he Legion coffee morning held on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November was far better attended than in previous years. You could tell it was going well even before opening the door because of the lively buzz of conversation. I arrived shortly after it had opened and inside there were some twenty people enjoying a 'good old natter' with their coffee and biscuits. There was a table full of Bric-a-brac for sale, but since I committed the 'cardinal sin' of not buying anything was immediately 'mugged' into buying copious raffle tickets. Oh well! All for a good cause. I learned afterwards that the coffee morning made £36.00 which will of course be presented to 'The Legion'.

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The Cock do a Carvery and have an a la carte menu – we choose from the a la carte, but noticed that most other diners in the brightly lit restaurant had chosen the carvery (around £10 a head).

Ivan had kedgeree to start followed by lamb in a Cumberland sauce, accompanied by a small selection of vegetables (£3.50 extra!) and I had hot avocado followed by a warm salad of scallops and smoked bacon.

We were seated on some of the most uncomfortable carver chairs I've ever sat in – quite small and hard with no upholstery, at a small table next to the wall. Close behind us was another table for two and immediately adjacent a table for four.

The bottle of Chardonnay (around £14) with its cooler was placed precariously on a shelf next to our table.

The food and service were fine – nothing exceptional, but we felt that the meal at just over £ 57 for two courses including wine and a large bottle of sparkling water, was overprized for the quality of the food and surroundings – the lights were too bright, the table too small and too close to other diners and the chairs were uncomfortable.

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~ Liz Barlow

### **Listed Buildings**

A "listed building" is one which is acknowledged by the Secretary of State to be of special architectural or historic interest.

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The responsibility for determining which buildings have special architectural or historic interest falls to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, who has a statutory duty to produce a "list" of such buildings, known as Greenbacks.

The part of the list covering Aylesbury Vale can be inspected at the Council offices. There are about 2800 listed buildings in the Vale.

Once listed, a building has special protection under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the relevant local authority, in this case Aylesbury Vale District Council has additional powers of protection. Extra responsibilities are also imposed on owners, for example the need to obtain listed building consent for certain works. It is an offence to carry out works to a listed building without consent.

The above is an extract from a new Advisory Guide on listed buildings that has been produced by AVDC. The guide leaflet offers useful information on the protection, repair and demolishment of listed buildings. If you would like a copy please contact Ruth Gibson at Aylesbury Vale District Council on 01296 585402.

~ Phil Spooner

### The Unicorn

he Unicorn in Cublington has had a slightly chequered history in recent years. A few years ago an attempt was made to turn it into a private dwelling, but planning permission was refused. Since then, its fortunes have waxed and waned. Until recently it was operating with reduced (and sometimes slightly odd) opening hours.

Now the Unicorn is under new management and it appears that it might regain the pivotal position in village life that a good pub can have. Not only have they started doing food again something which is not just going to attract more locals but is probably essential if they are to attract out of village trade they are also opening especially to serve tea and cakes when the mobile library is parked in their car-park.

The pub is open all day on Saturday and Sunday and keeps 'normal' pub hours from Monday to Friday. Food is served on Tuesday through to Sunday both at lunchtime (12-2) and in the evenings (6-9, except Sunday evening). Contact the Unicorn on 01296 681261 if you need any further information.

~ Phil Spooner

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- Q. Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
- A. So he can ho-ho-ho.
- Q. Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
- A. Because he had low elf esteem.
- Q. What do elves learn in school?
- A. The Elf-abet!
- Q. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
- A. Claustrophobic.
- Q. What goes Ho, Ho, Swoosh, Ho, Ho, Swoosh?
- A. Santa caught in a revolving door!



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### Vic and Christine's Quiz

h, the humiliation! Once again your editor's team failed to make an impact in Vic and Christine Scott's annual quiz. We came way down in the scoring order - but I'm not telling you how far down.

The Church room was crowded and the evening started well with an extremely interesting slide-show of Turkey. Vic provided us with much fascinating information and several enjoyable anecdotes, while Christine valiantly tamed a somewhat recalcitrant slide projector.

After the slide-show we were treated to a tasty supper, washed down with cups of tea by those who had not brought their own liquid refreshment. Before the quiz began the raffle was drawn and Carol (Mrs Ed) won a prize.

Then the humiliation began. Looking back upon the questions now, I wonder just how we managed to get so many wrong. Christine told us that due to popular request they had made the quiz easier this year. In fact, Vic thought that it was too easy and warned us that we would get a special extra quiz later in the evening. We were split into around eight teams and the winning team, which included Caroline Lane, Gordon-Smith, Alison Lewis and others, scored a very respectable 33 out of a possible 40, narrowly beating the runners up who scored 32.

Once the quiz was over Vic set us his special quiz to do as individuals. He showed us twelve slides and we had to guess where they were taken. It was not as easy as it sounds.

Our thanks to Vic and Christine for putting on the quiz which, as always, was great fun and I am sure was enjoyed by everybody who was there.

~ Phil Spooner

So let us see who is clever then? The winning team in this years Vic and Christine Scott quiz scored 33—can YOU do better?

- What is the capital of Turkey?
- In natural history what is a Sidewinder? 2.
- What is the chief difference between an ape and a 3.
- In what year were 22 new cottages built in the village?
- Where were the old cottages (that these replaced)
- 6. What does the word hippopotamus mean?
- In what country is Strasbourg?
- What prominent feature of medieval farming can be seen on Lines Hill?

What garden word is missing from the following eight titles:

- 9. The Darling —— Of May
- 10. The —— Lawn
- 11. Adventures Of Huckle—— Finn
- 12. Under The Tree
- 13. A Clockwork -
- 14. Wind In The ——
- 15. The Secret ----
- 16. Name Of The -
- 17. When did Kew Gardens celebrate its 150th anniversary -1990, 1980, or 1970?
- 18. What type of plant is a Ladies Slipper?

- 19. What colour are the ripe fruits of Deadly Nightshade?
- 20. What was the name of the last farmer to live in Church Farm?
- 21. What which you be eating from a dish of ceps?
- 22. What is the main food of a hippopotamus?
- 23. Who wrote the books on which the series "All Creatures Great And Small" were based?
- 24. Where are the gardens of the Rose?
- 25. Where in Buckinghamshire did John Betjeman live?
- 26. What, apart from narrowboats, goes through Blisworth
- 27. Who wrote The Compleat Angler?
- 28. In what county is Chesil Beach?
- 29. Name the two islands in the Abbey moat?
- 30. Why were they so named?
- 31. What animals are associated with gossamer?
- 32. If you bought tropical fruit labelled "ananas", what would you get?
- 33. Where at Christmas time would you find a cow, a goose and a bean altogether?
- 34. Where is the nearest National Trust property to Aston Abbotts?
- 35. Who lives there at present?
- 36. What worldwide product is named after the Afghan city
- 37. What have 1st April, 25th December and phoenix dactylifea have in common?
- 38. What is peat made off?
- 39. What bird features in the name of a local town?
- 40. What might you steal under viscum album?

Answers on page 25



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### From The Married Folks

ell we did it! We finally got
MARRIED – but then most of you
will already know that, what with the
almost celebrity status we seemed to
have achieved in The Chronicle last
month (can't think why)!

We don't want to bore you with all the details, but we really would like to thank everybody in the village who went so far to help make our day perfect. To Mandy, Jeff and especially Barney for making sure Becky got to the church on time; to Dave for trying so hard to get Andi to the church in real style; to Anita for her Olympic dash back to ours; to Bob Willmott for his Olympic dash to Wingrave at the last minute and for his brilliantly humourous wedding service (our nerves, and they were plenty, vanished from the word go); to Francesca, Claire, Adam and Ann (and all the others involved) for the stunning

flower displays in the church and The Old Masters; to Juan, Mary and the team for simply wonderful food and hospitality throughout the day and evening; and to all of our friends from the village who joined us to celebrate our big day.

We will never forget our wonderful wedding day in Aston Abbotts, no matter where we might move to in the future.

Right – onto the honeymoon. 14 days of blissful peace in the sun, with white sand beaches and palm trees and lots of....well, lots of everything! Suffice to say, it was everything you would hope a honeymoon could be. Of course, traditions are hard to break and I (Andi) waited in vain at 6.25 on the Saturday for my lift back to AA (see picture) but Dave L Swain never showed up. Never mind, I drank a "Peter Island Special" cocktail to make up for it.

I hope that nobody was too offended by the Stag Night snap of



"WHERE'S LEWIS?" - Picture by Becky Swain

me in last month's issue (Mrs. Swain excepted!) – it really was all done in the best possible taste, although I'm grateful that one of the SwainsWorld group had the presence of mind to take the very large "censored" sign with us to Torremolinos; I can only imagine it was John B Swain as he's very good like that, but heaven knows how he smuggled it through customs. There's a follow up snap from our honeymoon....but that one can stay under wraps, I think.

And that's about it.....we apologise wholeheartedly if we missed anybody off the thank you list, kept anybody awake with the noise from the party (no comments Chesh), or prevented anybody from getting their Sunday lunch at the Bull on the Sunday (thanks to Louise and Frank for looking after all 52 of us!!). We'll see you all around the village soon.

~ Mr and Mrs Swain

### **Catholic Exam Answers**

These come from a Catholic elementary school. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in) Enjoy!

In the first book of the bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar, he fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon. one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, "a man doth not live by sweat alone."

~ Submitted by Shirley Ford

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These present ideas are for the safety of your family and friends, and hopefully they may put them to good use.

Now that it is getting dark earlier and earlier in the evenings, why not make sure that your loved ones have a torch (which works) with them at all times. It can be small enough to fit in a pocket or handbag. Or maybe a keyring which has a small penlight attached to it, to give them some light which will help them open their front door or

You may think about giving a personal attack alarm, which can fit into a pocket or handbag. A very useful thing to have for ladies who are out and about by themselves. It can give you peace of mind, knowing that they have it with them.

What about buying something for their car - a

THAMES VALLEY As its nearly the festive season, this article has gearlock, a steering wheel lock or maybe an alarm - if their car hasn't got one. These thin alarm - if their car hasn't got one. These things may prevent them having to buy a new car in the New Year!

> Last but not least, maybe a mobile phone, - if that person is in a car by themselves, which breaks down in the middle of nowhere and its late at night - they will thank you for this gift. Or they may need to be contacted in an emergency - or visa versa - a moblie phone does have its uses!

> If you buy anything from a bike to a playstation 2, please make a note of the serial numbers before you wrap it up, so if it does get stolen at least you will have a record and we may be able to return it.

> And finally, I hope you find some of these ideas useful, and that you all have a happy and trouble free Christmas and New Year!

If you wish to discuss anything relating to this article or any other matters, please contact me on the telephone number below.

PC Mike Buckle, Wing Police Office Tel: 01296 396163

### **Brown Owl Goes To A Pop Concert**

So you thought that Guiding was all about camping and knitting! Well, in an effort to keep modern girls interested Guiding has been changing considerably. This year a complete new programme of activities was introduced for Guides and uniforms almost abolished. A greater emphasis has been placed on issues relevant to modern women. The Brownie programme will follow suit in 2002. Anyway, as part of this makeover a Big Gig has been organized for Guides and older Brownies for the last 3 years. Last month I accompanied 6 of my older Brownies with a coachful of Aylesbury Guides to the 3<sup>rd</sup> such event. The line up included several successful teen bands including Mis-teeq and Liberty, who were formed from those who failed to make the grade in the popular Pop Stars TV programme.

We arrived at the rather tatty looking Wembley Arena past the lonely and deserted Wembley Stadium with its boarded up car parks. We joined the end of any already long queue that included girls from Ireland and the North of Scotland. The Brownies kept themselves amused by trying to spot other Brownies among the crowd and purchasing flashing wands and fancy head wear from passing sellers. Shortly after our arrival the doors were opened and we shuffled forward

finally gained entrance after about half an hour. After locating our seats we spent the time before the concert queuing for essential items such as candy floss, coca cola and of course the toilet.

Finally the concert got under way with a female singer I had never heard of. In fact we got through several acts before I recognized the name of a performer and even longer before I recognized a song. Fortunately the girls, clearly better informed of these thing than me, seemed well into the swing of things. Most of the groups were very professional though I found it difficult to tell one group from another, as they seemed to lack any clear musical identity. We played our part with Mexican waves and screaming contests. At last the star turn, Geri Halliwell, came on. Before her grand entrance we were subjected to a 2-minute promotional video that included many photos of Geri on the front of apparently every glossy magazine printed in Britain (except, for some mysterious reason on own illustrious AA Chronicle). Then she entered in the manner of Madonna or Elizabeth 1, in an elegant long, full, classic style black skirt and tightly fitted, high collared black leather jacket for her first song. It was all very theatrical. After the first number she removed the jacket to reveal skimpy black leather top for her second song. She was

accompanied on stage by professional dancers. For the next song the skirt was removed to uncover black leather shorts. which enabled her to dance during her next song. Then it was time for the grand finale when she returned on stage in a mock car and jumped from the engine compartment to sing her hit number, "It's Raining", complete with umbrella twirling dance routine, to end the concert in spectacular fashion. 21/2 hours seemed to have passed very quickly. As we made our way out no one had a pen, pencil or paper to collect autographs. Never mind "Be Prepared" is the Scout motto after all and it saved any more queuing!

~ Sally Palmer

Sally Palmer is the Guider of the 4th Aylesbury Brownies.

### Government Announcement

Announcement from Number 10: In order to meet the conditions for joining the single European currency, all citizens of the United Kingdom & Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase "Spending a penny" is not to be used after 31st December 2001. From this date the correct terminology will be "Euronating".

Thank you for your attention.

Anthony Blair



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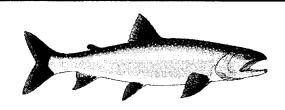
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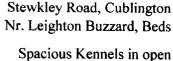
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### **Theatre Review**

hen Viv Nicholson and her husband won £152,000 on the pools in September 1961 her off the cuff response to the question "What will you do with the money?" was the infamous line "SP£ND, SP£ND, SP£ND". Given that their weekly income was less than £14 per week, the amount of their win (worth over £3 million in today's money) was, for them, almost beyond comprehension. Viv's life story is one of the most famous rags to riches stories of the recent past.

Frankly at such a young age the pair of them had no idea how to handle money. Viv bought a huge American car even though she couldn't drive, just to sit in it. They moved from their terraced house to posh Garforth where the neighbours looked down their noses and complained about the noise at the parties. A trip to New York turned out to be pretty pointless as they stayed in their hotel room drinking. Her husband was killed in a car crash on the way to the races. Sadly, fifteen years and three husbands later she was back in the Castleford area earning £30 a week, the money having long since been frittered away. As Spike Milligan once said "money can't buy you friends, but you get a better class of enemy".

The musical of Viv's life story, Spend, Spend, Spend, rolled into the Milton Keynes Theatre for a two week run in late October starring the singer Barbara Dickson, whose presence in the cast meant that I needed no further persuasion to purchase tickets. Barbara played Viv in the present looking back at the various stages of her life, in which "Young Viv" was played by the excellent Rachel Leskovac, a graduate from the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (founded by none other than Paul McCartney). The sets were amazing but then one has come to expect this at the MK Theatre.

What we were treated to was wall-to-wall songs, twenty-four of them, not ones you would have heard before, but nevertheless very catchy. And it wasn't only Barbara Dickson who had a great voice. Each song represented a particular episode in Viv's life. The titles give you a pretty good idea of the action, ice cream girl, upstairs in my room, special day, boy next door, miner's arms, drinking in America, dance of the suits and finally spent spent spent!

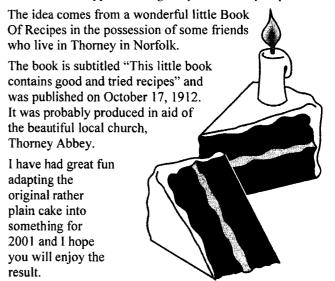
I couldn't help but admire the musical director, Steve Hill and his five fellow musicians in the pit. Having front row seats I was close enough to shake hands with him and read his music! For me this added a whole new dimension to the show. All in all one of the best productions we have seen at MK. Let's hope that "Chicago", due in February next year, is as good.

~ Nigel Palmer



### **Scripture Cake**

This rather unusual recipe is taken from an article by Orlando Murrin, which appeared originally in the Daily Express.



### Ingredients

Easy for Old Testament students: half an hour Bible study, 2.5 hours baking. Cuts into 10.

| 200g/8oz  | GENESIS IV verse 4            |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 200g/8oz  | JEREMIAH VI verse 20          |
| 4         | ISAIAH X verse 14             |
| 2 tbs     | 1 SAMUEL XIV verse 25         |
| 280g/l0oz | 1 KINGS IV verse 22           |
| 0.5 tsp   | LEVITICUS II verse 13         |
| 1 tsp 2   | CHRONICLES IX verse 9         |
| 350g/l2oz | 1 SAMUEL XXX verse 12         |
| 50g/2oz   | NUMBERS XVII verse 8, chopped |
| 2tbs      | JUDGES V verse 25             |

#### How To Make It

- 1. Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan oven/gas 3. Grease and line a 20cm/8inch cake tin.
- Cream Genesis and Jeremiah until pale and fluffy Add Isaiah and Samuel a little at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 3. Fold in the Kings, which you have sifted with Leviticus and Chronicles, and then the Samuel and Numbers. Stir in the Judges to make a soft dropping consistency.
- 4. Bake for 2.5 hours until a skewer comes out clean. With a long, slowish baking of this kind, you must use your judgment: check the cake in case it appears to be browning too much, and if so shield with foil. Start testing 20 minutes before baking time is up, and don't omit the skewer test. Once cooked, remove from the oven and leave in the tin for 30 minutes before turning on to a wire rack to cool completely

Orlando Murrin is the editor of BBC Good Food magazine, £2.10. His Clever Cookbook, containing 100 recipes from his Daily Express column, is for sale in all good bookshops for £6.

If you can't work it out for yourself, the key is on page 25.

~ submitted by Colin Higgs

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You are a woman worth knowing!!!!!!!

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They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a new marriage. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all sizes, in all colours and shapes. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin! Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have a lot to say and a lot to give.

This has been sent to you from someone who respects you as a

woman. Pass it along to your woman friends to remind them how amazing they are.....

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If we forget to shave, no one has to know. We can congratulate our team-mate without ever touching her rear. We never have to reach down every so often to make sure our privates are still there.

We have the ability to dress ourselves. We can talk to people of the opposite sex without having to picture them naked. If we marry someone 20 years younger, we're aware that we look like an idiot.

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- 5. Small ape (6)
- 11. First man (4)
- 12. Lifting machines (6)
- 13. Detection system (5)
- 15. Spare; incline (4)
- 16. Angry (5)
- 18. Require; want (4)
- 20. Furthest; extreme (6)
- 22. Beer (3)
- 24. Donkey (3)
- 26. GREEN PASS (an. 9)
- 28. Leave; depart (2)
- 29. University official (4)

- 30. London Symphony Orchesta (ab. 3)
- 31. Large bird (3)
- 33. Incense; gum resin (5)
- 34. Eastern Standard Time
- 35. Girl'e name (4)
- 37. Possessors (6)
- 38. All together (2&4)
- 41 Form (5)
- 42. Peruvian Indians (4)
- 43. Endures (5)
- 44. Repeated sound (4)
- 45. Old Testament (ab. 2)
- 46. Same as 1 across (5)

### DOWN: 1 Wedlock (8)

- 2. Girl's name (3)
- 3. Half of diameter (6)
- 4. Elegant (5)
- 6. Frozen water (3)
- 7. In breakfast cereal (4)
- 8. BEAN (an. 4)
- 9. -- duty (2)
- 10. Unnecessary (8)
- 14. PRAM (an. 4)
- 15. Smaller (6)
- 17. TODAY (an.5)
- 19. Bird of prey (5)
- 21. Russian Emperor (4)

- 23. Sensual; titillating (6)
- 25. To a certain extent (8)
- 27. Improves (8)
- 32. Bones in forearms (5)
- 33. Females horses (5)
- 36. Short month (4)
- 37. Norwegian capital (4)
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- 39. German composer (4)
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### ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER

### ACROSS:

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 3 Aliens.
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 21 Oysters.
 23 Emission.
 24 Sanity.
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### **Rectors Report**

As we approach Christmas and the end of another year, we cannot fail to note the events of the past twelve months. Nor can we wish for next year to be as trying.

Last Winter brought floods to many parts of the country. The Spring brought us Foot and Mouth Disease with the killing of many thousands of seemingly healthy sheep and cattle. Towards the end of a far from memorable Summer there were the terrorist attacks in America, and the Autumn has been taken up with the war in Afghanistan. And, as I write, there has been another plane crash in New York.

Mention Equitable Life, Marks and Spencer, Marconi and Railtrack, and the year seems to have been even more depressing. A disastrous year for some farmers, a very poor year particularly for the tourism industry. A year in which illegal immigrants seemed to enter our country with impunity, and in which our parliamentary democracy was diminished yet further.

As the list of troubles grows longer, it is tempting to think that the forces of wickedness and evil are winning the battle, and that in the end, everything that we value will be stripped away from us.

Yet, the Christian Gospel is a message of supreme hope. The Christmas Story reminds us that God does intervene in human history. It is not insignificant that the Nativity story includes an account of the violent putting to death of a large number of small children in an attempt to change the course of events.

The Christmas Story is an unlikely one, for it shows a sequence of events that appear to be implausible. An unmarried mother, a manger in a stable, shepherds and Wise Men, angelic voices and stars. Yet the product of that story – Jesus Christ – as the story of his life unfolds, demonstrates the overwhelming goodness and love of God. The victory over sin and death is made complete in his death on the Cross and rising to life again on Easter Morning.

No matter how desolate the events of our world seem, God remains in control, and can always be relied upon to bring good out of evil and life out of death. So I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas.

~ Bob Willmott



### **1st Wingrave Scout Group**

The Highlight of November was Remembrance Sunday. Where each section was represented at the village service which was held at the War Memorial and the United Reform Church. Thank you to those boys who attended. Each section has been busy with their own programmes,

Beavers have been working on the theme of Fun and Friends. Two of the Beavers have been to Cubs as part of their link work before moving up.

Cubs held a camp cook evening and invited all the sections to join them for sausages burgers and beans and a sing song around the camp fire, we were delighted to have so many boys for a joint evening. Many boys enjoyed taking part in the District handicraft event where they had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of different crafts. We also took the Cubs to the telephone museum at Milton Keynes where they were able to fiddle to their hearts desire, it was interesting for the leaders to realise the boys had no idea how to "dial" a number!

Scouts have continued badge work involving knots, they have also taken part in wide games around the village.

### We are all getting ready for the Bazaar Saturday 1 St December ~ Hope to see you there

For more information about Scouting in Wingrave phone Jeff Pollard 625454

~ Julia Ellis (681118)

### The Most Useless Number

An international competition was held to discover the world's most useless number. The winner was  $1.8015446 \times 10^{12}$ , which claims to be the speed of light in furlongs per fortnight.

### Vic & Christine's Quiz Answers

1. Ankara 2. Snake 3. An ape has no tail 4, 1854
5. The Grove 6. River horse 7. France 8. Ridge and furrow 9. Buds 10. Camomile 11. Berry 12. Greenwood 13. Orange 14. Willows 15. Garden 16. Rose 17. 1990 18.

22. Vegetation 23. James Herriot 24. St Albans 25. Wotton House (Wotton Underwood) 26. The Grand Union Canal ('water' accepted) 27. Isaac Walton 28. Dorset 29. Erebus and Terror 30. They were the ships of James Ross 31. Spiders 32. Pineapples 33. Pantomime (Jack and the bean stalk) 34. Ascot House in Wing 35. Sir Evelyn Rothschild 36. Kandahar ink 37. They are all dates 38. Rotting vegetation 37. They are all dates 38. Rotting vegetation 39. (Leighton) Buzzard 40. A kiss (it's Mistletoe)

### Key to the Scripture Cake

- milk Judges V verse 25 sınu -Numbers XVII verse 8 I Samuel XXX verse 12 - dried fruit - abice 2 Chronicles IX verse 9 - salt Leviticus II verse 13 molt -I Kings IV verse 22 - pouch I Samuel XIV verse 25 eggs -Isaiah X verse 14 - sugar Jeremiah VI verse 20 - pritter Genesis IV verse 4



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| Church Services     |       |               |                                |  |  |
|---------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec | 10.00 | Cublington    | Family Service                 |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Wingrave      | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 11.15 | Aston Abbotts | Morning Worship                |  |  |
|                     | 18.00 | Wingrave      | Advent Carols                  |  |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 08.00 | Wingrave      | Prayer Book Style<br>Communion |  |  |
|                     | 08.45 | Cublington    | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Wingrave      | People's Praise                |  |  |
|                     | 11.15 | Aston Abbotts | Parish Communion               |  |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00 | Wingrave      | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 11.15 | Aston Abbotts | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 15.00 | Cublington    | Carols & Readings              |  |  |
|                     | 18.00 | Wingrave      | Christingle                    |  |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 08.45 | Cublington    | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Wingrave      | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 15.00 | Aston Abbotts | Carols & Readings              |  |  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>    | 18.00 | Wingrave      | Blessing the Crib              |  |  |
|                     | 23.00 | Wingrave      | Midnight Eucharist             |  |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>    | 08.45 | Cublington    | Christmas Communion            |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Wingrave      | WCT Christmas Service          |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Aston Abbotts | Christmas Service & Communion  |  |  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00 | Wingrave      | Three Parish Communion         |  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 10.00 | Wingrave      | Parish Communion               |  |  |
|                     | 10.00 | Cublington    | Family Service                 |  |  |
|                     | 11.15 | Aston Abbotts | Morning Worship                |  |  |

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|                  |        |
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| Shirley Ford     | 681865 |
| Ann Goodman      | 681763 |
| Andrew Ford      | 681865 |

### **Sunday Readings**

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec | Advent      | Romans 13.11-14;<br>Matthew 24. 36-44 |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Advent 2    | Romans 15.4-13;<br>Matthew 3.1-12     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Advent 3    | James 5.7-10;<br>Matthew 11.2-11      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Advent 4    | Romans 1.1-7;<br>Matthew 1.18-25      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas 1 | Hebrews 2 10-18;<br>Matthew 2.13-23   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Epiphany    | Ephesians 3.1-12;<br>Matthew 2.1-12   |

### From The Registers

| Baptism | 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Tayler & Megan Alliston |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|         |                      | at Aston Abbotts        |

### **Church Sidesmen**

| 2nd  | Mr C. Higgs       |
|------|-------------------|
| 9th  | Mr. G Kemp        |
| 16th | Mr. J Hartnett    |
| 23rd | Mr. A Ford        |
| 25th | Churchwarden      |
| 30th | (No service)      |
| 6th  | January Mr A Ford |

### **Church Flowers**

| 1st/2nd         | No flowers, Advent                   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8th/9th         | No flowers, Advent                   |
| 15th/16th       | No flowers, Advent                   |
| 22nd /23rd/25th | Everyone, as requested for Christmas |
| 6th January     | (Donated)                            |
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Sat. 1st Dec Christmas shopping trip to Southend

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Sun. 2nd Rambling Club members meet Caldecote MK. 2.00pm.

Tues. 4th Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm Aylesbury

Vale Transport Meeting Civic Centre (train & bus queries to Colin

on 681343 please)

Wed. 5th Parish Council Meeting Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Thurs. 6th** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00

Thurs. 13th Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00

Also Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm

Friday 14th Rambler's Club Christmas dinner – 13 Moorlands Wing 7.30

Tues. 18th Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley

Also Floral class, Church Room 7.00 pm

Thurs. 20th Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00

Also Bingo in The Church Room 7.30pm

Sun. 23rd Carol Service, St James Church 3.00pm.

Christmas Day Family Parish Communion St James Church 10.00 am

**Boxing Day** Village footpath walk The green 2.00 pm

Sat 29th \*Refuse day\*

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**Sun. 2nd** Rambling Club members meet Cublington cross roads. 2.00pm.



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Who's there?

Hanna

Hanna who?

Hanna partridge in a pear tree

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Carol Service, Cublington

### CHRISTMAS BREAK 2002

January 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Ian Pearce "Royal National Mission to

Deep Sea Fishermen"

January 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Isobel Bartholamew "Botanical Art

through the Ages"

February 7<sup>th</sup> Mr Hugh Grainger "Ghost Stories"
February 21<sup>st</sup> Mr G Atkins MBE "Virginia in May"

March 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Lunch

March 21st Mrs Barbara Taylor "Nepal, A grandmother

goes to Mount Everest"

April 4<sup>th</sup> Social Afternoon

April 18<sup>th</sup> A visit from Miss Whipps

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Barry Oxley, RSPB "Red Kites"
May 16<sup>th</sup> Etherly Gutteridge "Portraiture"

May 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Peter Vernon "Australia, Ayres Rock"

June 13<sup>th</sup> Club Outing
June 27<sup>th</sup> Garden Party

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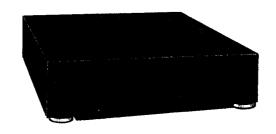
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