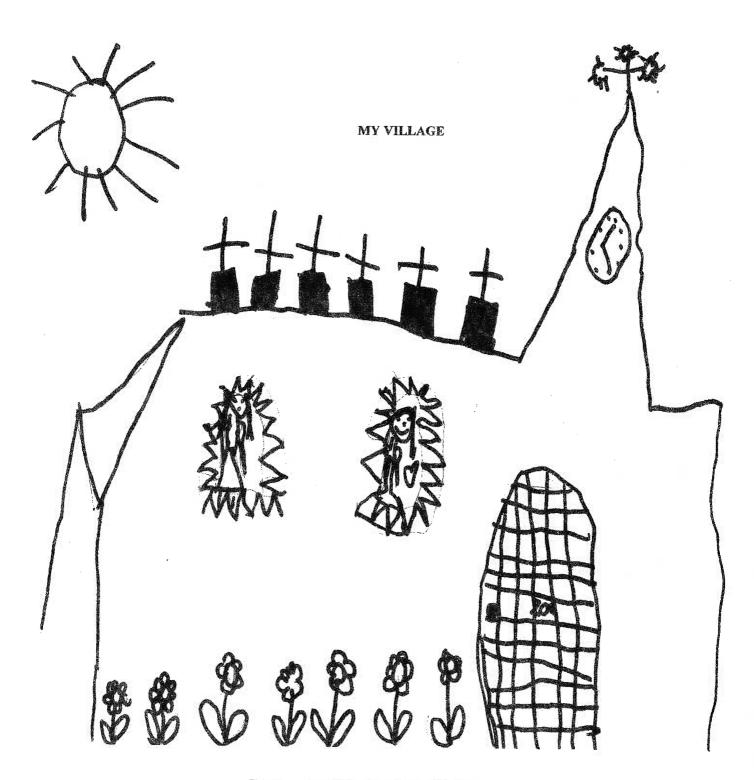
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Editorial

Many thanks to Sally Turnham and Andy Stefanczyk who gave the proceeds of their après Rec Breakfast to the Chronicle's funds.

I attended the meeting to discuss the road improvements proposed for the A418. You can read my summary of what was said on page 17. With the predicted increase in traffic and the lack of a link between the new road and the A41 Oxford Road it is more than likely that traffic bottle necking through Bierton will choose to rat run through our village and Weedon to connect onto the A413 and the new road being built around the Weedon Hill housing. When I answered the questionnaire I suggested that the proposed roundabout at the Wingrave crossroads should be similar to the Marsworth junction on the A41 Aston Clinton bypass and only allow local traffic onto the new road to and from Aylesbury and prevent traffic from Milton Keynes from getting onto our local roads. The drawings that Peter Cooper showed were fairly detailed. A lot of work has gone into the design of the various routes. It is important that you express a view regarding the options being put forward.

This month's Chronicle is a little slimmer than of late. Please let me have your news and articles.

Not long now till bonfire night and dare I say Christmas. Judy and I are looking forward to one of our sons getting married in November. The happy couple are getting wed in Mauritius so I will try and refresh the healthy tan and perhaps bore you with an article recounting the event.

I gather the locum priest's efforts at the Harvest Festival were not up to the standard set by Bob Willmott but that the harvest supper and auction were a great success.

Vic Scott is currently giving a short series of very enjoyable and interesting talks on fungi. In my field there were giant puffballs; one of which grew very large and started to resemble a sheep resting. Vic says they are edible if caught young. Anything the size of a sheep is likely to be inedible.



la This Issue

- Allotment Diary by Peter Shorrock
- Countryside Diaries by Peter Knight
- New Crossword by Rod Rothero
- A418 Improvements
- Harvest Festival
- Aston Abbotts and Cublington Ladies Club
- Title Page is ninth drawing on the theme of 'My Village' please let me have your children's drawings for future editions. Many thanks to Zoe Williams (aged 7) for this month's front cover. Ed

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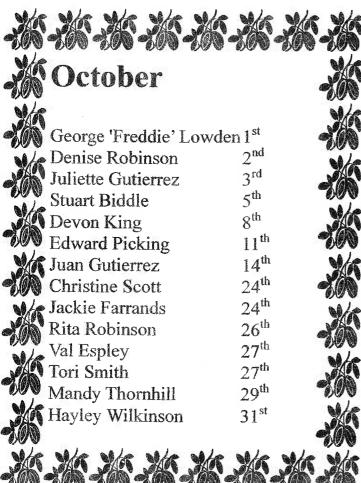
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Alison's Gossip Column





Don't forget to tell us about your birthdays, anniversaries, etc, so that we can send you a greeting in the Gossip Column

On an advert is added a cockerel -



Last edition's cockerel was hiding on page 18 Sunshine Nursery

If anyone found a mauve/blue Peter Storm waterproof after the Fete, with the name Ellie Ryan written on the label, then please contact Liz Hall on 682078 Congratulations to Chris Fox on passing his First Aid Course

Also Congratulations to Zoe & Olly on their long overdue engagement

And Rod & Val Rotheroe who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Margaret Kent has now retired from her job at the Hospice shop which started as a voluntary job many years ago after she first retired from Marks & Spencers

Bridget Brandon sends thanks to everyone who came to her party, she hopes you all had a great time end enjoyed it as much as she did. Bridget also sends thanks for all the presents she received, however baby George had rearranged all the cards with different presents so she is not sure who brought what!! A BIG BIG thank you goes to all who helped prepare the party that took a week to put together Especially Rob Hunter for the Marquee and flooring, Liz & Ivan for the gazebo's, James & Hannah, Ray & Sharon Wilkinson, Bob Bean, Jo & Alan & baby George who helped take all the flower heads off in the Garden & keep his dad in order. Also anybody else, you know who you are, Thank you all once again.

Does anybody know who wrote this little rhyme for the Gnomes and left it in the Royal Oak?

Oh cheerful Gnomes ere fat or thin Brunette just dyed or blonde On Tuesday nights its you we miss And are extremely fond

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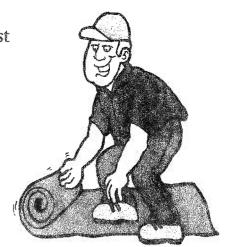
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Dear Editor,

I am sending this from the West of Ireland, a village called Clonbur to be precise, on the Galway/ Mayo county border. It is a good few miles from Lines Hill House, Aston Abbotts where I grew up. I have been living in Ireland for 7 years with my wife, Debbie and son Jacob aged 6 years. Last winter, for a new challenge, I attended a writing course - just a local, relaxed course, nothing high powered, and none of us were actually writers. However, each week we were given homework that had to be read out to the group (a challenge in itself!). One assignment was about character, develop a character, show character, anything we liked. I wrote and read out a piece about a resident of Aston Abbotts and it dawned on me that readers of the chronicle might like to hear the story and the amazing coincidence at the end.

CHARACTER

It was the first time I heard my Dad use the F word. Four of us in the old cream Land Rover rushing as fast as she would go. I only grasped the situation as we went. Two adjacent farms, both owned by the same family, each had a bull. Dad, the manager of both farms, in a rare mistake had put the bulls side by side in their respective boundary fields. It could be catastrophic.

Both bulls were Herefords, renowned for their placid nature. They were huge red/brown beasts with a thick curly coat and a cream coloured head. They spent their lives plodding contentedly around, King of their domain, each the sole beneficiary of a herd of beautiful Friesian women. But bulls, all bulls, demand respect. They injure farmers, maim them, cripple them and kill them. There were incidents every year. Locally, one farmer was lucky to survive an attack from a so-called pet bull. A Hereford bull is one of the safest because most of the time he is placid, remarkably amiable in fact, but rile him up and he is as bad as any. He is no weaker, no slower, and no less deadly. Show him, for the first time, that in fact he is not King of all he surveys that, in fact, right next door is a rival with his own herd of desirable Friesians and he becomes what he is, a symbol of potent masculinity, muscle, sinew, adrenaline, primeval desire to father offspring, to own the herd. A fighter.

At the first gate there was no question of one of us young lads opening it as usual. Kevin was out before we had stopped and we bounced through the rutty gateway picking him up without a pause and on over the ridge and furrow of ancient pasture. The tension was palpable, I was just plain scared. These were strong men, outdoor working men and to feel their apprehension was outside my experience. Rocks were shaking. Dads voice broke the silence, 'Where's John?'. 'He's there already'. 'On his own?'. 'Yes'. 'Oh Christ!'. His foot hit the floor, the next gate was open and we flew it, my brother and I in the back hanging on to anything to stop us rattling about like stones in a tin can. We reached the brow of the hill and suddenly saw the scene.

The post and rail fence was smashed, large splinters of shattered rail lay on the ground. The two mighty bulls stood facing each other, 20 yards apart. Their flanks heaving, coats wet with sweat, nostrils flared, the whites of their eyes showing. Two heavy weight fighters drugged up on adrenaline.

They looked magnificent and dangerous. Both bulls were standing still, shaking their heads a little and bellowing. But they were apart. For between them, was the stocky figure of John Dixon.

He stood there, in the laser intensity of each bulls gaze with nothing more than a 3 foot length of black plastic pipe. Alone in a field with two bulls and John Dixon steps between them. He puts himself in the eye of the storm, in front of the cross hairs of a sniper rifle. The whole energy of that moment was distilled into one square foot, the impact zone, and he steps into it. He holds the bulls apart through sheer force of character. Willpower, courage, determination, whatever it's called he had it in bucket loads. Physically he could have been brushed aside as we would a kitten, but by pure presence, by sheer force of character he kept those bulls apart.

When we, the cavalry, arrived the battle had been won. I can't remember anything of afterwards, of walking them back, my brain was too busy burning that image indelibly on my memory.

After I had finished reading the story a lady in the writing group told us that her local vets name is John Dixon. His father was also a vet named John Dixon and had been killed by a bull!

James Knight

[Can anyone tell me where Lines Hill House was/is? Ed] James Knight is contactable on falconry@eircom.net

Sunday November 5th at the Recreation Ground

Aston Abbotts Firework Displace (approx)

Hot food (hot dogs, soup, mulled wine) on sale courtesy of the Gnomes proceeds to next year's Czech event.



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November 5th – Bonfire Night

Please note that NO material can be accepted for the bonfire on the Recreation Ground this year. Anyone seen dumping rubbish in the area will be reported for fly-tipping.

The Parish Council.

Letters to the Editor

From Liz Hall

I noticed on Page 3 of the September Chronicle that I have been credited with finding and looking after the Copping's dog when she went missing in August. I'm afraid that it wasn't me. Another Liz perhaps?

From David DeSilva

I'd like to thank everyone who came to my studio when it was open for the Bucks Artists' Open fortnight. Their visits were very much appreciated and made it al worthwhile – enough to consider doing it again next year.

Thank you to everyone.

[apologies to David – this should have appeared in September issue Ed.]

From Neil Chesher

Thomas Freemantle - Village Hero

In recent Chronicles I have detailed the life of Thomas Freemantle, a lost hero of the village. I mentioned that he married a Betsy Wynne and that they moved to Swanbourne in the early 1800's.

The name Betsey has been carried down the ages and the current Betsy is the wife of Ian Duncan Smith.

There was a recent ceremony in Swanbourne where a brand new pub was opened by Mrs Duncan Smith and it is called the 'Betsey Wynne'. Must pop in to see if I can pick up more material.

Rip-off Britain?

You must have noticed that the Post Office have introduced a carefully contrived and possibly confusing new scheme for post charges. Cynics amongst you may suspect that this is just a backdoor attempt to raise prices. How could you think that?

Each month Carol takes eight copies of The Chronicle down to the post office for posting to a small number of ex-pat Astonians and other interested parties. Usually it costs around 50p a copy to post each of these. Last month it cost £1.09p a copy. Not only is that a 120% increase, but it is actually 5 pence more than the £1.04p they charged Carol to send a copy to Jackie in Portugal. So it appears that under the new system it is more expensive to post a copy of The Chronicle within the UK than post it to Europe!!! Rip-off Britain? No, of course not.

Alternative delivery methods are being sought.

~ Phil Spooner

Breakfast at the Chapel

Thanks to generous support food donations and thanks to our hungry half-hungover customers, we raised a whopping £250 at Breakfast at the Chapel, which took place after Rockin the Rec. This £250 has been donated to the Chronicle Fund. Sally Turnham and Andy Stefanczyk

Request for additional footway light.

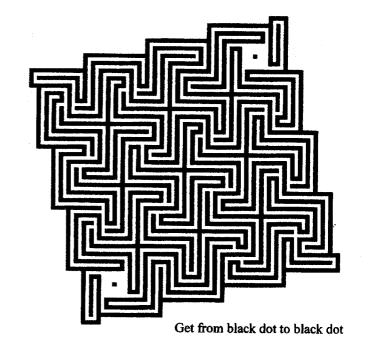
A request has been received by the Parish Council to install some extra footway lighting around Brickstock. If you have a view on this matter, please contact the Clerk to the Parish

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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 6th September 2006

<u>PRESENT</u> Cllrs. P.Shorrock (Chair), M.Hinds, T.Manning, D.Dicken, R.Clarke, J Farrands and Mrs. K Curry (Clerk). 5 members of the public attended. Apologies were received from Colin Higgs, PC Burns and Peter Cooper.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. There were no matters arising.

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTERS

No one was present from any of the above organisations.

BUCKS MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY IN-VOLVEMENT No comments.

PLANNING

- 06/02149/APP Old School, Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts HP22 4NB Erection of detached dwelling Resolved to raise no objections to this application.
- 06/02011/APP 53 The Green, Aston Abbotts, HP22 4LY first floor and single storey rear extensions. Resolved to raise no objections to this application.

HIGHWAYS

- To discuss the options for the A418 improvements It was decided to hold an open meeting for members of the parish to put forward their views, before the Parish Council makes its comments on the proposals. The meeting will be held on September 18th, in either the Church Room or the Church.
- An extra walkway light has been requested for Brickstock. Agreed to consult with other residents via the Chronicle.

RECREATION GROUND

- Safety check children's play area. Up to date. Some minor repairs have been carried out to the entrance to the Recreation Ground.
- Official opening of the new children's play area discussed the possibility of inviting a celebrity. Will be put on next agenda.
- Memorial tree. The plaque has still not been installed. This needs chasing.
- Discuss whether to temporarily lock the gate to the Rec to prevent fly tipping during the run up to November 5th it will not be possible to lock the gate because of the necessity for emergency access. A sign will be put on the gate instead.
- Replacement warning notice for gate to children's play area decide wording. This item postponed to next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

• Confirmed that the next meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th October at 8pm in the Church Room.

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

It always astonishes me around this time each year, that someone who knows as little about gardening as I do, can produce such an abundance of fruit and vegetables. This year seems to have been particularly successful, no doubt because of the heat-wave in the middle of the summer, followed by a damp spell. I had one crop which failed completely: a breed of carrot which either did not like our soil, or the arid weather in June/July; and I have lost a number of leeks which either got swamped by weeds, or else were dug up by me in the thought that they were weeds (well, they do look a lot like grass when they start growing).

However, my potatoes, onions and beans have been prolific, as have the other three types of carrot that I have grown. My courgette plants continue to stagger me: without any exaggeration I have had two courgettes a day from my two plants on the allotment since the middle of June, and they <u>still</u> producing! (I have just calculated that this means something like 180 courgettes! No wonder my son Adam has gone off them!)

When I wrote my diary piece in July, I commented about the glut of raspberries. For some strange reason (I don't know why, and haven't seen Vic recently to ask him), my raspberry canes stopped fruiting in mid July, but then started fruited again, with redoubled vigour, in September. I am now in the middle of the biggest and best raspberry crop I have ever known.

My pumpkin plant, about which I wrote in the last diary piece, has now produced its crop. There are now ten enormous pumpkins sitting in my allotment, appearing totally incongruous, and looking for all the world as though some absent minded sports enthusiast had dropped ten basket balls down in the midst of my plot. I am not sure how my rivals for the prize for the biggest pumpkin are doing: Richard Clarke has shown me his plant, which is as vast as mine, and also has about ten pumpkins on it; and one of the other allotmenteers (who shall remain nameless) is rumoured to be feeding his plant with a secret concoction which he hopes will produce a pumpkin of unbelievable size

One of the main problems of running an allotment and owning fruit trees is that everything seems to become ripe at once. For the last few weeks I seem to have been spending all my time picking fruit & vegetables, storing some, freezing others, making jam, cooking puddings, trying to persuade neighbours to accept surplus produce, etc. I almost look forward to winter!

Finally two things which do not have anything to do with the allotment: the first is something about which I am very excited, which is that we have had a kingfisher in our garden, which, while we watched it from the house lunched on a couple of our goldfish! (Fortunately we still have a couple of hundred or so more, so I was not too concerned – indeed, I would far rather have kingfishers in my garden than goldfish in my pond).

Secondly, a month or so ago, a kind lady benefactor, clearly thinking that Adam & I looked malnourished, brought us a delicious coffee & walnut cake. Unfortunately, she arrived with this gift while I was out, and Adam did not recognise her. He did not ask her name, and wrongly thought that I would know who she was from his telling me the type of car in which she turned up. I did not. I have been hoping that our unknown benefactor would sooner or later contact me and ask if I had enjoyed the cake, but she has not done so. Can I please publicly say that we were very grateful for the cake, which we greatly enjoyed; and ask her to accept this apol-

ogy for the fact that I have not thanked her before? And if she reads this, and would care to make herself known to me, I would like to thank her personally, and return to her the plate upon which the cake arrived!

Peter Shorrock



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Peter Knight's Countryside Diary - July

Is there anything that hasn't yielded well this year? Despite the drought, the unseemly hot weather and the late spring, remember that – pretty well all crops have had a good yield or have even produced outstandingly.

In the garden all fruit has been outstanding, there have been too many apples and plums and as a result the quality is poor. The plums in particular needed thinning out, but who in the world has got time to thin plums?

Even the figs at the Abbey are producing masses of their delicious fruits; this to a certain extent is due to the lack of squirrels this year. There is either less squirrels about or they have found some preferable food that keeps them out of the Abbey Gardens. We still see one or two but for whatever reason the squirrels have left the figs alone this year – a real bonus.

The wild plums or Bulaces as they are called by country people have certainly produced outstandingly encouraging debate as to how many L's there are in Bulace and are true Bulaces yellow or red or either colour.

I've never seen so many keys on the ash trees and acorns to be in abundance. Acorns can be a problem as, eaten in large quantities they can be fatally poisonous to both sheep and horses. Alex and I once lost two sheep in cricket Field to acorn poisoning but it is a rare occurrence. Pigs, of course, thrive on acorns but when did you last see a pig free grazing.

The agricultural harvest seems to have been of average yield but good standing crops and, on the whole, good weather has meant that very little of the wheat harvest will need to be dried. I was amused to read in the national press that poor yields at harvest would lead to an increase in food prices - when did that ever happen? Bread making or milling wheat as it is called is worth about £82/ ton at the moment. In the late 1970's and early 1980's we sold tons and tons of milling wheat out of the grain bins at Nash Farm for £129/ton plus was bread dearer then? - of course not. The price of produce off the farm rarely bears any relationship to the price in the shops – Mr Tesco dictates all. Another comparison is how much does it cost to have a letter delivered to your door? Compare that with the cost of 1 pint of milk delivered to the same door. Surely the contents of that milk bottle are virtually free!

Do you remember that last year's autumn saw very few crane flies or daddy longlegs? — there was a strange absence of them. This year they are making up for that lean year with a vengeance. The permanent pasture fields are awash with crane flies and a multitude of other insects from butterflies to grass-hoppers, from ants to spiders. I was told recently that it is now illegal to plough up a field with ant hills in it as that particular ant is an endangered species. Who decided that?

I suspect that, in this country, the human flea is an endangered species; should they too be protected and allowed to breed freely in certain designated areas?

The most endangered thing in this area, at the moment, is surely one of the most precious — unspoilt countryside. Surely we should be able to persuade the planners that the countryside and its wild life is, now, more important to the community as a whole than a slightly faster road. A plague on all their houses!

ps. American crayfish have been seen by the canal towpath at Marsworth – take care when walking the dog!



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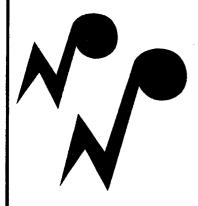
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A418 Improvements

Report on Public Meeting held in the Church Room on 19th September.

Approximately 40 people attended the meeting that was chaired by Jackie Farrands who invited Peter Cooper the local AVDC representative and Cabinet Member with particular knowledge about the A418 to explain the proposals and the thinking behind them.

The new road is part of Government Strategy linking Aylesbury and Milton Keynes which are both programmed to double in size in the next 25 years. Traffic flows on the existing A418 are 18,000/day and are predicted to grow to 25,000/day by 2016.

Consultation with other communities along the route show that Ledburn/Mentmore/Crafton are opposed to the blue route as is Wingrave.

COMPARISON OF THE FOUR ROUTE OPTIONS

Factors to enable a comparison of the different routes are provided in this table. More detailed information on each subject can be found on display at the consultation.

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	BROWN/PINK	GREEN/PINK	BROWN/BLUE	GREEN/BLUE
Length (kms)	10.9	10.8	10.75	10.65
Cost (£ million) ¹	78.0	77.5	77.0	76.5
Approximate total land take (ha)	85	84	78	77
Economic Performance				
BCR (Benefit to cost ratio)	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.4
NPV (Net Present Value £ million)	160	160	129	129
Number of Major Structures	4	4	3	3
Accidents saved (over 60 years)	589	589	710	710
Reduction in the number of people annoyed by traffic noise	141	141	124	124
Number of properties within 50 metres of the route	0	0	0	0
Number of properties within 200 metres of the route	9	8	4	3
Increase in greenhouse gas emissions	41%	37%	62%	59%
Length of cuttings deeper than I metre (m)	. 3700	4308	1536	2144
Length embankments higher than I metre (m)	3328	3158	4440	4270
Length of route through Area of Attractive Landscape (km)	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.8
Number of significant hedgerows crossed	54	49	64	59
Number of nationally important archaeological sites benefiting from reduced traffic ²	3	3	I	l
Number of nationally important archaeological sites ² negatively impacted	2	2	3	3
Number of designated wildlife sites ³ directly impacted or within 100m	3	3	2	2
Number of ponds directly impacted	2	1	3	2
Number of watercourses crossed	IO small streams + River Thame	10 small streams + River Thame	5 small streams + River Thame + tributary of River Ouzel	5 small streams + River Thame + tributary of River Ouzel
Number of public footpaths / bridleways crossed	9	9	10	10
Likely number farms affected by loss of land	20	20	9	9

Wing is ambivalent as to which route is adopted.

Rowsham probably preferred the brown route although the brown and green route each produced similar noise profiles.

Peter Cooper mentioned that it was also proposed to link the Hulcott roundabout to the roundabout at the end of the A41 and that this would be carried out at the same time as the A418 improvements.

Peter Knight commented that the brown route would be disastrous to the views from Lines Hill across The Vale. Discussion also centered on the rat-running through the village created by the lack of a link between the A418 and the A413 & A41 (Oxford Road) and the inevitable congestion through Bierton. One solution would be to change the design of the Aston Abbotts/Wingrave roundabout to prevent traffic from Milton Keynes using our local roads. A similar junction was used on the A41 to prevent rat running of traffic entering Aylesbury from the M25.

The Parish Council's detail response is on page 23.

John Hardcastle

¹This cost includes inflation to year of spend and significant contingencies.

²There will be a mixed leaves a second and significant contingencies.

There will be a mixed Impact on number of archaeological sites, not shown here



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19 September 2006 CHANGES PROPOSED TO WASTE PERMIT RULES

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Cabinet member Rodney Royston, who has responsibility for waste, has published his intent to make a new decision based on the revised proposals. If it is accepted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Community and Environmental Services at its September 26 meeting, the scheme will start at the household sites by mid October. Rodney said: "Site surveys show that only five per cent of site users come in commercial vehicles, so that means 95 per cent of users will now be able to dispose of their waste easily, without permits, any day of the week. Our research had shown the scheme was unlikely to lead to more fly tipping anyway. We are confident that the combination of the new permit scheme and our ongoing successful anti-fly tipping campaign will solve any problems which may arise."

Permits will be required for commercial vehicles, people on foot, or those with large trailers (up to 1.8m x 1.2m maximum), and they will be valid for a 31-day period. The quantity of DIY waste will be limited to up to 6 items per permit.

The permits will be easily obtainable and free, but will have to be applied for some three working days in advance of any trip to allow for the post.

The purpose of the scheme is twofold aiming to:

- discourage illegal dumping of trade waste at household waste recycling centres which costs the taxpayer in excess of £400,000 a year and
- address concerns raised by site users regarding restricted access for large vehicles during the week which has resulted in queues at the weekend.

A second phase of the scheme will follow next year, with the introduction of vehicle licence plate recognition cameras so traders who frequently visit sites to illegally dump waste can be identified and dealt with - this could take the form of a letter reminding them that they must pay for disposing of their waste or, for persistent offenders, a criminal prosecution.

Residents will be able to find more information on line at www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit, or by phoning 01296 387828.

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After dinner we were treated to the Auction of fruit and vegetables. It would seem that quite a few people had been accosted in the early hours of Sunday morning whilst under the influence and agreed to pay large sums of money for apples and vegetables. Ray Wilkinson continued the auction, with the help of Andy Bystra, managing to wheedle major sums of money for more boxes of apples and cakes and vegetables. It was great fun to be part of the occasion.

A magnificent £665-68 was raised of which £500 will go to Church funds.

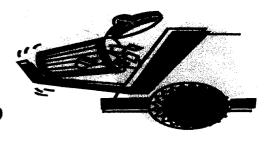
I would like to personally thank all those involved in the organisation of the Harvest Festival Dinner and Auction. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Judy Hardcastle

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ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Re: A418 Improvements Aylesbury to Milton Keynes Strategic Route

We would like to make the following comments after a meeting with the parishioners.

- 1. It was unanimously agreed that the proposed roundabout at Wingrave Crossroads should not go ahead. It is obvious that if there is access from Aston Abbotts to the new road, particularly in the direction of Milton Keynes, that the village will be used as a 'rat run' from the A413. This would be bad enough with current traffic levels, however, once the Weedon Hill development is complete, together with other proposed new developments, the amount of traffic would be unbearable. Although Wing and Rowsham stand to benefit from the new road, it will have completely the opposite effect on Aston Abbotts. The rural roads around our village do not have pavements, are used by walkers and horse riders and are often already in a poor state of repair.
- 2. We also feel that as the proposed roundabout would be nearer to the village than the existing crossroads junction, would also be raised from existing ground level and lit, that light levels, fumes and noise from traffic braking and accelerating would be unacceptable.
- 3. We object to the brown route because it extends so far out into the countryside. People park their cars on Lines Hill to enjoy what is left of the peace and tranquillity of rural England if the brown route went ahead it would completely pass through this view. We believe it would also create higher noise levels for all.
- 4. There was some concern that the pink route passes nearer to Aston Abbotts than the blue one, however, most parishioners were willing to support Wingrave, Mentmore and Ledburn in their opposition to the blue route.
- 5. The County Council's Second Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) states the following in its objectives for improvements to the A418:
- To improve the local environment and air quality.
- To improve the quality of life for people in Buckinghamshire.
- To improve the environment and create cohesive communities in villages and settlements along the existing route.
- To reduce pressure on the A413 Buckingham Road As the Weedon Hill growth area is constructed (how will this work traffic will have to go through Aston Abbotts).
- 6. The wider strategies in the consultation leaflet state:
- Accessibility Removing through traffic from local communities will also mean that a greater number of local journeys could be made on foot or by bike.
- Congestion Safer local roads should encourage more young people to walk or cycle to school regularly.
- <u>Safety</u>will help improve safety for all road users, whether on the new route or on more quiet local roads. Removing through traffic also gives the chance to consider if new or improved facilities need to be provided in local communities.
- Maintenance local roads will need less frequent repair because they will be carrying fewer vehicles.

In items 5 and 6, NONE of these statements apply to Aston Abbotts, in fact the complete opposite would be true.

- 7. If the new road goes ahead and no roundabout is put at Wingrave crossroads, a small flyover would be needed on the local road to give access between Aston Abbotts and Wingrave. This would then mean than people could walk or cycle between the two villages.
- 8. In order to avoid the village becoming a 'rat run' for commuting between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes, perhaps slip roads could be built to give access to the road in the direction of Aylesbury only.
- 9. It is felt that the very high increase in commuters from the Weedon Hill, Berryfields and future developments have not been taken into consideration when planning routes around Aylesbury. We understand that link roads are being planned between all major routes around Aylesbury, except between the A413 and A418. The Parish Council feels this urgently needs to be addressed to prevent the village becoming that link road.

In seeking to improve the roads links between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes, and improving the quality for villages such as Wing and Rowsham, PLEASE do not forget to consider the effect on other villages along the route, including Aston Abbotts.

KS Curry (Clerk to the Parish Council)

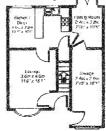
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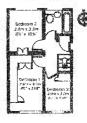
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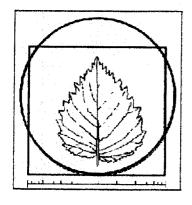
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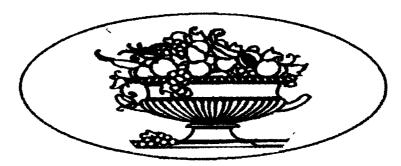
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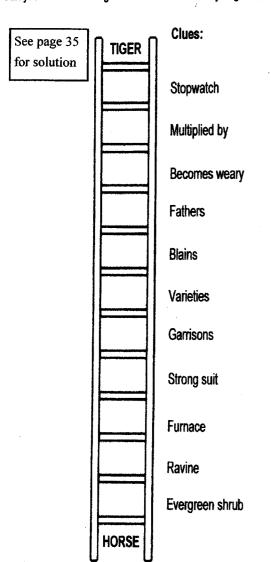
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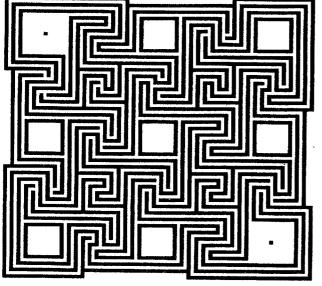
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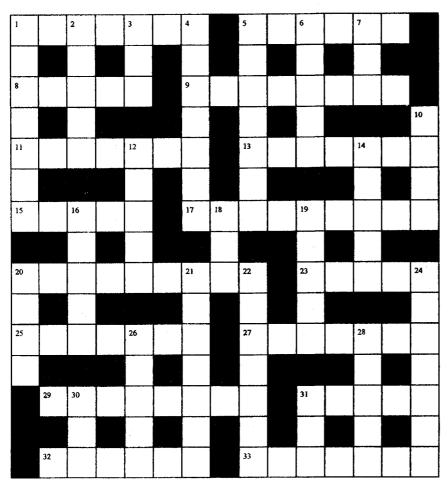
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ACROSS

- 1 Compass 5 Thrive
- 8 Crowd 9 Allowing
- 11 Nairobi 13 Ignoble
- 15 Yells 17 Indignant
- 20 Great Dane 23 Askew
- 25 Risotto 27 Scented
- 29 Commence 31 Cameo
- 32 Closed 33 New York

DOWN

- 1 Cockney 2 Mooli
- 3 Add 4 Swahili
- 5 Tallied 6 Rowan
- 7 Vin 10 Heat 12 Onset
- 14 Black 16 Leeds
- 18 Nun 19 Grape 20 Guru
- 21 Adorned 22 Eastern

ACROSS

- 1 Senior army officer (7)
- 5 In fact (6)
- 8 Power, strength (5)
- 9 Drop to a lower division (8)
- 11 Flavour (7)
- 13 Tell a story (7)
- 15 River fish (5)
- 17 Not today (9)
- 20 Out of sight (9)
- 23 School exams (5)
- 25 Not artificial (7)
- 27 Make angry (7)
- 29 Needed to make repair (3,5)
- 31 Goes with gin (5)
- 32 Boys name (6)
- 33 Part of the atom (7)

Compiled by Rod Rothero

DOWN

- 1 A remark (7)
- 2 Capital of Nigeria (5)
- 3 Used in fishing (3)
- 4 Mainly (7)
- 5 Treat less severely (7)
- 6 Annoyed (5)
- 7 Many (3)
- 10 Tax (4)
- 12 Unhappy with service (2,3)
- 14 Maintain range (5)
- 16 Beginning (5)
- 19 Go in (5)
- 20 Eat out (4)
- 21 Make bigger (7)
- 22 Lands a fish (5,2)
- 24 Casanova say? (7)
- 26 Drive away (5)
- 28 Comes from a lamp (5)
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- 31 Trade Union in brief (3)

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Yet the world of nature is shutting itself down ready for the coming winter. The fruits are gathered, the leaves are falling from the trees, and it feels more like the end of Summer than the start of Winter.

In former days the Autumn was the time of "Hiring and Firing" Fayres – when agricultural workers would move from job to job – or maybe retire.

As you will know I am now "hanging up my collar" and moving on. So I shall have to get used to a new pattern of life, and you can look forward to a new priest.

One of the things that I have learnt about village life is that it takes a while to get used to change. Like the growth of nature, change in a village often tends to happen slowly, sometimes almost imperceptibly. But it happens. Yet there are times when events happen that force us to face a sudden change. And we somehow manage to cope with that sudden dramatic change.

Change offers us a challenge – which we can either accept or reject. Usually we have no option but to accept it!

My guess is that the next few weeks are going to be a challenging time for many – if not all of us. It will be a time of sadness, because moving on to something new almost always means leaving behind many other things that we have found supporting and comforting in the past. Yet, whilst the new beginnings may feel scary, we shall get nowhere until we move one foot forward.

With love and prayers,
Bob Willmott

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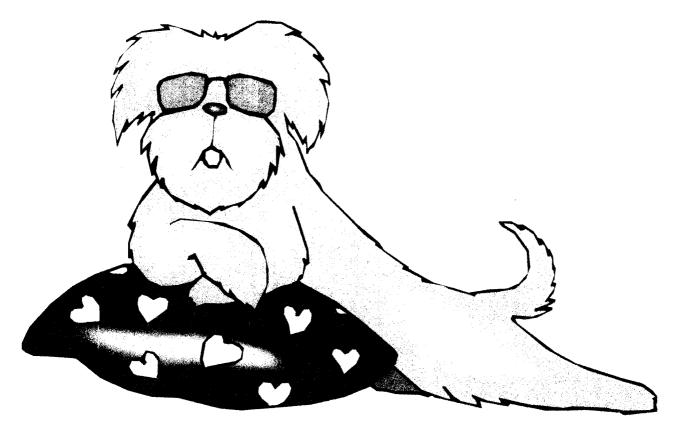
Home-Start is a national voluntary organisation offering informal, friendly support to parents with at least one child under the age of five.

Home-Start knows how hard being a parent can be, particularly during the early years, and that any additional pressures can make things seem overwhelming.

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ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

21st September

12 members were present at our first meeting of a new season. Joan Alexander welcomed everyone after which we had a short business discussion. Mrs Audrey Tomkins was welcomed and gave a talk entitled 'Are you being served?' This covered the six years she had worked at Beatties in Aylesbury and she had many memories of the training and different types of customer she had to serve!

She was thanked by Joan Alexander.

Tea hostesses were June Brine and Kim White. The raffle was won by Daphne Rogers

Shirley Ford.

Jan. 4th

Mar. 29th

The Aston Abbotts and Cublington Ladies Club meets twice a month in the Church Room, Aston Abbotts. All ladies from Aston Abbotts and Cublington are very welcome. Please contact Shirley Ford on 681865 for more information.



Sept 21 st	'Are you being served?' A talk by Audrey Tompkins
Oct. 5 th	'Red Kites in the Chilterns'
Oct. 19 th	'The Lake District' - Slides - Peter Fells
Nov. 2nd	AGM. Plus a sale of Christmas and greeting cards
Nov. 16 th	'My life as a furniture restorer'

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Nov. 30th 'A Victorian Christmas' Songs by Lindsay Stafford Smith

Dec. 14th 'Carol Service' – Aston Abbotts

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Cornwall

Jan. 18 th	'The Austrian Tyrol' - Slides - John
Feb. 1 st	'My life as a dwarf' - G. Gamriel
Feb. 15 th	'Crete' Jean Hall

Members Outing

Mar. 1st Spring Lunch
Mar. 15th 'The Czech Connection' - Neil Rees

Desserts, and dhows' - Dubai

April 12th 'How to be an evacuee'

April 26th A visit from Joyce Whipps

May 10th 'Antarctica' - Peter Fells

May24th Coffee morning at Audrey Stephensons

June 7th 'An entertainment' with Ron Adams

June 21st Outing to Frosts garden centre – Woburn

July 5th Summer outing

July19th- Garden party

Aston Abbotts & Cublington Ladies Club programme for 2006 - 2007

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£50 Booking Deposit (Returnable)

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner and a bottle of wine, they retire for the night, and go to

Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

"I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes" replies Watson.

"And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful, and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says.

'Someone has stolen our tent!

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	Wing	<u>Wingrave</u>	Aston Abbotts	Cublington
Sunday 1 Oct Trinity 16	8.0 Communion (Ext) 10 am Parish Communion	10 am Harvest Festival	<u>At Wing 10.0</u>	10 am Harvest Festival
Sunday 8	10 am Family	10 am People's	10.0 Parish	At Aston Ab-
Trinity 17	Communion	Praise	Communion	botts 10.0
Sunday 15	10 am Parish	10 am Parish	At Cublington 10.0	10am Family
Trinity 18	Praise	Communion		Communion
Sunday 22	At Wingrave	10 am Parish	6 pm Even-	At Wingrave
Trinity 19	10.0	Communion	song	10.0
Sunday 29	10 am Parish Com-	At Aston Ab-	10 am Parish	At Wing 10.0
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SUNDAY READINGS

1 Oct	Trinity 16	James 5.13-20;	Mark 9.38-50	DUTY SIDESMAN
8	Trinity 17	Hebrews 1.1-4,2.5-12;		1st Oct No Service
15	Trinity 18	Hebrews 4,12-16;	Mark 10.17-31	8th Mr A Bystra
22	Trinity 19	Hebrews 5.1-10;	Mark 10.35-45	15th Mr G Kemp
29	Trinity 20	Hebrews 7.23-28;	Mark 10.46-52	22nd Mr A Ford 29th Mrs A Curnow

FROM THE REGISTE	RS	•	FLOWER ROTA
BAPTISM	6 Aug	Oliver Wareing at Wingrave	1st Oct Service at Wing
	13	Katherine and Maegan Bull-Diamond at Aston Abbotts	8th Mr C Higgs
	27	Molly Fletcher at Aston Abbotts	15th TBA
MARRIAGE	10 Sep Oliver Bateman at Wingrave		22nd TBA 29th TBA
FUNERAL	9 5 Sep	James Fox & Clare Alexander at Wingrave Pat Bignell at Wingrave	MOWING ROTA 7 Oct Ray Wilkinson



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What's On in October

Thursday 5th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.30 - 3.15	Church Room
Saturday 7th	Visiting Bell Ringers 2.30 - 3.15	
Tuesday 10th	Rambling Club	13 Moorlands
	Autumn Programme Meeting 8pm	Wing
Wednesday 11th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm	Church Room
Thursday 12th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Aylesbury Local Meeting at Winslow	v 6pm
Sunday 15th	Ramblers Meet at Woburn 2pm	
Thursday 19th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 22nd	Concert 4.30pm Evensong 6pm	St James
Thursday 26th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 28th	Clocks go back 1 hour	
Tuesday 31st	Halloween	

Ramblers Meet 6.45

Followed by supper at Queen Head

Address

Please note that all submissions for the Chronicle should be sent to John Hardcastle, Marloes, Lines Hill, Aston Abbotts, Bucks. HP22 4NG

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Please don't forget to tell us of any events that you would like included in the What's On list

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630 Club

Some funny? Quotes

I realised I was dyslexic when I went to a toga party dressed as a goat.

Marcus Brigstocke

Got a call today to do a gig at a fire station. Went along. Turned out to be a hoax.

Adrian Poynton

A dog goes into a hardware store and says 'I'd like a job please'. The hardware store owner says 'We don't hire dogs, why don't you go join the circus?' The dog replies 'What would the circus want with a plumber?'

Steven Alan Green

I enjoy using the comedy technique of self-deprecation – but I'm not very good at it.

Arnold Brown

If you are being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then on to a little seesaw, then jump through a hoop of fire. They're trained for that.

Milton Jones

BEER, FISHING, SEX &GOLF:

Wing

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of pounds for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted five pounds and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked.

"What disease would I get for five lousy pounds?" exclaimed the homeless man.

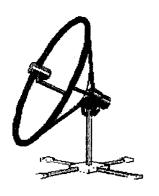
"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting." The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf, and sex."



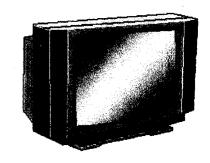
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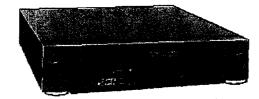


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