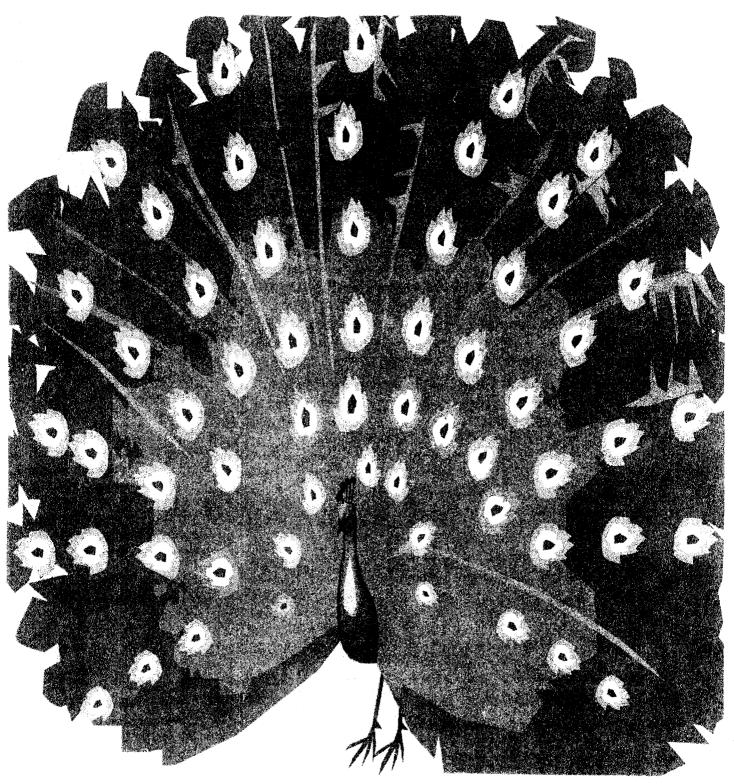
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Editorial

I've enjoyed a surfeit of golf this month - firstly to Portugal with a golfing society made up of old boys from my old school and secondly to Spain with friends of my youngest son and his father-in-law. They all seemed to live at a faster pace than me although I did my best to keep up. My golf did not improve and my handicap was lifted by 4 shots in an effort to give me some encouragement - of course I was grateful but my scores only marginally improved.

It seems likely that the chicken egg production units will be built at Norduck Farm as the consent granted by Aylesbury Vale District Council has been upheld despite arguments against the proposal being heard in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

The new bypass to Milton Keynes has recently opened. I can imagine that the inhabitants of Soulbury and Stoke Hammond are pleased with the outcome. Maybe the next piece of the new A418 to Aylesbury will be announced soon. I hope they take into account the need to stop Aston Abbotts becoming a rat run for traffic heading for Oxford via the new link road serving the new housing at Weedon Hill.

The fireworks and bonfire party this year is on the Rec, as usual (see ad on page 19). Last year you were invited to bring along a firework. Because of the variable quality of the fireworks there were problems and it has therefore been decided that the fireworks for this year's display will be purchased from a reputable supplier. Food will be available so you won't need to feed the family prior to coming along at 6pm when the bonfire will be lit. It will be free entry, but you will be encouraged to make a donation at the gate. Any surplus monies collected will be used towards next year's event. Hope the weather is kind.

The swallows have gone - always a sign that the weather is going to change. Have seen a red kite, quite regularly now, over the Abbey field. It is closely monitored by crows and rooks who try and escort it away. One of the trees over my ponds is used by a buzzard as a lookout. I can't get very close - it sees me way before I can get near - perhaps I'll build a hide.

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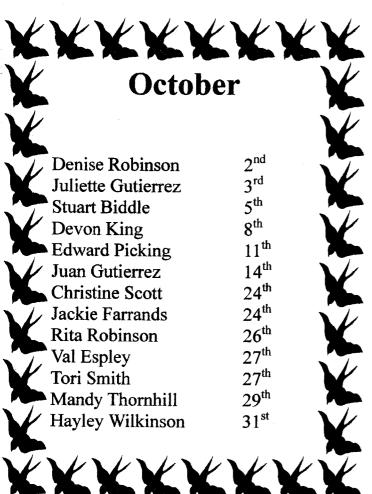
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Alison's Gossip Column



Dorothy Liscott, Widow of Cephas, Died on the 14th September in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Our condolences to her family particularly Elaine who now lives in the village.



A big thank you to Francesca, Bridget, Brigitte, Christine and April who were all such a help at my fathers funeral.

There were two prize winners at this years Bucks Show. Richard & Sally Clarke won first prize for Best Agricultural Stand & Buckland Landscapes won first prize for the Best Non Agricultural Stand. Congratulations to both.

Welcome to Richard & Sophie who have moved into no 17 The Green & also to Jean Cox who has moved into no 19 {not Elaine as I incorrectly said last month!}

Belated happy 21st birthday to Fiona Whyte.

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Meets every Saturday in The Royal Oak at 6.30pm.

ASTON ABBOTTS

Parish Clerk needed - see advert on page 12



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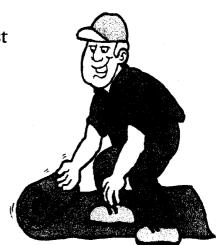
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This year, however, it was particularly gratifying to see Aston Abbotts represented in the honours!





Richard & Sally Clarke scooped the cup for the best agricultural stand and Kevin & Jane Coppin were similarly awarded a cup for the best non agricultural stand in show.

Congratulations to both companies and their teams who must have worked hard to achieve these awards. To have so much entrepreneurial skill in such a small village as ours is quite amazing. Perhaps it has something to do with the beer!!

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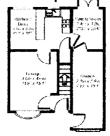
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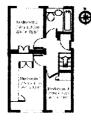
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Huge thanks go to James & Alex Perkins, Dan & Phil Wheaton, Rob & George Hunter, Bob & Sam Chapman, Andy Pleasted, Frank McManus, Graham Young, Teri, Garry and all the staff at the Royal Oak,

Thanks to all their efforts and those who donated by putting money in the tub on the bar, £302.00 were raised for the McMillan nurses.

Keep a lookout in the Chronicle and at The Royal Oak because next years event is planned to be bigger and better – be there!!!



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What is unusual about the above paragraph?

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

I am writing this in early September, since I will shortly be away for a few weeks. By and large, it has been a good year for gardeners, Most vegetables like warm wet weather, and seem to have flourished. The exception is of course the potato/ tomato family, which, as mentioned in my diary last month, succumbed to potato blight, and had to have all of the foliage above the ground cut down.. However, I have now dug up my potatoes, and it is a case of "so far, so good". My King Edwards produced very much smaller tubers than usual - about half the usual size. Other varieties, however, hardly seem to be affected: both the first & second early varieties were unaffected, and the other maincrop species that I was growing also seem to have produced a large and normal sized crop. Others on the allotments have told me the same story.

Nevertheless, the proof of the pudding will be not in the eating, but in the keeping. What did for the unfortunate Irish in the mid-19th century was the fact that the potato harvest did not keep: the potatoes developed dark brown/black spots, which then became slimy, and gradually rotted the whole tuber. Since I store a large proportion of the potatoes that I grow, I shall be keeping a careful eye on all my potatoes for signs of this, as, I am sure, will the other allotmenteers.

Talking to fellow allotmenteers about the blight, I discovered that Simon had never met potato blight before, despite having had an allotment for some 15 years, and Brian Jones (the leader of the group from outside the village who have an allotment) has been a vegetable gardener now for around 30 years without encountering it before! Let us hope that this year will prove to be a one-off.

Most of my tomato plants survived having had their blight affected leaves stripped off them, and have continued to produce fruit and new, blightfree, foliage. However, the yields are certainly down on a normal year.

The largest pumpkin competition is in full swing, but I will certainly not be a contender this year, having planted my pumpkins out too late. Wandering around the allotments studying form, suggests

that front runners at the moment include Brian Jones, Andy, and Simon.

I am still continuing my battle to keep the pigeons and other birds off my brassicas. (A pigeon can strip all the leaves off a row of young cabbages overnight). In desperation I have now adopted the tactic that is being used by a number of my neighbours, which is to put up a netting fence all the way round the crop. Not having a large enough net to cover the whole enclosure, I am then relying



on stringing special plastic tape across it, which continually vibrates, and is supposed to scare birds away. It's not beautiful, but the alternative would be good-bye, cabbages. Then, if this is successful, I shall have to keep spraying the plants, to keep them free of caterpillars, or they will eat what the pigeons have missed! I sometimes wonder why I don't just buy my brassicas from a greengrocer or supermarket, like other people!

Peter Shorrock

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Steve Whitehead

Dear Parents

Welcome back! It is great to be back together with the children, who are all settling nicely, and the staff 'old and new'. We especially welcome our new Reception class – Gemma Atkinson, Jasper Beardmore, Dominic Belcher, Tia Bowen-Swain, Jessica Cook, Amber Dodd, Samuel Dodds, Kit Fairhurst, Elizabeth Gayler, Abigail Jeffers, Libbie Judd, Rory O'Carroll, Jamie Parkes, Lucy Perkins, Charlotte Targell, Nina Watson, George Weston and Leoni Whittaker. Also to Eloise Cowling in Class 1 and Olivia Cowling and Shannon Dodds in Class 5/6.

Some teachers have changed classes and some moved classrooms too, working very hard to get them ready for the new academic year. Special thanks to Shirley Jones who has been working tirelessly over the summer holiday to make the new start so effortless. The entrance hall looks lovely and we are now expecting a new carpet and a new front door. The work on the new kitchen is progressing nicely and we can't wait to start using it, hopefully after half term. Continuous thanks to Maria Lashley who is already in school helping with the organisation of the new Group Room (former Class 2).

I look forward to working with you in this new academic year and please remember that my door is always open to you not only for complaints and friendly criticism, but also for you to come and tell me how much your child is enjoying being here and that you support us 100%.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Following a traditional and very enjoyable Harvest service in the church, a harvest supper and auction was held in the church room.

51 were 'squeezed' into the hall where a hot supper was followed by even hotter action during the auction.

Many thanks to all who supported this event. Thanks to all the ladies who provided a nice hot meal and decorated the hall, and of course our 'persuasive' auctioneer, Ray Wilkinson, a very creditable £692.00 was raised towards church and village needs.

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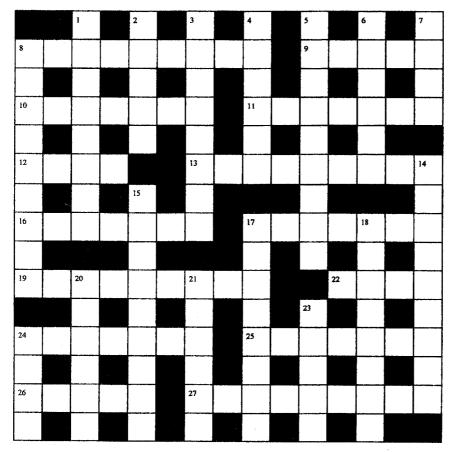
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- 8 Used in Spanish dances (9)
- 9 Sierra Leone currency (5)
- 10 Relating to the thorax (7)
- 11 Head of the navy (7)
- 12 Single thing (4)
- 13 Someone in trouble (5-4)
- 16 Socks that reach above ankle (7)
- 17 Not ordinary (7)
- 19 Good for the garden (9)
- 22 Famous pop group (4)
- 24 Insulting behaviour (7)
- 25 Art of folding paper (7)
- 26 Snake (5)
- 27 Heavy frozen rain (9)

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DOWN

- 1 Symbol used in printing (8)
- 2 Place for storing milk (5)
- 3 Emotions (8)
- 4 Get away (6)
- 5 Marked (9)
- 6 Start of a river (6)
- 7 Small wooded hollow (4)
- 8 Enclose in a capsule (9)
- 14 London theatre (9)
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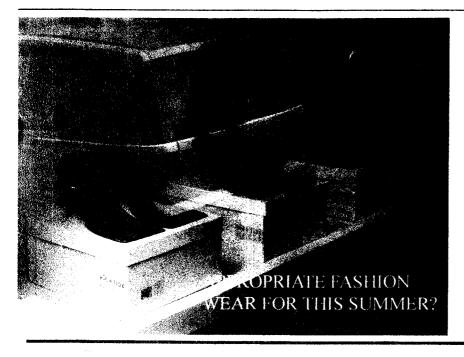
Thanks to everyone who turns out to support the Bingo evenings, and continues the village tradition of enjoying pleasant evenings in good company whilst raising money for good causes.

Our Aston Abbotts Good Samaritans Bingo is a non-profit making village activity, which takes place up on a monthly basis, and money not used to maintain the bingo sessions is saved up and donated periodically to a worthy cause.

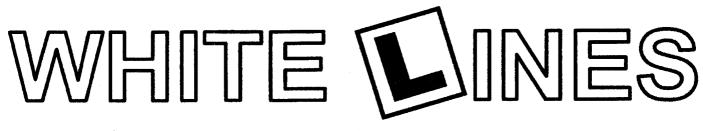
Everyone who attended our September Bingo evening agreed unanimously that the £50 sum we had accumulated should be sent to support Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance service, with our thanks for the wonderful work they do.

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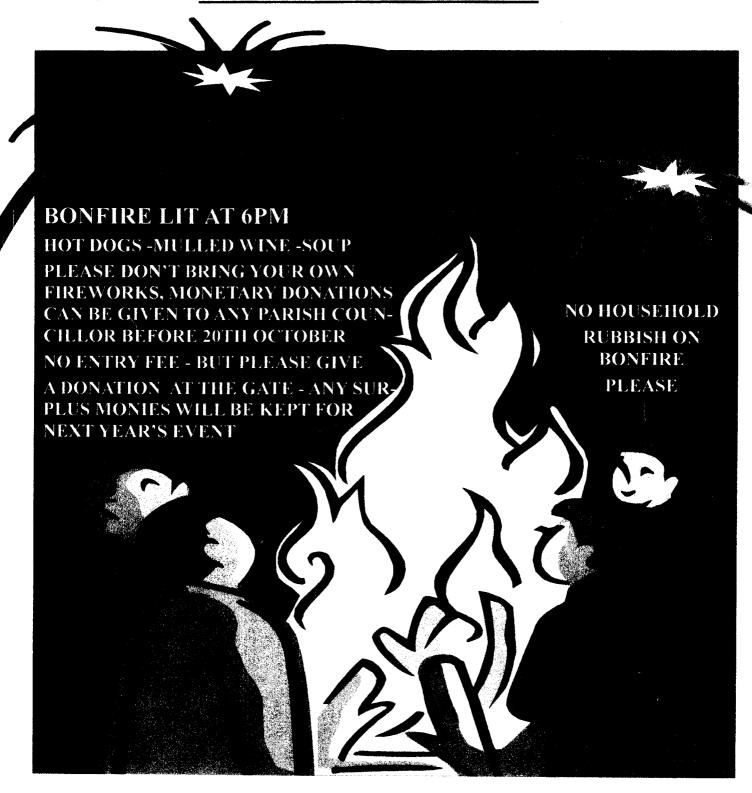
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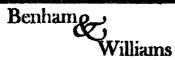




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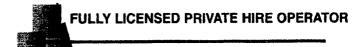
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What is the name of the driver?

Answers on Page 33



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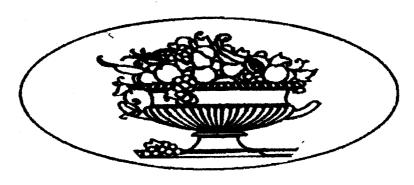
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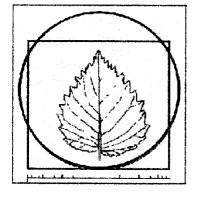
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26th July 2008 FETE MEETING

Sadly there were very few people at the fete meeting held on Monday 17th September.

Decisions therefore had to be made by those who were present and they are as follows:-

It was agreed that there would be a 2pm start for the fete including the barbecue.

The dog show would be held later in the afternoon, possibly 3/3.30pm.

All the regular attractions had been booked for 26th July 2008.

A scarecrow competition would be organised with those taking part erecting them in their front gardens to make the village look festive.

Also a Fancy Dress competition for the children would make the afternoon more fun for everyone seeing the children in costume.

One or two extra attractions have been suggested and are being followed up.

It was agreed that April Curnow would contact all the people who had helped this year to ask if they would help again in a similar capacity next year.

A note will appear in the Chronicle in March giving a date for a get-together of stall holders and helpers to make all the final arrangements for 26th July.

Meanwhile if anyone has any suggestions (polite ones only!!) please contact April on 681459. One of the most important tasks is the "opening" of the fete so if anyone has any ideas who we should ask please also let April know.

Evensong & Sunday Evening Services in Aston Abbotts

Just another reminder that services are held on one Sunday each month in our beautiful village church. They are very 'user friendly', commence at 6.00pm and are usually conducted by Colin Smart.

With our very own Nigel Palmer playing the organ, they are becoming increasingly popular, so if you would like to come along to these friendly and uplifting services, please make a note that the next will be held on;-

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One day he called to one of his servants and commanded him: 'I want you to scour the land from one end of the earth to the other and find the happiest man on earth (it was in the times before equality of the sexes!). Once you've found him, I want you to take all that he owns and bring it to me. Kill him, if necessary. I <u>must have</u> what he has for then I too will be happy. O, and by the way, if you fail in your mission you will be beheaded!'

After many months searching, the servant returned. The king noticed that the servants hands were empty and he became very angry. He gave the servant one minute to explain why he had disobeyed the king's orders.

With tears in his eyes, the servant looked at the king and said with a trembling voice, 'Master, I did as you said. I searched from one end of the earth to the other looking for the happiest man on earth, and I finally found him.'

The king stood and shouted at the servant, 'Then why didn't you bring me this man's possessions? The servant replied, 'Master, the happiest man on earth didn't have any.'

A recent survey of the well off asked them at what point they would feel financially secure. One who earned £20million quoted a figure of £40 million. If fact they all quoted figures of roughly twice as much as they already earned! In recent studies

many lottery winners say the win has probably made them less happy. Their sudden wealth actually created more problems for them than happiness. A recent editorial in the Economist (no! it's not my daily paper either — it was quoted in The Week) suggested that if your job seems pointless, if your problems at home are draining your zest for work or if your boss is a blithering idiot, then why not consult the company chaplain! Apparently corporate chaplains are becoming all the rage and there are even several rent-a-chaplain firms.....only in America!

When it comes right down to it we can fill our lives with all the pleasures of money, sex, shopping, power, shower gel, a 45rpm record of 'Needles and Pins' by the Searchers, a dog, a Star Wars light sabre, a pair of dark glasses, Café Nero, some coins, a novel, a paint box, a bar of chocolate, a family picture, a diary (list provided by students at Warriner school), and still feel there's something missing in life. That's because none of it brings real meaning to our lives. That can only come from a relationship with our creator God.

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Derek

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Funny church bulletinsThese sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off let the Church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. *Music* will follow.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 19th September 2007.

PRESENT: Cllrs. C Higgs, D Dicken, R Clarke, K Curry, J Hardcastle and Mrs R Hunt (Clerk). Two members of the public attended. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising - AVDC can provide an additional bin for the top of Lines Hill, but that this will be the same size as the one we have already (they could put two on the pole). The only other alternative is to have a freestanding bin. The Council AGREED not to purchase an additional bin. Instead that will try to ensure that the bin is emptied weekly and review the situation next year.

County Council, District Council and Police matters - No-one was present from the County & District Council or Police. In November Thames Valley Police will be holding a "Surgery" in the Church Room. C Higgs is liaising with the Police and will confirm the date. Once confirmed C Higgs AGREED to place an advert in The Chronicle to let residents know.

Planning - The Planning Committee notified the Council of the following decisions that had been made at the Sub Committee meeting on the 22nd August and the 19th September '07:

07/02118/APP The Orchard, Moat Lane – Erection of three detached houses. RESOLVED to oppose this application on the following grounds: Unsympathetic design proposal for the conservation area, especially in terms of scale Parking and vehicular movement adversely affected Insufficient provision of car parking spaces in the plans

07/02389/ATC 11 The Green - Fell half of one Coast Redwood. RESOLVED to raise "No objections".

Village Plan - Nothing to report. The first meeting of the group is scheduled for October/November.

Highways - K Curry AGREED to contact Andy Muskett re: the replacement street lighting. She will get a date for her and Colin to show Andy the lights that need replacing. C Higgs reported loose kerbing around the Green and out past the Church Room up to Old Masters. R Hunt AGREED to report this to the Highways department.

Recreation Ground - Safety check - children's play area. Several concerns were raised by R Clarke:

- a) Skate ramp has become a safety risk due to repeated vandalism. This is causing on-going problems and means that the ramp is costing the council a considerable amount to maintain. The Council therefore AGREED that the ramp should be "condemned" and R Clarke will tape it up. The ramp will then be dismantled and put on the November 5th bonfire.
- b) It does not appear that strimming is taking place on the Rec (Buckland Landscapes are contracted to do this). K Curry AGREED to raise this with K Coping at Buckland. Also it was mentioned that the cutting of the Rec does not appear to be of the same standard as it once was. It was suggested that we should adopt a "card system" whereby we ask Buckland to pop a card through one of the Council member's door to let them know when the Rec has been cut, so that they can check the standard of work. This will be suggested when the contract is renewed for the new year.
- c) The Aerial runway has developed a structural defect. R Hunt has made initial enquiries with GB Sports (the supplier) to see what are guarantees/warranties are on the equipment. The Council AGREED that R Clarke should contact David Houghton (the gentleman who carries out our inspections), to assess the structural defect. Once this has been undertaken R Clarke will contact GB Sports to rectify the situation. In the meantime it was thought that it was fine to allow children to use the equipment.
- d) We now own the additional piece of land at the Rec. R Clarke and K Curry have looked at the land and suggested the following changes to it: possible removal of diseased Horse Chestnut tree, removal of lower branches of mature trees and clearance of brambles and old fence. This would then leave the area as a picnic space. The Council AGREED to obtain 3 quotes for work to be down to achieve these suggestions.
- e) R Hunt has contacted Buckland Landscapes in order to get them to mow the grass in this new area. They will confirm how much it will be to initially cut the grass (as it hasn't been done for a little while). The Council AGREED to pay an additional £30 to do this. If it is quoted for anymore than this, then R Clarke AGREED to undertake this work himself.

Parish Paths Partnership - K Curry has contacted Jenny Chappel at Parish Paths Partnership and Joanne Taylor at A.V.D.C. They have said that the suggested work along the bridleway leading onto Willowbrook Farm will be repaired by Rights of Way. Kate therefore asked for alternative suggestions: R Hunt suggested the stile along Norduck Lane, past Moat Farm on the right hand side which is dangerous. C Higgs mentioned part of a public footpath outside the village which requires clearing. The Council AGREED that K Curry should contact the Parish Paths Partnership to find out how we get funding organised for both of these suggestions.

Bonfire Night - The Council AGREED that they would allow a bonfire and fireworks to be held on the Rec, should they be approached by representatives from the village. The Council AGREED to donate £250 towards the cost of this event if required. The Council AGREED that no household rubbish would be allowed on the bonfire and that the public would be asked not to donate fireworks, but instead donate funds towards the central purchase of fireworks (to ensure quality fireworks only are used). The Council AGREED that there should not be an entrance fee, instead donations will be asked for.

Accounts - The monthly accounts were approved for payment.

Parish Clerk - An advert has been placed in the Chronicle, The Wingrave Communiqué, the Cubblington Crier, the Cheddington newsletter and the BALC newsletter. To date we have received one application. The Council AGREED that in the interim K Curry will deal with the post and J Hardcastle will house the files. The Council also AGREED that the hours advertised for the Clerk would be 4 to 5 hours and during interview it will be stressed that these hours are flexible and could be more.

Date of next meeting -

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| | Wing | 8.00 | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | 10.45 | People's Praise Harvest |
| | Wingrave | 10.45 | Harvest Festival |
| | | 6pm | 'Fragments' a time of praise |
| THURSDAY 11TH | Wing | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY 14TH | Aston Abbotts | 9.15 | Holy Communion |
| Trinity 19 | Cublington | 10.45 | Holy Communion + baptism |
| | Wing | 9.15 | Holy Communion |
| | Wingrave | 10.45 | Family Communion |
| THURSDAY 18TH | Wing | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY 21ST | Aston Abbotts | 6pm | Holy Communion |
| Trinity 20 | Cublington | 9.15 | Holy Communion |
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| THURSDAY 25TH | Wing | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY 28TH | Aston Abbotts | 6pm | Evensong |
| Last after | Cublington | 9.15 | Family Service |
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20th September.

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First meeting of the new season 18 members were present.

Following the usual business matters, Mrs Jill Carey presented an illustrated talk of a train ride on the Trans Siberian railway from Moscow to Vladivostok It was an interesting insight into Russian architecture, countryside and people and much enjoyed by our members. She was thanked by Joan Alexander.

Tea hostesses were Mary Morris & Joan Alexander and the raffle was won by Pat Stevens

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| | Bingo 7.30pm | Church Room |
| Saturday 6th | Visiting Bell Ringers 4.14 - 5pm | |
| Sunday 7th | Village Footpath Walk 2pm | The Green |
| Tuesday 9th | Rambling Club Autumn/Winter Programme Meeting | Moorland/Wing |
| Thursday 11th | Coffee/Shop 10-12noon | Church Room |
| | Whist Drive 7.30pm | Church Room |
| Thursday 18th | Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon | Church Room |
| | Ladies Club 2.15pm | Church Room |
| Saturday 20th | Visiting Bell Ringers 3.30 - 4.15 | |
| Sunday 21st | Rambling Club Members Meet 2pm | Aldbury |
| Thursday 25th | Coffee/Shop 10-12noon | Church Room |
| | Whist Drive 7.30pm | Church Room |
| Saturday 27th | Evensong 6pm | St James Church |
| Wednesday 31st | Rambling Club Members 6.45pm | Wing |
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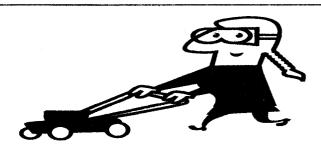
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MOWING ROTA

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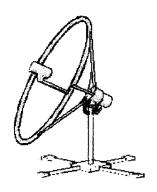
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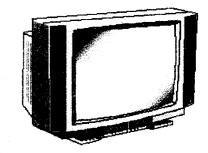
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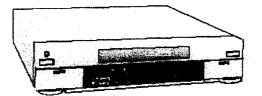


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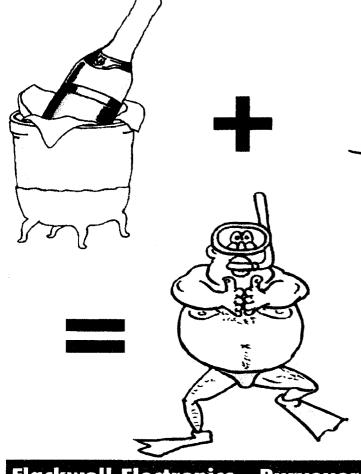


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