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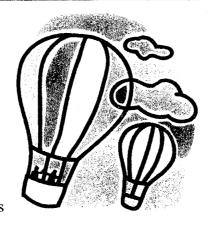
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Editorial

Many thanks are due to Mike Talbot of Burston Ridge Farm who managed to 'fine' a balloonist, who landed on one of his fields, the princely sum of £25 which came in the form of a cheque payable to the Aston Abbotts Chronicle. Apparently Mike is usually offered a cheap bottle of wine as recompense for the damage and inconvenience caused - thankfully for the Chronicle his policy has now changed. Thank you Mike for your generous efforts and thoughts.



I am pleased to advise that the Parish Council has approved the appointment of Paul Bruton to the post of Parish Clerk. Paul and his new bride Trinna (they recently got married in Sorrento) live on the Green. As reported in last month's Chronicle, Paul's principal claim to fame is that he was first assistant on the coconut shy at the Fete.

The first Police Surgery, held in the Church Room early in October, was not well attended as there was little advance publicity possible. The next one is on Tuesday 27th November. See page 13 for further information. If you have any issues for discussion with the Police then this is a good opportunity to get your views or concerns aired. One topic that came up at the first meeting was the aggressive driving style of a 'white van' driver who forced walkers on Lines Hill to dive for safety onto the verge. Apparently the police are aware of the problem as other instances have been brought to their attention. If you can provide any information then please speak with the police.

One of our dogs does not look forward to bonfire night and fireworks. She searches for a dark safe place to hide when fireworks are being let off. Please be as considerate as possible and be aware of the distress you may cause to livestock and other animals.

Enjoyed the rugby, especially the 'beating France' bit - and I'm sure we scored a try against the Springboks - but then I'm biased.



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Alison's Gossip Column



Good Luck to Laura Whyte who has just gone off to Lincoln University. {how will her mother cope!}

Apologies for omitting this message from last month's edition. Ed

Eleanor Farrands $4^{
m th}$ Thomas Farrands 7^{th} John Brancker 7th Caroline Hall 8th **▼** Bridget Brandon Amy James 10th Ray Wilkinson 19th **Percy Humphries** 21^{st} Rod Rothero 23^{rd} John Whyte 23^{rd} Olivia Gresswell

Geoff Curnow had a little spell in hospital but is now on the mend. Keep taking the tablets Geoff.

Congratulations to Louise Palmer who has become engaged to Scot and plan to marry next year.

I went to the Police Surgery in the Church room on 2nd October and was very embarrassed to find only me and Colin there. I hope there is a better turnout next time – November 27th. I found them very helpful.

Welcome to Linda Field who is renting 33 The Green. Clare has gone off to pastures new in France.

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

Does anyone have any info on the scantily clad woman dressed in a bit of black leather seen running towards Weedon, pursued by a man with a tripod?

630 Club Meets every Saturday in The Royal Oak at 6.30pm.

Congratulations to Ray Wilkinson who celebrates 60 this month. Keep up the surgery Ray, it's doing wonders!



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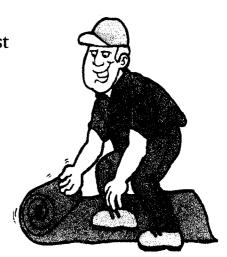
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Could villagers be more considerate of others when lighting bonfires during the day. A villager has lit one this morning and it is still smoking well at 11am.

Having hung my washing out earlier it will now have to go back into the washing machine due to the bonfire smoke and smell. Perhaps bonfires could be lit and finished either early morning or after 5pm? This is quite a regular occurrence. Any consideration to other villagers would be very much appreciated, thank you.

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There is a very strange example of hedge trimming to be seen on the allotments. Can anyone shed light on why such a bizarre cutting regime is being used?



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DO YOU USE THE LOCAL BUS SERVICE? PLEASE ANSWER SURVEY ON PAGE 23

Callum Jones writing in the Bucks Herald reports that 'the new bypass linking Aylesbury to Milton Keynes may not be built for at least another 10 years after Bucks County Council said it might not be able to secure government funding'. Cllr Letheren said: 'I know this will come as a disappointment to some local residents but it is essential that we make the right decision at the right time'.

Below is a reprint of Cllr Peter Cooper's letter, published in the Herald, commenting on this news.

Time for debate is long past - road improvements are needed now

As was I member for Wingrave wheth melodies the villages of towsham. Ledburn, Mentimore and Chaffon, all of which are affected by the AALS improvement scheme or the back of it. I would like to put on record my response to the Bucks County Cornect press release.

the postponement of the decision to pypass Rowsham and Wing is a concern on a number of fronts.

 a) Road safety and quality of life in Rewstram and Wing and the whole of the AAIB Wing to Bierton section is a under coecern, even at existing traffic lovels. Residents of Rowsham have to risk life and limb on a daily basis with dangers coming to those who walk the roadside pavements.

Those residents who live on Aylesbury Road, have the constant worry of cars and trucks leaving the road, hitting pedestrians, entering their gardens or hitting their houses

The county council have refused to consider a speed limit for Rowsham anytime soon and traffic is free to attempt the Rowsham bend at 60mph quite legally!

b) Since the opening of the Linslade Western bypass a few weeks ago traffic volumes on the Wing to Bierton section of the A418 are set to dramatically increase further exacerbating the situation.

c) The growth of Aylesbury and Milton Keynes is happening now and will be years ahead of this postponed piece of infrastructure.

I understand that the county council is faced with ever changing Government requirements but it and its partners through Aylesbury Vale Advantage are supposed to be leading the development plans for Aylesbury Vale and must now demonstrate they are up to the job of

providing infrastructure ahead of houses.

d) In the meantime the villages of Ledburn, Crafton, Mentmore and Wingrave are suffering the blight that only a possible road scheme brings. The delayed decision only adds to their misery.

My view is that the time for debate is long past. Plans for the remaining section of the A418 Wing to Bierton need rnaking, approving and implementing and with no further delay.

Cilr Peter Cooper Wingrave

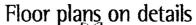
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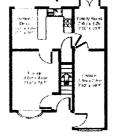
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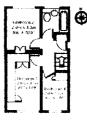
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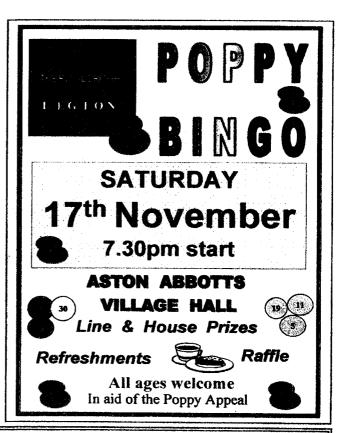
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in Long Marston on Sunday, 11th November 2007 Meeting at the memorial at 10.45am.

'We will remember them'



Despite the ghoulish name, Gallows Bridge Farm is not a scene of terminal retribution but a stretch of floodplain meadow close to the A41 between Aylesbury and Bicester. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) has been offered the chance to buy this meadowland. To do so, it needs to raise, in addition to a legacy and grants already received, an additional £150,000 (out of an asking price of £850,000) by 1 December this year. The point of buying it would be to create a Nature Reserve. Anyone who has visited one of BBOWT's local reserves, such as College Lake, will know how much work goes into maintaining these reserves, and how wonderful they can be firstly for the preservation of endangered flora and fauna and secondly for the enioyment of visitors.

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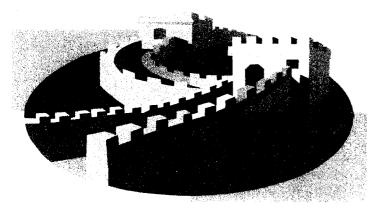


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ALLOTMENT DIARY



As some of you will know, I have recently been in China, trekking along chunks of the Great Wall, and as a result have not spent much time on the allotment since my last article. My diary will therefore have a Chinese slant this month. I saw three areas of China while I was there: the part near the Wall, about 200 miles north of Beijing; Beijing itself, and a city called Xi-an, which is where the Terra Cotta Army is.

The daytime temperature while I was there was between 25° and 30°, and I suspect that during the summer it would have been between 30° and 40°, which clearly has a bearing on the crops grown. Around the Great Wall and the countryside around Beijing and Xi-an, the principal crop was sweet corn. However, in one area near the Wall, the road was lined with fruit orchards, with the farmers sitting beside roadside stalls, hoping to persuade passing motorists to stop and buy their produce, which were large yellow pears, the size of cricket balls or larger, perfectly round, and looking more like apples than pears. I ate a couple at one of the lodges I stayed at, and I thought them a bit disappointing – crisp but rather bland and tasteless.

Then, near Xi-an, we went through an area where the main crop was pomegranates; and again the locals were trying to sell these from roadside stalls. One curious thing was that all the individual fruits hanging on the trees were inside polythene bags! Our guide could not explain why this was, and I do not know if it was to keep insects or birds away, or to ripen the fruit faster, or perhaps to improve the colour, and therefore attractiveness of the fruit.

Walking through the hilly countryside around the wall it was plain that small quantities of vegetables were grown, in addition to the sweet corn – possibly for family and local consumption rather than sale outside the area. Chinese cabbage was, not surprisingly, much in evidence, as were peppers and chillies. Pumpkins were also grown – frequently on banks alongside the fields. I also saw a strange fruit which I could not identify, which ripened from green to yellow. Having consulted my gardening books since returning, I think it may have

been a pawpaw.

Life in the countryside was pretty primitive: while trekking, we passed through one village where not only did they not have running water: we were told by our guide they had no water at all! While we were there an old man trudged slowly into the village with a yolk over his shoulders, carrying two large pails of water which he had presumably brought from another village, and I suspect this was a daily necessity. Why the village was built in this spot I do not know: perhaps it once had water, but the spring or well ran dry. At another village we passed villagers washing clothes in the water of the stream that passed through it, which suggests that hot water was not available. It was also quite clear that most of the fields we saw had not been ploughed by tractor, since there was no means of access except on foot - or possibly by horse or ox. There was little sign of any mechanised transport being used to bring in the cobs of corn that were being harvested: the most common way of transporting things was a sort of elementary wheelbarrow using a bicycle wheel.

However, don't get the wrong idea about China. The difference between the backwardness of the countryside and the sophistication of the towns is more striking than in any other country I have visited. Beijing is a city of 15 million inhabitants. (And it is only the second biggest city in China — Shanghai has 18 million). In terms of modern buildings and traffic Beijing puts London in the shade. Most of the main roads seemed to be dual carriage-ways with 4 lanes plus a cycle lane in both directions. Since returning, I spoke to a friend who was last in Beijing in 1987, and she said that then there were around 100 bicycles for every car: my guess is that there were now 100 cars for every bicycle! Heaven only knows where China will be in 20 years time!

Having returned to England, I discovered that, as I expected, the weeds were making a determined effort to take over my allotment, but fortunately at this time of year one does not have to pull them up or hoe or dig them up: since most of the crops have now been harvested one can use weed-killer, which is much less effort. My sweet-corn had ripened nicely while I was away, but to my irritation, something was doing its best to eat it before I could. To my surprise, Vic reckons that it may be parakeets! I knew there were flocks of them living wild in this country, but had never seen any round here. However, Vic apparently saw some one morning when he paid an early visit to his allotment.

If anyone knows what scares parakeets, please let me know for next year!

Peter

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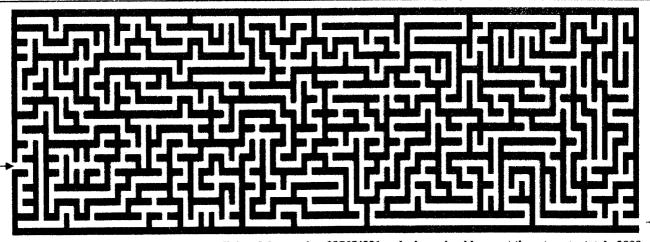
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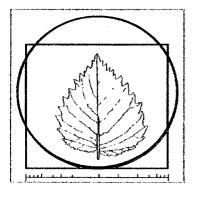
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Countryside Matters

Having talked to the gamekeepers on the Ascott Estate last week, I have learnt that I am not the only person with serious rat problems. They tell me they see rats in hedgerows miles from anywhere every day. The combine drivers tell me the same story. Some of the rats have empty wheat heads outside their burrows but what will they eat when all the volunteer cereals have germinated and disappeared?

I have gone back to my old 'Pasta' based rat poison. It smells like moist bubble gum. These rats are so lazy that they do not feed out of the bait boxes provided but prefer a home delivery. So I shove the blocks down each individual hole.

I rang the manufacturers of the bait and they told me that 4 blocks can kill a ravenous dog. So I only ever use 3 and hope they don't push the poison out into the open. I check the bait everyday. The poison only kills once, so the dead rats picked up by the buzzards and red kites come to no harm.

Most of the rats die down their burrows but the ones I have found on the surface are real stonkers! I understand, unlike every other animal, that rats keep growing until the day they die. Well some of mine must be on their bus pass!

It is with great sadness to tell you there were no animals except horses at Bucks County Show last month, this of course due to movement regulations still in force at the time, caused by foot and mouth outbreaks. Are we not lucky to have yet another little rural gem on our door step? So much work goes into this show, two girls almost full time and an army of dedicated helpers, workers and volunteers, they deserve our sincere thanks.

The ex farm price of 'feed wheat' (wheat fed to animals rather than milling wheat that goes into bread mixed with harder Canadian varieties), has climbed to the dizzy heights of £145/ tonne for November delivery, double that of this time last year. One of the reasons is of course due to the dreadful summer- What summer? The estimated UK yield shall be down by 1 million tonnes, there are also expectations of bad harvest conditions abroad. One of the other causes for the shortages is the vast plains of America, in Nevada especially, they have dedicated much more wheat and corn specifically for bio-ethanol which forms bio-diesel, the green version of road diesel. This will only have a knock on effect and increase the price of wheat and maize in the world markets. About now would be a good time to stock up your freezers with beef, lamb, pork and chickens, as long as they are British products and not just packed here! Don't forget to ask that question.

Lastly, to end on a more contentious issue, it saddens me that Bucks County Council's "unanimous decision", that Wing Gypsy and Travellers site is to undergo a makeover, approving plans for landscaping, building the amenities block, lighting and the erection of a palisade galvanised fence around the whole site to keep them in.

No doubt the Development Control Committee raised the white flag with one arm tied behind their back, while coerced by 'Biffa' Presscott's Dept. This is not good news for farmers and county folk near this area, who have been plagued by activities of certain incumbents from this and other sites, over a very long period of time. And yes, you have guessed it, up to £500,000 of 'our' taxpayers money is to be spent on our 'friends' on this site. No doubt like the last time, which has now been 'conveniently' forgotten, in only 9 months the place shall be trashed as before.

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

Recently I was lucky enough to have been driving through rural France, as I know many Wingrave folk also do on their twining adventures. What struck me was that the French take pride in their country and countryside. On single track lanes the verges are cut right back and along the hedges not one bit of litter to be seen for miles, unlike our MacDonald, coke, beer can strewn verges around Wingrave and beyond. Why can we not have more pride in our countryside? Maybe this is an indication of the state of our society.

The trip also included a spell on a barge on the famous Canal Midi between Capestan and Carcassonne. This was a truly memorable occasion apart from the fact that I hit a bridge, much to my chum's amusement, but the canal had a total lack of any wildlife apart from mallard duck. Can this be the French obsession of trapping all birds, songbirds included, with no closed season? I find this hard to believe with such prolific vegetation with vineyards, corn and vegetable production, a mystery indeed.

The red kites are about daily around our village especially to the west over the allotments and stubble fields which are now drilled with oilseed rape. I have seen up to four some mornings, looking for their first feed of the day. Last week one of the parent birds was sat eating a field mouse or a vole on a

nearby tree, to my amazement a rook was on the same branch 5 to 6 feet away making a dreadful row and trying to steal the food from the red kite. I shortened the odds and dropped the rook from 100 yards and a few minutes later the kite was eating lunch as well.

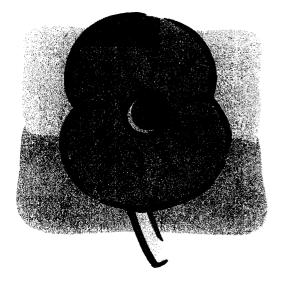
On Sunday I picked up a dead 'little owl' on my driveway, on closer inspection the feathers were missing around its head and neck. I hope this was not the work of a sparrow hawk; we don't have enough of these wonderful little birds left.

Just to add to the farmer's problems, in East Anglia we now have an infection of 'Blue Tongue' disease, thought to have been spread by midges blown across from Europe, affecting mainly sheep and cattle. The clinical signs are eye and nasal discharges, drooling, swelling of the mouth, head, neck and lameness. This cannot be passed onto humans but can result in up to a 70% death rate in sheep and the rest of the flock losing condition, with a reduction in meat and wool production. The animals must be slaughtered with no compensation.

Easy job this livestock farming as my father once said "If you have machinery you have breakdowns, and having livestock you also have dead stock".

Lastly, can anybody tell me where all the aluminum road signs are going. Strange that isn't it? And with scrap metal at an all time high.

James



Sunday 11th November.

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Answer from page 3 - Boxing

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After a while, following the resignation of the then Scout Leader, I became Scout Leader and subsequently, Group Scout Leader as well.

Julia Ellis and I have been looking after the Scout section for a number of years but the time has come for both of us to resign from our roles running the Scout section.

This means that as of the end of December 2007, unless new leaders come forward, the Scout section of Wingrave Scout Group will close. This will have a knock-on effect because it will mean the Cub Scouts when they reach Scout age (10years) will have nowhere to move on to.

In recent years we have achieved a new Scout Headquarters, a mini-bus to transport the Cubs and Scouts on outings and to camp, new camping equipment and a fenced area to the Scout Headquarters, not forgetting the very many varied activities year in, year out that the youngsters have enjoyed.

It is my role as Group Scout Leader to make sure all sections are running correctly but unless a Scout Leader is found, I will have to consider leaving the Group completely.

I do not live in the village nor have I ever had any children within the Group.

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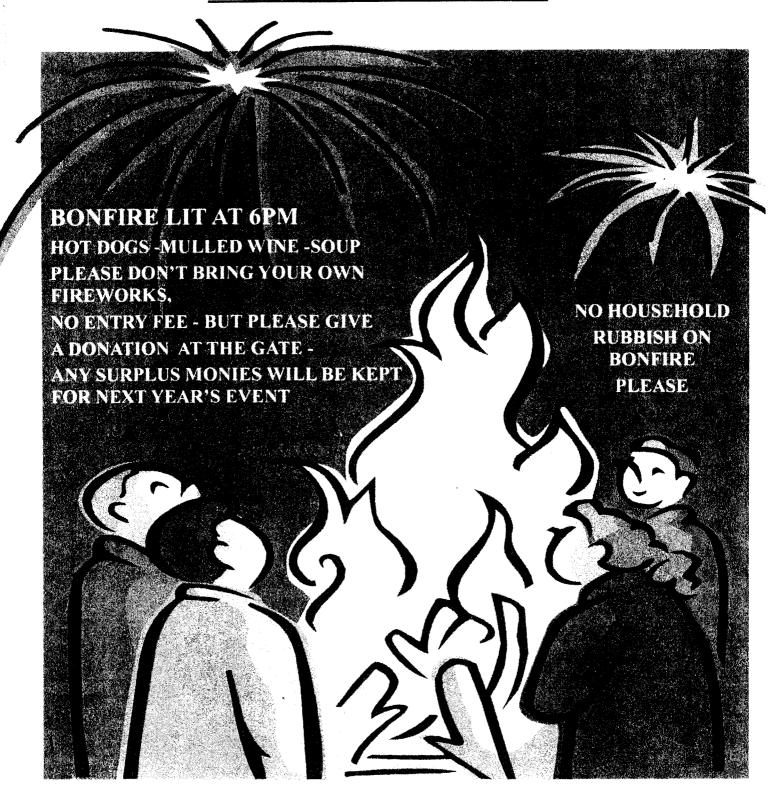
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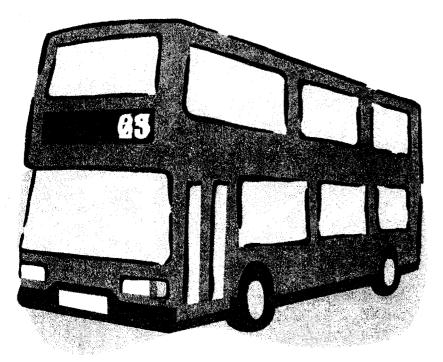
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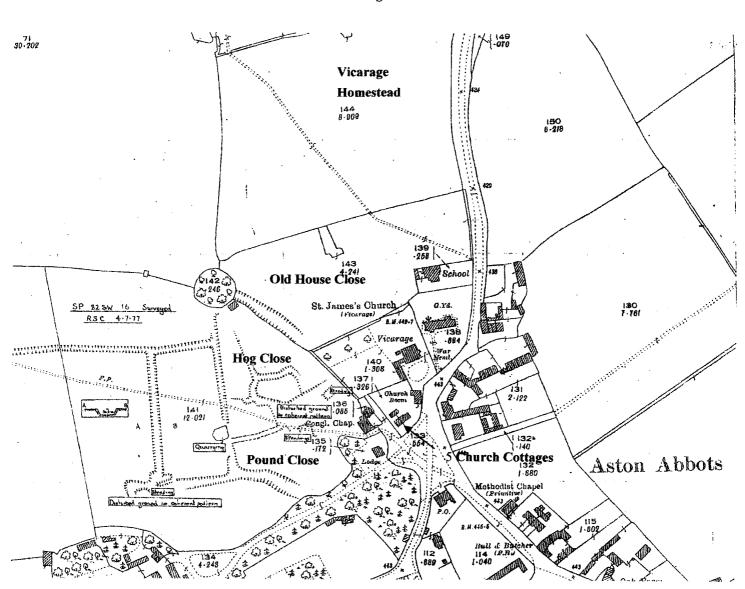
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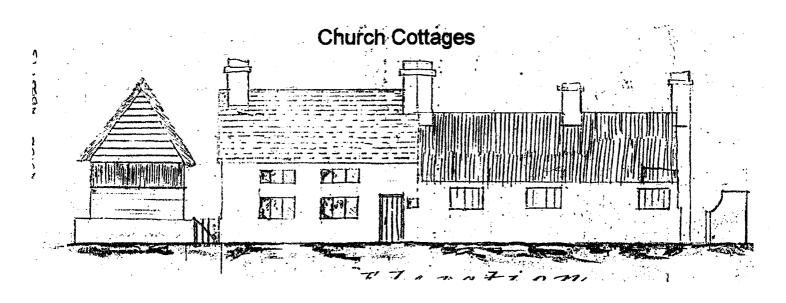


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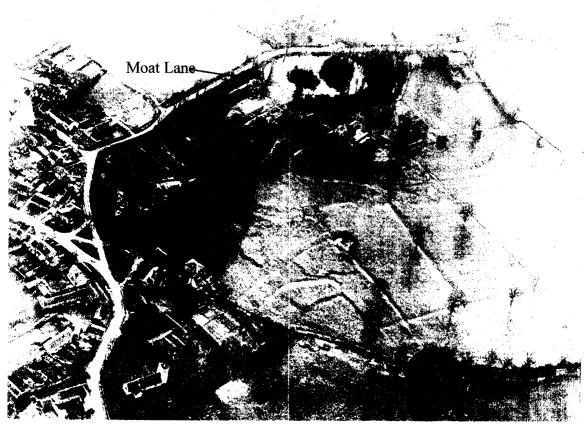
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ASTON ABBOTTS IN EARLIER TIMES

A few month's ago I read Andy Bystra's excellent article in the Chronicle on the results of the excavations at the site of the new houses being built in Hunter's way on Moat lane. This prompted me to visit the County Archaeologist Department to find out more on the older parts of the village, in particular the earthworks that are very obvious in The Grove. Most of the Department's available material is based on evidence provided by a



Mrs P Holt in 1973/74 and from old maps and more recently aerial photography.

The starting point seems to be the village church that was built in 1300's and would have been the focal point of the community, although the Abbey probably stands on the site of a much older establishment. Between the Abbey and the church is an area of deserted medieval settlement in the

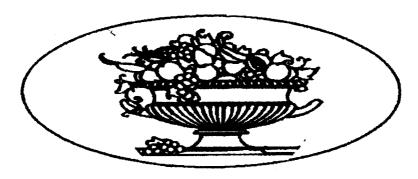
Grove. The old earthworks constitute tracks, field roads, crofts, fields and two substantial farmsteads. There was a group of at least 5 house platforms, also a larger area to the west enclosed on three sides by streets and probably too large to be a house platform. (In the late 1700's this area encompassed Hog Close and Pound Close - see map opposite) The whole of this area to the west is now meadowland, but many years ago was under cultivation as evidenced by medieval ridge and furrow type agriculture. The field to the north east of the Grove and adjoining the Old School also has house platforms, but these are not so well pronounced. This area was known in the 1700's as old House Close.

N addition to the probable house platforms in the Grove, there is also evidence of other medieval house platforms in a wedge shaped field known as Bottom of Longmore directly opposite the entrance to Vicarage Farm. Just when these old houses on the platforms were demolished is not known, but the archaeologists suggest that they might have been removed when the Grove was wanted for a park and the unsightly hovels would clearly have spoilt the view from the Abbey.

On the north side of the Green there were originally 5 Church Cottages (see artist's impression opposite). These were demolished in the mid 1800's to make way for two semi detached houses to provide accommodation for the then headmaster and headmistress of the adjacent school (one is currently occupied by Peter Knight). The original school was replaced in 1875 by a new school on the north side of the Church and the vacated site was given for the existing Church Room. At much the same time Lord Overstone erected a number of semi detached houses around the Green and so the village was transformed from a largely medieval conurbation to a modern housing estate – well, an 1850's version.

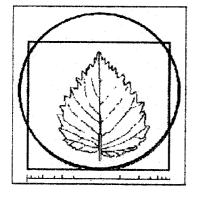
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the view from the vicarage.....

When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind' statement. Just before he re-entered the lunar lander he made the enigmatic remark, 'Good luck, Mr Gorsky.'

Many at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programmes.

Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what 'Good luck, Mr Gorsky.' meant, but Armstrong always smiled and dodged the question.

On 5th July 1995 in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions, a reporter brought up again the 26 year old question. This time Armstrong responded. Mr Gorsky had finally died and so he felt he could answer the question.

When he was a child, he was playing baseball with a friend in the back garden. He hit a fly ball, which landed in front of his neighbour's bedroom window. His neighbours were Mr and Mrs Gorsky.

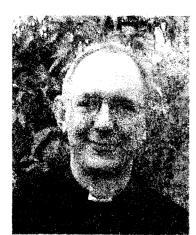
As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at Mr Gorsky. 'Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!'

True story!

I guess Mr Gorsky felt there was no hope, and I'm sure many of us have had times when things have seemed hopeless. But with God we are never without hope. With him our hope is rooted in the wonderful acts of God in creation and history.

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Derek

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- 11 Admiral 12 Unit 13 Needs help
- 16 Anklets 17 Special
- 19 Earthworm
- 20 Abba 24 Abusive 25 Origami
- 26 Cobra 27 Hailstorm

DOWN

- 1 Asterisk 2 Dairy 3 Feelings
- 4 Escape 5 Blemished 6 Source
- 7 Dell 8 Capsulate 14 Palladium
- 15 Technical 17 Symbolic
- 18 Imblazon 20 Rhumba
- 21 Obechi 23 Kiosk 24 Arch

ACROSS

- 1 It's coming (9)
- 6 Feeling of wonder (3)
- 8 Black sea port (6)
- 9 Likeness of a person (5)
- 10 Type of Tartan (6)
- 11 Wind instrument (7)
- 13 Your Dads father (7)
- 16 Shell fish (6)
- 18 Italian city (5)
- 19 This time of year (6)
- 21 Not then (3)
- 22 American name for tram (9)

DOWN

- 1 Good with chips (3)
- 2 Not safe (5)
- 3 Fan-shaped molluses (7)
- 4 Mooring for boats (6)
- 5 African trip (6)
- 7 Raised upwards (9)
- 8 Long armed ape (9)
- 12 Sudden downpour (7)
- 14 All in a quiver (6)
- 15 Seen on the stage (6)
- 17 Top of the house (5)
- 20 Spoil appearance (3)

Compiled by Rod Rothero



Happy Birthday to our Crossword Compiler on 21st November.

Possible Answers: from Page 13

- 1) $9+8+7+65+4+3+2+1=99 \rightarrow 7$ addition signs.
- 2) 9+8+7+6+5+43+21 = 99 -> 6 addition signs.

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Nov 1st AGM

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Nov 15th Joanne Moore - Chinese Horoscopes

Nov 29th Christmas flowers -

Pat Trunkfield

Dec 13th Carol Service - Cublington

2008 Jan 3rd Pub Lunch

Jan 17th Richard Revels - The Faulklands

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Jan 31st Hugh Grainger - Wild Wild Women

Feb 14th Eve Davis - Growing up in the 30's

Feb 28th Audrey Tompkins - England's Green and Pleasant Land

Mar 13th Spring Lunch

Mar 27th Margaret Deakin - An African Adventure

April 10th Neil Rees - The other Bucks County

April 24th Barry Oxley - Iceland

May 8th G Gamriel - Lights Camera Action

May 22nd Coffee morning by kind permission of Audrey Stephenson

June 5th Mr Rye - Building a winning garden BBC Gardener of the year winner 2002

June 19th Competition afternoon

June 3rd Outing

October 4th

16 members were present at today's meeting. After the minutes were read and approved our Chairman noted that the club will be celebrating it's 70th anniversary in November this year and members were asked to put forward ideas for a celebratory lunch. Today's speaker, Mr Alan Copeland was introduced and gave a slide show entitled 'Curiosities in the Chilterns'. It proved to be very interesting, thought provoking and at times quite humorous. He was thanked by Shirley Ford

Tea hostesses were Christine Scott and Carol Morris and our lucky raffle winner was June Brine.

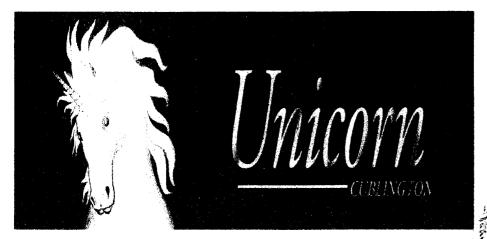
October 18th

16 members were present at today's meeting. The minutes were read and approved after which our Chairman informed the meeting that members have decided to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary in November this year by holding a celebratory lunch. This is to be held at the 'Black Boy' in Oving and Audrey Stephenson and Sheila Read will make the necessary arrangements

Today's speaker, Mr Lee was introduced by our Chairman and went on to give an illustrated talk describing a journey to Antarctica.. He was thanked by April Curnow

Tea hostesses were Audrey Stephenson and Avril Bradley Davis and our raffle winner was Pat Stevens.

Shirley Ford.



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Thursday 1st	Coffee/Shop 10 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2,15pm	
	Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Sunday 4th	Rambling Club Members Meet 2pm	Mursley
Wednesday 7th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 8 th	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 10th	British Legion Coffee Morning 10-12	2 Church Room
Sunday 11th	Village Footpath Walk (Rowsham) 2	pm The Green
	Remembrance Day	
Tuesday 13th	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting 2	pm County Hall
	(Bus/Train queries to Colin Higgs)	
Wednesday 14th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 15th	Coffee/Shop 10.30 - 12noon	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	Church Room
Saturday 17th	British Legion Bingo 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 21st	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 22nd	Coffee/Shop 10-12noon	Church Room
	Whist Drive 7.30pm	Church Room
Saturday 25th	Evensong 6pm	St James Church
Tuesday 27th	Police Surgery 7.30pm	Church Room
Wednesday 28th	Prayers 9am	St James Church
Thursday 29th	Coffee Shop 10 - 12	Church Room
	Ladies Club 2.15pm	

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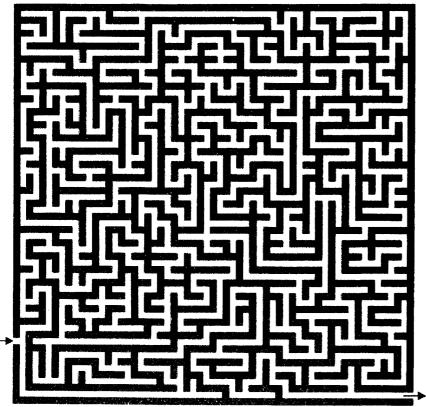
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27th November Church Room 7.30pm

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Bingo 7.30pm

Rambling Club Members Meet 2pm M/Keynes

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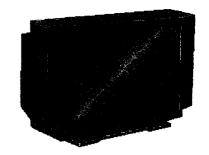
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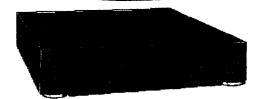


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An Open Letter to Mr David W Lewis from The Venerable Brethren of Buckinghamshire

Dear Mr Lewis

With regard to your attendance at our recent Ladies Celebration dinner, may I draw your attention to the following points:

1. Within the invitation request "Dress Code - Black Tie" there is a implicit expectation that you will not be wearing JUST a black tie. A shirt, jacket and other clothes are also normally worn.



- 2. When the M.C. announced that he wanted "to see all members on the dance floor please" there was a significant and alarming difference between his expectation and your action.
- 3. During the part of the evening when formal speeches are being made, polite applause, cries of "hear hear!" and "jolly good", or even possibly drumming one's knuckles gently on the table are appropriate responses. Loud shouts of "Landlord more champagne!" and/or impromptu back somersaults off your chair are not!!!

We hope to see (a little less of) you next year.

Thank You

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