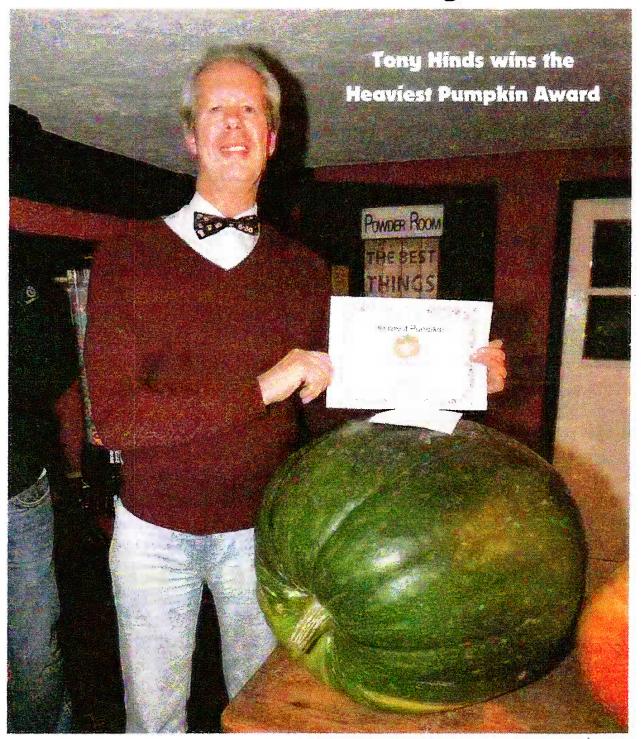
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EDITORIAL

I did say it was a work in progress, Ok I didn't mean for it to be an eye test, the print was a bit small in places! That can be easily changed and this issue should be better, but it is still developing and may be a couple issues before its right, bear with me.

I have received mixed comments, although most in favour of the new format I also received an "appalling" and a couple of "disgustings" and "I won't be reading that again. Be assured I have no wish to alienate our small and diminishing readership but enough encouragement to continue the experiment; and am using different type styles and sizes

Also some production issues half of Neil's "Walk the Ridgeway" missing, that might have been my fault, apologies Neil or was I exercising editorial control! And a couple of spare pages at the back; I now know that it has to be divisible by four in this format.

To prove the power of the press, Neil did get his ladders back, see letters October.

Given the time taken to complete the "one day" of roadworks, I am starting to feel that the village has been renamed "No Road Markings"!!

Phil

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COUNTTYSIDE MATTERS

The one thing about being interested in country sports, is that you visit the most amazing places, similarly I suggest as being a member of The National Trust you are privileged to visit wonderful houses and grounds that otherwise you might not be able to see. I was lucky enough to be invited to shoot Red lea French Partridge on the Berkshire Downs between Wantage and Lambourn, a dreadful journey early on the A34 but eventually well worth it. When on the Downs the landscape is tremendous, with rolling escarpments, hills and incredible steep valleys, formed in the ice age. These sides are contoured and covered in rough grass, reminding me of the scene in the original version of. Far from The Madding crowd, where sergeant Troy descends sword in hand, charging straight down the steep side, slicing off a chunk of Julie Christies hair. (Show off!) Well that was filmed very near to where we were. Back to reality, the partridge flew like Exocet missiles followed by a keen wind and made the guns look rather embarrassed, me included. I noticed the Red kites in abundance and plenty of Buzzards as well, probably 20 kites circling and 10 or so Buzzards, they follow the shoot around and have learnt to take any stragglers and even some in flight. I am the first to admire the release of these magnificent creatures, over a decade ago, but I feel they are not dispersing northwards quick enough and there are too many in crowded locations, this brings me on to the ridiculous situation as on Country file last year, showing a farmer in Wales feeding up to 400 Kites every day with slaughterhouse offal, from the back of a tractor and transport box. Now personally that is

certainly not conservation, but crass exploitation, which shall end in family in fighting and disease. The keeper on Downs shoot then explained to me there were for many years hundreds of rabbits or a onetime possibly thousands on the escarpments covering a very large area, now there are none, after all we were very near to Watership Down .The kites have learnt to contour fly the grass banks about 3-4 feet off the ground and pick up the unsuspecting Kits, I was lead to believe that Kites only fed on Carrion now that can be translated into" All they can Carry! "The same applies to the Grey or English Partridge, being a ground nesting bird, it is now very vulnerable to predation by Kites, Buzzards, foxes and Badgers, who eat the eggs and the chicks, so much so that the English Partridge shall soon be on the endangered list. The placing of certain animals and birds on the protected list for decades shall see one species wipe out another. Lastly I read in the paper about Hackney Council cracking down on the growing urban fox population attacking deer in the local park, they want to trap the vermin and destroy them. The plan was dropped because a woman living 300 miles away in Cornwall, yes that's right, stared a petition to save them before the cull started. There are thought to be 10,000 foxes living in London, with all the problems they produce, never mind mauling nine month old babies in cots, defecating in gardens were children play, howling mating rituals etc., etc., what on earth would happen if Rabies hit the London Suburbs ??? Have some people lost their senses and watching too much Foxy Locksy and Basil Brush?? You couldn't make it up!!

James.

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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Has your garden or allotment been invested this year, like my allotment, by a weed that you don't remember seeing before? A weed with masses of small flowers with a prominent yellow centre, and five small, rather pathetic-looking white petals, and leaves shaped like those of a nettle, but lighter in colour? If so, then you have probably been invaded by the Gallant Soldier!

If not, then remember this article: because judging by my experience, you will be invaded next year!

It was Peter Knight who identified the plant for me, having some years ago had to ask Vic Scott what this new weed was that had started appearing on his land. Irritatingly, not only is the plant is not a native of Britain: it is not even a native of Europe. It originated in South America. It was brought to Kew Gardens from Peru in 1796, and escaped in 1863. It is mentioned in my oldest wild flower book, dated 1957; but when Keble Martin published his celebrated book on wild flowers in 1965 it was still so rare that he did not bother to paint a picture if it. However since 1860s it has gradually been spreading out from Kew, and reached Aston Abbotts a few years ago.

It is very similar to the stinging nettle in that it loves disturbed soil: which it then colonises with incredible rapidity. This year it has been the most common weed growing on the areas of my allotment where I had dug up early potatoes, and where I had hoed to remove weeds: it has even outstripped the stinging nettle. The good news is that it does not sting: but the bad news is that if you let it grow to any size, the plant will grow roots which cannot be pulled up with the same facility as nettles, and if the stem breaks while you are trying to pull it up, the weed will continue growing.

You may wonder why such a pernicious and pathetically-flowered weed, which has only

relatively recently arrived on our shores should have such an attractive-sounding English name. It is certainly neither gallant nor military! The answer is that its Latin name is galinsoga parviflora, having been called after the Spanish botanist who discovered it, one Ignaceo Galinsoga: and "gallant soldier" is a corruption of his name. This corruption of a foreign name in not uncommon: readers may remember my mentioning in an earlier article that the Jerusalem artichoke neither comes from Jerusalem, nor is it an artichoke. It is in fact a member of the sunflower family, and having come to Britain via Italy, it is so-called because the name is a corruption of the Italian name "girasole" - which means "sunflower". (Why it was called "artichoke" is a mystery).

The advice for getting rid of the gallant soldier is to hoe it up in hot weather, and leave it to wither in the hot sun (and not to go away for 3 weeks' holiday in the middle of September - as I did - leaving the weed to go forth and multiply). Yet again one can apparently eat the plant: it is much used in South America, both as a salad vegetable and to flavour stews, etc.

One of the pleasures of allotment gardening is the time when one can harvest ones vegetables; and few give more pleasure to me than maincrop potatoes. One never knows how big the crop is, since it is buried under the ground: but the size of the crop rarely disappoints. The only time I can remember this happening was the year we suffered from potato blight. This year three of the four maincrop potatoes I have dug up so far - Valor, Cara and Bikini have produced enormous yields, and the size of the tubers in the case of Valor and Cara has been remarkable.

Whether it was my scarecrow, or the nettles and gallant soldiers that I let grow round my sweetcorn, we do not seem to have lost as any cobs to the pests that eat them this year. The only problem is that I am now faced with having to dig up a large patch of nettles and gallant soldiers that I have allowed to mature. But nothing in life is perfect!

Peter Shorrock

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

Autumn is decidedly with us but so far no frosts. We still have colour in the gardens and leaves are still hanging well on the trees, and what wonderful colours they show us. Young trees seem to show autumn colour better than old ones, by this I mean 30 years, planting are magnificent - Milton Keynes is ablaze.

I suggest the autumn has been kind to farmers - the land has worked down well so that drilling winter wheat, barley and rape has given nicely emerged crops. There is still a bit of maize standing.

Maize is grown for two uses - silage for cattle feed and now as a fuel for the commercial digesters which are springing up around us. Digesters are a very good idea, digesting or rotting down vegetable and household waste. They produce methane, burn this gas and produce electricity - hard to argue with that. However, it has been found that in order to keep a good "digestive system" going a steady supply or energy rich roughage is needed. The bacteria which do the work and produce the gas need a balanced diet! Maize is the answer.

Acres of maize are being grown for these digesters and it is being harvested now. Huge tractors and trailers are racing along country roads from field to digester trying to get the job done before it gets too muddy. Just wait until we get a wet autumn - then we'll see some mess on the roads.

Squirrels are very busy with the natural harvest scampering off with acorns and chestnuts to be buried as winter supplies - aren't they lovely! Last weekend I was walking through a splendid plantation of young oak trees, all about 15 - 20 years old and they had wonderful autumn colours. <u>BUT</u> about every 6th tree was half dead. Squirrels strip the young bark from the trees to make their winter homes or drays. In the Chilterns this is a disastrous problem for young beech trees. The native red squirrel does not do this, only the introduced grey squirrel from America - what a tragedy this stupid introduction of a species has been just like the mink from the same continent. Man sometimes seems so slow to lean from his own mistakes.

This month's star prize - it has to be autumn colour - how about the small maple tree in the front garden of Rose Cottage!

P.S. where have all the collared Doves gone?

Peter

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When you instruct us we will donate to a local charity, school, youth club or church group the day the related sale completes or tenancy begins





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Village Stuff.

From our new gossip columnist

Who remembers?

John Brancker's 50th birthday party. A villager has just reported viewing a DVD of the evening's events on 7th November 1992. Frank McManus looked about 12 but was apparently running the Bull & Butcher.

Tony Hinds had the smoothest legs of the night (and yes that does include the women, sorry) John Whyte was flogging second-hand watches and Rita Robinson looked very saucy in her rollers and headscarf.

Happy daysSad Hangovers

Village Cafe

Don't forget to support your local café in our Village Hall every Thursday morning from 10.00 to 13.00. Where else can you get a bacon butty for 50p? People travel from as far as Wingrave for this treat so get down to the Village Hall for a coffee, chat and buttie of your choice.

Birthdays in November

23rd John Whyte

Come on! There must be more! He didn't even want his in as he says he's too old for birthdays now.

Please send dates of any December Birthdays to Astonnewsandgossip1086@gmail.com

Best Wishes

To Christine Fox and John Hardcastle who have both been unwell recently?

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Affordable Housing in Aston Abbotts

2014's Aston Abbotts Housing Needs Survey¹ showed strong support for the idea of a very small development of affordable housing in Aston Abbotts.

There may be the possibility of such a scheme under the government's Community Right To Build legislation.

These would be 1-2 bedroom homes intended for use by people with a local connection - e.g. residents' children, residents' elderly relatives, older residents who want to downsize but remain in the village, etc.

The Parish Council have set up a steering group to look at the feasibility in conjunction with Community Impact Bucks (a registered charity)

At the moment only pre-feasibility enquiries are being made to see if an acceptable site might be available. There is no site identified yet.

If a site can be found and the scheme looks viable there will be a presentation to the village. This will be followed by a village referendum to determine if it should go ahead. Villagers will have the final say and nothing will happen if there is not support from the village in the referendum.

If a small development of this nature goes ahead the houses will be built and controlled by a Housing Association. The houses will not be built by the Parish Council or by villagers.

The Steering Group consists of John Whyte (Chair), Selwyn White (Treasurer), Fiona Knight (Secretary), Phil Spooner (Communications), Judy Hardcastle and Stella Dutton.

If you have any questions, then please contact me.

Phil Spooner The Birches, Wingrave Road 01296 681544 phils@cix.co.uk

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¹ Survey conducted October 2014 by Community Impact Bucks - <u>www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk</u>. 181 questionnaires were distributed in Aston Abbotts and 56 responses were returned. 89% of respondents were in favour of affordable housing for local people.

Recreation Ground!

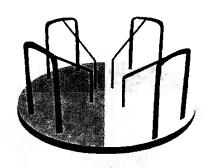
The Parish Council need your ideas! They would like to put some new investment into the recreation ground and would like the community to come up with ideas about what to do. If you think that there is something sorely missing from the playground (see-saw/ roundabout etc) or you have a yearning to play boule – let them know. All <u>sensible</u> ideas will be considered!

Please email any ideas to: Mrs Zandy Ayres at astonabbottsclerk@gmail.com

Or

Write to her at: 15 The Green, Aston Abbotts, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 4LX

By 1st December 2015



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Your chance to shape the future of Aylesbury Vale

Aylesbury Vale District Council is asking local residents, businesses and community groups to have a voice in the future of housing, jobs and key policies, as consultation on the next stage of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) gets underway.

Following approval by councillors, a document setting out the issues and options for the VALP has been produced and is available to view at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/valp. Residents now have until 4 December to view this document and give their views and ideas on what the plan should achieve, how new homes and jobs should be distributed, and what new policies could be introduced to manage development between now and 2033.

Councillor Carole Paternoster, Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy, said: "We need to build another 31,000 new homes in Aylesbury Vale by 2033 and the new Local Plan will provide the framework for how the Vale will grow and develop to accommodate this. It is really important that people take this opportunity to get involved by letting us know what they think about the different options we have identified and by raising any issues they feel need addressing."

The Local Plan, which is still in its early stages will, once finalised, provide firm guidance on how planning applications should be considered and say where new development should or should not take place. This is the second public consultation stage in the new Local Plan's preparation and it includes nine potential options for distributing new development.

The options include developing urban extensions at Milton Keynes/Bletchley; using land more efficiently by raising the average density of new development; creating a whole new settlement somewhere in the Vale; and a combination of these.

A series of public exhibitions where planning officers will be available to explain the options and answer any questions will be held on:

Monday 2 November 11am – 8pm, Villiers Hotel, Buckingham

Thursday 5 November 11-8pm, The Bell Hotel, Winslow

PUBLIC MEETING & EXHIBITION

At your VILLAGE HALL

On

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 2pm

An opportunity for you to see the new proposals for the refurbishment and improvement of your Village Hall

Every one welcome – a glass of wine and nibbles available
View the new drawings
Let the Trustees have your views and comments
PLEASE COME ALONG
It will also be possible to see the drawings
at the Coffee Morning on 12th November

Stop Press:

You will see from the cover that Tony Hinds has won the Pumpkin Competition at 61 Kgs, the pumpkin that is, not Tony. I understand this is subject to the usual Stewards enquiry, objections and drugs test.

More detailed report in next Chronicle.

What's on in November:

Sun 1 st	Rambling Club meet at Tring				2 pm
Wed 4 th	Parish Council		Village Hall		7.30 pm
Thurs 5 th	Coffee Shop		Village Hall		10-12 pm
	Whist Drive	Villag	ge Hall		7.30 pm
	Village Fireworks	The I	Rec		6.00pm
Sun 8 th	Remembrance D	ау	St James		10.55 am
Thurs 12 th	Coffee Shop		Village Hall		10-12pm
	Bingo				7.30pm
Sunday 15 th	Sunday 15 th Village Footpath Walk the Green				2pm
Thurs 19th Coffe	e Shop	Village Hall			10-12pm
	Whist Drive				7.30 pm
Tues 24 th	Mobile Library		the Green		10.30am
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Thurs 26 th	Coffee Shop		Village Hall	10 - 1	2 pm

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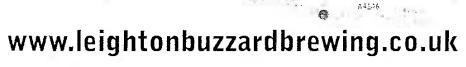
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The Arty BitsBooks.....Music....Theatre...Travel & Food.... and the bits I'm not sure where to put!

Books

'Honourable Friends?' by Caroline Lucas MP

Caroline Lucas the first and at present only Green MP in Parliament has written about her experiences in her first five years in the Commons. She is passionate not only about her Green agenda but also the need for change in archaic Parliamentary procedures such as that required for voting during which MPs are often physically pushed into the appropriate lobby by the whips!

Her theme is that we cannot go on consuming the earth's natural resources for ever whilst polluting the world to the point that it becomes uninhabitable. Within our children's lifetimes we will run out of some fossil fuels, demand for raw materials such as iron ore, copper, food and even water will outstrip supply and, before we reach this crisis, the gap between the have's and the have not's will lead to worldwide unrest. These issues must, she pleads, be addressed today not when we hit the buffers in a few years time.

She was until recently something of a voice in the wilderness but with the election of Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour Party she has gained an ally on many of her policies. It was good to see that she was reelected in her Brighton constituency at the recent election and we wish her every success.

This non-fiction volume was a departure from the novels and biographies that are usually reviewed by the Book Club and some readers had trouble finishing it without the 'can't put it down factor'. I would recommend it as a cautionary tale of the state of our democracy and an eye opener as to why our leaders may be so implacably opposed to the changes so desperately needed.

David Gray

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The Astonians

New resident learns not to get on the wrong side of the pub Landlady All characters are fictional and hold no association to anyone

Aston Pete

Well it's time to say farewell to all my friends in Aston Abbotts with the assurance of not becoming a stranger. I thought I would invite my resident replacement Arthur Proctor to the Astonian Arms last night to introduce him to the village people (Not the group). I was honoured myself by the Landlord of the pub making an appearance to say goodbye. He never shows his face, leaving customer service to the wife, Big Betty.

After a few Jack Daniel's and gin and tonics for Arthur, I said, "Arthur you must meet the Landlord of the pub Jeremy Hardcastle; he's Big Betty's right-hand man, he's really the strength of the pub. His talent is simply discreet but significant."

I introduced Jeremy to Arthur who was surprised to meet a humpbacked, one eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed, battered and pockmarked specimen of a pub landlord; a particularly unattractive man less than five feet tall. "Jeremy old man, tell your new resident about yourself."

"Well Arthur, I was born and bred in Aston Abbotts" he began to say, "I'm landlord of this fine public house and I also serve on the Parish Council and received an MBE from the Queen for my services to the community. I've represented the county in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Buckinghamshire cup. I have researched the history of....."

"Hold on Jeremy," I interrupted, "Never mind all that cobblers, Arthur can read that on the village website. Tell him about the day you told Big Betty to **** off."

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Theatre

THRILLER

Fantastic, energetic, executed with such precision, unforgettable, are just a few of the words used for this amazing show hosted by Waterside Theatre Aylesbury.

Michael Jackson was an amazing singer and brought so much to a lot of people's life with heart-warming songs like who's loving you and I'll be there. To see his life set out on stage was a privilege to watch, but what made it even more special was the cast and how they showed there passion, they made Michaels life come to life with a vibrant stage, gifted dancers, and 5 lead vocalists with which one (Cleopatra) that stood out and gave the performance of the night.

The atmosphere of the evening as a whole was amazing to see young children to older adults enjoying the same show and music was lovely to see.

The first half of the show was focused on the Jacksons and then went on to early Michael such as rockin robin, blame it on the boogie, shake your body are just a few to say the least.

The second half was equally amazing with songs like smooth criminal, they don't care about us, earth song, black or white, and of thriller! All performances where gave passion, drive, well-staged and utterly Michael Jackson in every way

The free tickets at half time came with free drinks there was all so a few others that all so came to the press stand sharing their thoughts on the show and the evening as a whole.

Needless to say my thoughts on the show I was completely charmed by the entire Thriller cast and I will not forget the show, the band was perfect and complemented every second of every song,

Thank you waterside for hosting a perfect night

Anna

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THEATRE TICKETS.

The Waterside Theatre have again kindly offered two Press Tickets for each of the shows listed below. The tickets are free and you will usually also be offered a programme and a voucher for a drink during the interval or a drink at the Press Stand in the foyer.

If you would like tickets for any or all of these shows then let me have an email to johnhardcastle@me.com or a note through my door at Marloes, Lines Hill with a contact telephone number.

The draw for the tickets to each event will take place two weeks before the day of the event.

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Show	Date & Time		
ABBA MANIA	THU 19 NOV		
ADDA IMAINIA	7.30PM		
WESTCOAST – THE BEACH	FRI 20 NOV		
BOYS	7.30PM		
THE FULL MONTY	MON 23 NOV		
THE FOLL WONTY	7.30PM		
SAINT PETERSBURG CLASSIC	MON 30 NOV		
BALLET: GISELLE	7.30PM		
DICK WHITTINGTON	MON 14 DEC		
Starring SAM BAILEY	7PM (pre-reception		
(Up to 4 tickets available)	from 6pm)		

John Hardcastle

Letters Page

Sir,

It is so sad that, in today's world, corruption appears to be rife. A peerage may be bought; the football world sup can easily be arranged for Greenland, Iceland, South Georgia - just pass over a few millions. I suspect that this evil has now filtered down to sleepy Aston Abbotts. I write about the monthly Star Prize - I suspect that this worthy presentation has been tampered with.

Neil Chesher has recently looked less nattily dressed, has not holidayed in South America AND has been less forthcoming in the Pub. Peter Knight on the other hand, has recently spent a small fortune on his Land Rover. The implications are obvious - Sepp Blatter eat your heart out, Aston Abbotts, I suspect harbours serious corruption.

More revelations next month, Runner Bean competition suspect? Coffee morning drug scandal?

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Yours

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Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

The sudden death of Reverend Peter Knight last month was a shock to us all. His inspiration and support to the new initiative of regular Family Services will be sorely missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ro and her family at this sad time.

On 12th September the annual Ride & Stride event took place around the county Churches. See Caroline Lane's article elsewhere in this month's Chronicle and thanks to Caroline for all her fund raising efforts.

Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October was well attended. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. Afterwards the Village Hall saw the usual selection of pickles, chutneys, jams, homemade bread, fruit and vegetables auctioned off after the Harvest supper. Our thanks to all of you who came and generously donated items for auction and to our auctioneer John Whyte and Fran, April, Caroline AS, Caroline L, Ann and Gordon for producing and serving the Harvest Supper. The net proceeds were a magnificent £547.

We are blessed with not one but two accomplished Church organists. Nigel and Gavin have uplifted and entertained us regularly in recent years. We wish Nigel a speedy recovery from his eye operation and thank Gavin for stepping into the breach.

On 21st October an otherwise damp and dreary morning was brightened by the bellringers from the Oxford Guild. Their regular visits have been mentioned in previous issues of The Chronicle.

The Remembrance Service will start at 10.55am at the War Memorial at the Church gate on Sunday 8th November and on the 15th we will have another of our Family/Breakfast Services starting at 9.30am. The Race night on 20th November in the Village Hall is always popular so early booking is recommended. See the advert elsewhere in the Chronicle for details.

Christmas signals the end of yet another year. It does seem that time accelerates as you get older. The Carol Service will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 13th December. We will combine our Family Breakfast and Christingle Services on Sunday 20th December and there will be a Service at 10.30 on Christmas morning. Carol singing round the village is being organised for Friday 18th December.

The Graveyard has been very well maintained as usual this year and our thanks for all the efforts of Gordon Kemp and his team of mowers. Many visitors remark on how neat and tidy our Church is kept. As the leaves fall from the majestic beach and sycamore trees that frame the picture of our Church it is a timely reminder to clear the top of the tower and the guttering around the Church roof. Anyone with a couple of hours to spare (10am-12pm, Saturday 7th November) would be most welcome to come and help with this essential maintenance activity.

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Services at

Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

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1 st Nov.	6.00 pm	Evensong	Rev. Philip Derbyshir
8 th Nov.	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Rev. Peter Binns
15 th Nov.	9.30am	Breakfast in the Village Hall	
		followed by a short Service	
22 nd Nov.	10.00am	Eucharist at Cublington	
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29 th Nov	10.30am	Communion	Rev. Roger Hale

We look forward to seeing you

100 Club Draw October 2015

1st Prize, £50: Gordon Smith

2nd prize, £10: Carol Spooner

Dear friends,

I'm writing this two days after Joy and I visited Batsford Arboretum in the Cotswolds for our annual 'pilgrimage' to see the amazing display of leaves as late Summer enters Autumn. We've been doing this in mid-October for 15years, when we moved from Reading to Bicester.

Many of the colours of the leaves (green, purple, red, orange, yellow, brown) caught by the gentler Sun, are truly glorious and seem to sing of God's artistry in nature. His special palette of colours before we plunge Into the Winter greatness and baroness and damp mist of the shorter days.

No wonder this period has led to great works of poetry and music and comparison of the season's feeling with our own late middle years. Wisdom allegedly comes with this period---although that is sometimes hard to believe when we see the behaviour of certain 'oldies' and we witness the desperate attempts to hold back time via botox and plastic surgery.

What is wrong with the special beauty of aging as the trees display? After all we all inevitably return to the earth which gave us birth and the God who gives us meaning and redemption.

God bless, Philip.

Church Duties

	Cleaning	Flowers	
7 th Nov	Caroline L & Colin	Remembrance	Poppies
14 th Nov	Ann & Gordon	Donated	
21 st Nov	Alex & Anita	Donated	
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