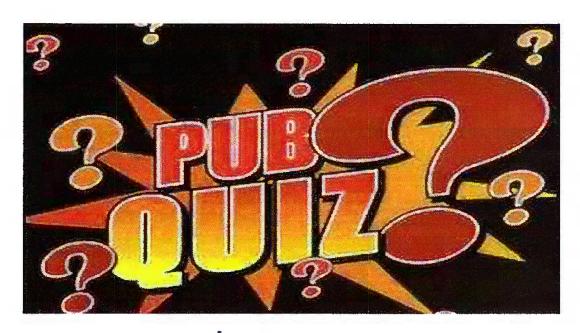
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Open it and take a look!



Sunday 11th February 7.30pm

So much fun and laughter. So get a team together or join one and come to the Royal Oak for the fun & frolics.

Full Cash Prize to the winning team and Free Draw for the Super Sunday Dinner for 2.

From the Ed'.

I refrain from politics in the Chronicle but John Bercow, our MP and the Commons Speaker, has warned democracy is under threat and said those on the wrong side of a referendum result do not have to accept their case has been lost forever, in remarks welcomed by campaigners for people's right to change their mind on Brexit.

The Speaker is duty-bound to remain neutral on political issues, but his comments appeared to make a thinly veiled reference to the EU referendum, defending the right for people to argue for a second vote. He also has much to say in opposition to a State Visit for Donald Trump.

If he wishes to water down the neutrality required of the Commons Speaker, he should resign the Speaker's job and join the Government on the back benches.

The Parish Council draft minutes note that the complete minutes of the council meeting should be included within the Chronicle instead of currently 'Notable items from the minutes'.

Parish Councillors take up much of their time working hard for the village which should be recognised far more than they are presently. However, before I took the work of Chronicle Editor over a year ago I carried out some basic marketing as to what people currently read and would like to read in the village mag'. Council meetings featured within this as being somewhat complicated, jargon filled and unreadable for a magazine.

I suggested to the Parish Clerk that a summary from the minutes be supplied in short understandable paragraphs as at present they are stiff minutes which, if included completely, would take up 7 pages. My thanks to Frank for agreeing to supply these in future editions.

Full minutes are available for viewing if a particular interest occurs.

So, with respect to councillors, my objective is to make the AA Chronicle a magazine residents want and may need to pick up and read. I hope I am someway in to achieving that objective?

Our local MP has his say on Donald Trump's State visit



Our MP John Bercow has been outspoken about Donald Trump, previously vetoing the idea of him speaking in Parliament's Westminster Hall, an honour which was given to his predecessor Barack Obama. These comments came shortly after Theresa May invited Mr Trump to visit the UK.

MP John Bercow said: ""The matter of state visits to the United Kingdom is for the Government and not for me. The relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States is valuable and long-standing. However, it is as well to remember that relationship is between countries, rather than with particular leaders.

"We have many shared values and the historic link between our two nations has been hugely important for intelligence gathering. "But good friends should be able to speak freely to one another and I for one welcomed the cross-party condernnation of the US President's decision to retweet extremist material."

A prolific burglar has been put behind bars after a series of raids on Aylesbury businesses last year.



Dominic Clarke, aged 35, of no fixed abode, was jailed for two years at Aylesbury Crown Court on Thursday January 4 after pleading guilty to five counts of burglary of a non-dwelling.

Businesses across Aylesbury and Wendover were targeted during Clarke's spree last November and in each incident he used a brick to smash a glass panel door in order to gain entry.

He then stole tills and charity tins containing various amounts of cash. Clarke is a prolific burglar who posed a considerable threat to the community due to his extensive offending.

Can you help police find 15year-old Aylesbury boy, Sean Frost, who is missing?



Police are appealing for information to find a 15-year-old from Aylesbury who has been missing since January 2.

Sean Frost was last seen in Wren Path, Fairford Leys at about 2.50pm on Tuesday 2.

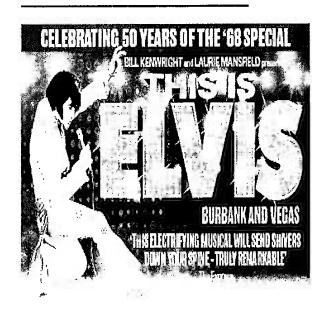
He is white with brown hair which is short at the sides. When Sean was last seen, he was wearing a grey Adidas hooded top, blue jeans and black trainers.

He has links to the Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Hayes areas of Greater London, as well as Essex and he also frequents Aylesbury town centre.

"If you have any information which you think could help us to locate Sean, please get in touch.

"Sean, if you see this appeal, you are not in trouble, but we need to know that you are safe.

Anyone with information relating to the case should call 101 quoting reference '43180001787'



Waterside Theatre Aylesbury 26th February to 3rd March

Flytipping incidents in the Aylesbury Vale district more than doubled in 2016/17



There were 785 incidents in the Vale in 2016/17, compared to 357 in 2015/16, costing taxpayers £79,250.

Newly-released figures from DEFRA revealed that more than one million incidents of fly-tipping were dealt with by councils in England in 2016-17, costing taxpayers nationally £58m to clear up.

Neighbouring Milton Keynes was the second worst hit district in the whole of the South East with £4,120, with taxpayers hit hardest in the pocket in the city than in any other part of the region - as flytipping costs £317,856 to tackle.

The DEFRA figures only account for flytipping incidents on council land, not private land leading to a warning from insurance expert

Alan Sinclair that the figures are not a true reflection of the cost of flytipping. He said: "Farmers who fall prey to this crime are having to shoulder the burden, responsible for meeting the cost of clearing rubbish from their land themselves — at an average cost of £1,000 per incident.

"Farmers are well aware of this issue and are saddened by the visual impact it has on the countryside they maintain, as well as it being a nuisance and inconvenience when trying to get on with their normal, daily jobs.

"However, I don't think that farmers are as aware that, should they fail to deal with incidences of fly tipping on their land and it leads to environmental damage, they could be held liable under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

"With many authorities looking at introducing charges for bulky waste and organic waste collections and charging for dumping waste at council-run tips, there is a fear that flytipping incidents on farmland will increase."





Theft From Vehicles

Overnight the 5th and 6th January, we have had several reports of vehicles having been broken into and tools being stolen. This was in the Aston Abbotts, Quainton and Edgecott area. If anyone has any information which may assist with our enquires please call 101 and ask for the Waddesdon Neighbourhood Team.

Please ensure your vehicles are secure and anything of value removed.

Appeal for witnesses regarding a stolen van – Ivinghoe Aston & Buckingham

A van has been reported stolen in Ivinghoe Aston on Monday morning (08/01).

At around 6am a Citroen
Berlingo had been left running,
whilst it was being defrosted.
When the owner returned to
the vehicle it had been stolen,
with the keys and his wallet
inside.

The van is white with distinctive red rear panels.

A vehicle matching this description, but bearing Irish number plates, was seen in suspicious circumstances at 11pm the same day, in the

Linden Village area of Buckingham.

The vehicle contained three men, one of which is described as white and a large build.

There is no description for the other two men.

The van was later found and recovered in the Bedfordshire area, containing a number of tools, which are believed to be stolen.

Investigating Officer PC Dean Kingham, based at Aylesbury Police Station said "I want to speak to anyone that might have seen this van, or can give me a description of the men.

"Enquiries are ongoing to find out who the recovered tools belong to and I will be in

contact with the owners when this has been done.

"I would also like to remind residents not to leave vehicles unattended when they are being defrosted. Not only does this provide opportunist thieves a chance to steal it, your insurance company may not pay if it is stolen under these circumstances."

If you have any information regarding this crime please call

PC Kingham on the 24 hour non-emergency number 101, quoting reference number 43180006624. If you don't want to speak to the police or give your details you can contactCrimestoppers anonym ously on 0800 555 111, or report it online.

Courier fraud warning - Aylesbury Vale

Residents in Aylesbury Vale have reported receiving unsolicited telephone calls from people often claiming to be police officers.

They have claimed to be investigating a fraudulent transaction on the victim's credit / debit cards, or suspicious transaction on their bank account.

The offenders give fictitious officer name / shoulder number and in a recent report, in Aston Sandford, the resident was encouraged to dial 999 to check out their identity.

The line had been kept open by the offender, so the victim was not actually connecting to the emergency services.

In Aylesbury a victim was encouraged to go to the bank to withdraw cash and a courier later turned up to pick up the cash / bank cards. Police would like to talk to the man pictured below regarding that incident.



Please warn neighbours, family and friends, especially if they are old or vulnerable, not to pass information on to any unsolicited callers. Remember:-

- never tell anyone your PIN number
- never give personal information or bank account details to anyone over the phone
- never hand over your card, money or valuables to someone at the door.

Check the identity of anyone you are dealing with either in person or over the phone. Call the organisation they claim to be working for, but make sure they have cleared the line and that you have your normal dialling tone.

If you are suspicious of an unexpected visitor to your home call the police on 101, or on 999 in an emergency. If you are suspicious of an unsolicited telephone call, that you think might be fraudulent, report it to <u>Action Fraud</u> on 0300 123 2040. Further fraud prevention advice can be found on this section of the Thames Valley Police website.

Get involved in policing in your community

We're starting 2018 by asking more members of the public to get active and involved in policing matters affecting our communities in Thames Valley.

We want you to have your say about what matters most to you - working with us to identify priorities and solve local issues.

Anyone can contribute to local policing, regardless of age or background.

You don't have to have a lot of time to spare or commit to travelling long distances – we've got a role to suit everyone. You can even get involved from the comfort of your own home.

Below are just a few ways you can get active in your community:

- Community Forums: Open to all members of the public, Community Forums are held both online and in person at times to suit everyone enabling us to work together to solve issues in your area.
- Independent Advisory
 Groups: Independently
 chaired by members of the
 community, IAGs meet four
 times a year and help shape

the way we work and the service we deliver. IAG members represent their communities, sharing their views on policing issues affecting local people and challenging them when necessary.

- Leaders help inspire and support our young Police Cadets, developing their skills and confidence. They assist with weekly meetings as well as supporting activities and events in the local community. Cadet Leaders need to be over 18 and able to commit to one evening a week with some additional hours when required.
- Fraud & Cyber Crime
 Prevention

Volunteers: Work closely alongside officers and staff to help raise awareness and understanding of fraud and cyber related crime. For more information about all the ways you can get involved visit our website or follow our #ActiveCommunities campaign on social media.

The Astonians – Prostate Test

I've obviously got to that age when a letter comes through the door with an appointment at the surgery for a prostate test. So I do as I'm told only to find I'm being sent to the surgery Urologist as a precaution.

When I go in, I discover the Urologist is a very pretty female doctor. I mean a real stunner. She explains, "I'm going to check your prostate but this procedure is a little different from what you are probably used to. Well I think it can't be much worse.

She says, "I want you to lie on your right side, bend your knees, then while I check your prostate, take a deep breath and say, "99".

So I do...... "99".

The doctor says, "Great", now turn over on your left side and again, while I repeat the check, take a deep breath and say, "99".

Again, I do...... "99".

The doctor said, "You're doing very well".

I hate that patronising crap.

"Now then, I want you to lie on your back with your knees raised slightly. I'm going to check your prostate with this hand, and with the other hand I'm going to hold on to your pecker to keep it out of the way. Now take a deep breath and say, "99".

Well always being the kind of guy who brings humour into most things I began,
"One... two... three..."

Bloody hell. Now I've got to have a meeting with the Practise manager before I see another female nurse or doctor.

JACKET LEFT IN ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL IN DECEMBER 2017

Someone has left a Dark Blue "Musto" Fleece lined Jacket in the Village Hall. Probably at the Singalong. It had a man's white cotton hanky in a pocket.

If you had friends from outside the village to the hall in December, please ask them if they are missing a Jacket. If it's yours let me know and you can collect it from me. If it's not claimed a few days after the chronicle is distributed, I'll give it to Charity.

Liz

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ASTON ABBOTTS THEATREGOERS Lucky Lottery

If you would like to be included in the raffle for these tickets then please email me or drop a note judyhardcastle@me.com or at Marloes, Lines Hill. The draws will take place two weeks prior to the day of each show.

Judy Hardcastle

Show	Date & Time
THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG	MON 5 FEB 7.30PM
BLOOD BROTHERS	TUE 13 FEB 7.30PM
THE CASE OF THE FRIGHTENED LADY	MON 19 FEB 7.30PM
THIS IS ELVIS	MON 26 FEB 7.30PM
SON OF A PREACHER MAN	TUE 6 MAR 7.30PM
THE BARRICADE BOYS Tickets limited	MON 12 MAR 7.30PM
STRANGERS ON A TRAIN	MON 19 MAR 7.30PM
WOMEN IN ROCK Up to 4 tickets available	THU 29 MAR 7.30PM
LA VOIX'S ONE NIGHT ONLY 18+ only	FRI 30 MAR 7.30PM
CILLA THE MUSICAL	TUE 10 APR 7.30PM

Back to Bacharach at the Waterside Theatre – Review by Liz Barlow



You can't beat live music - well that's my view...! I was really lucky to win the two tickets in the Theatregoers draw for the Back to Bacharach show — I didn't really know what to expect as we have seen Musicals and shows based on "groups/bands" (showing my age there) like Abba or the Kinks but never on a songwriter.....

It was a shock when the curtain opened to see 10 people on stage and an 11th joined them.....but it meant a fabulous sound. There was a piano player, a keyboard player (electric), a guitarist, a drummer, 3 in the horn section, plus 4 singers – three females and a man.

The music was very professional, with several solos sections from the Saxophone, Horn and Piano and the singing was really powerful.

Burt Bacharach is a legend of popular music who has won 6 Grammy Awards and 3 Academy awards with over 70 top 40 hits in the USA and over 50 top 40 hits in the UK, which have been recorded by many successful artists throughout the years. The lyrics were mainly written by Hal David but we learnt that he also collaborated with several other people, including the woman that became his wife, Carole Bayer Sager

We recognised all but a couple of the songs (whoops, showing our age again), which included several that we didn't know had been written by Burt! Here are a few of the great numbers we heard:

Alfie - What The World Needs Now - The Look Of Love - Close To You - I Say A Little Prayer -What's New Pussycat - Do You Know The Way To San Jose -Walk On By - Magic

Moments - Trains & Boats & Planes - 24 Hrs From Tulsa - Anyone Who Had A Heart - I'll Never Fall In Love Again - Wishin' & Hopin' - Always Something There To Remind Me -Wives & Lovers - Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head

It was a great night of wonderful music and we'd highly recommend it if it's on locally again.

Liz Barlow



24 year old stabbed in alley behind Fever Nightclub Aylesbury

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Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following an assault occasioning grievous bodily harm in Aylesbury. The incident took place in the early hours of yesterday morning (20/1) between 1.30am and 2.30am in the alleyway behind Fever nightclub that leads onto George Street, Aylesbury.

The victim, a 24-year-old man, sustained a stab wound to his

left shoulder. He was taken to hospital for treatment and has since been discharged.

Investigating Officer Detective Constable Nicholas Widdison, from Force CID Aylesbury, said, "We are progressing a detailed investigation into this incident; I would like to appeal for anyone who directly saw what happened or has any information about this offence to get in touch urgently".

"If you have any details which you think could help our investigation, please call the Thames Valley Police nonemergency number 101."

Two men from Aylesbury (aged 18 and 19 years old respectively) have been arrested on suspicion of \$18 GBH with Intent in connection

with this incident. The 19-yearold has been released under investigation while the 18-yearold remains in police custody.

Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Summary Minutes of Meeting 6th December 2017

Present: Cllrs. Mrs K Curry (Chair), Mrs J Hardcastle (Vice Chair), C Higgs, P Spooner, Cllr Cooper (District) part, Mr F Post (Clerk) and twelve members of the public.

Apologies for non-attendance:

• Cllr N Glover (County), Cllr Shorrock, Cllr Guy

Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:

- It was NOTED that the MVAS sign would be available from January onwards.
- It was NOTED that publication of Council minutes within the Chronicle should be in full.

Chairman's report. Chair highlighted the necessity of individual residents to also comment on applications and that those comments have to be material in the context of what has been applied for. Chair also provided insight into publicly available documentation to optimise effectiveness of response to planning applications.

Clerk's Report

- Faulty light at Bricstock still not resolved will need notification to United Power Networks
- Play around the Parishes date still to be confirmed
- Training material relating to "Demystifying Planning" now available
- Swing Replacement scheduled for installation 11th December
- No progress on resolving ash tree/cables issue at Abbey despite repeated contact with receivers

County Council/ District Council Updates:

- Report from Cllr Glover was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and contents duly noted.
- Cllr Cooper provided an update on broadband developments and the potential to try and find an intermediary solution prior to BT roll out in 2019.

- Cllr Cooper also highlighted the likely changes on constituency boundaries and the implications on MP representation.
- It was also NOTED that the AVDC revised "local plan" would be submitted by March 2018.
- Clir Cooper also highlighted the proposal for an Oxford Cambridge Expressway and the potential implications for housing developments within the locality.
- Cllr Cooper also provided an update on Unitary developments and the current outlook from Central Government.

Council Matters

- Bin Lines Hill: Overflowing litter continues to be an issue. It was AGREED to continue to monitor the situation for a further detailed review in April 2018.
- Leaves on the Green: It was AGREED to contribute £50.00 toward the cost of removal of leaves from the Green and adjacent road guttering.
- Traffic Calming Research: Following the meeting of Cllrs Curry and Hardcastle with representatives from BCC and TfB on 01/12/17 it was AGREED to proceed with traffic calming measures for the Green (subject to 50% LAF funding contributions of a total cost of £5333.08) in 2018/9 and the installation of 2 speed tubes to monitor traffic along Lines Hill (solely funded by the Parish Council at £380.00 per tube) in 2017/8.
- Insurance Cover post June 2018: It was AGREED that Cllr Shorrock's report on key issues (circulated before the meeting) would be scheduled for discussion as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Draft budget: The draft numbers were again discussed in some detail and it was AGREED to proceed with a budget of £16380.00.
- Precept submission: Scheduled for 19th January 2018. The Council AGREED to set a precept of £15250.00 for the financial year 2018/9. The Chair noted that this equated to an appx additional spend of £10.00 per household.
- Cllr Clarke's replacement: It was NOTED that arrangements are in hand to publicise the casual (non-elected) vacancy on the noticeboard, the Chronicle and the Postie with a cut-off date of 10th January for applications
- Czech Memorial celebrations: It was AGREED to schedule a one-day event for April/May involving food/tour and exhibition subject to funding from the Czech embassy.
- Pension provision for Parish Clerk: It was NOTED that the Clerk has no requirement for pension provisions.

Highways/Transport

It was NOTED that only 1 property is outstanding with overgrown hedge issues,
 which still needs to be addressed.

Recreation Ground

- The Safety Check reports of the playground area has been received in accordance with our insurance requirements.
- It was NOTED that Clir Spooner would inspect the playground from the start of 2018.

Accounts:

Expenditure items in total of £1390.6 were approved and receipt of £162.00 noted Planning

- It was AGREED to OBJECT to planning application 17/04299/APP on the basis of:
- Adverse impact on an area of attractive landscape
- Impact of traffic movements
- Environmental and Ecological concerns

Agenda items for next meeting

- AVDC engagement on planning and enforcement
- Progress on alternative funding
- Public footpaths

Meetings

 It was confirmed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30pm the Village Hall, Aston Abbotts.
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14th March

18th April Annual Parish Meeting

2nd May Annual Parish Council Meeting

20th June 25th July 12th September 31st October 5th December

Workplaces in Aylesbury
Vale and wider Bucks are
feeling the strain as
thousands of Brits are
struck down by the
deadly 'Aussie flu' virus.

A deadly strain of Australian flu is working its way across the country with more than 1,600 people struck down with symptoms.

That figure is representative of those who have come forward as having the flu, so the number could potentially be much higher.

On Friday, southern England was largely untouched by the violent flu, but by Monday every region in the country had reported infections. The H3N2 strain has killed 300 Australians and caused a string of deaths in Ireland, but most have belonged to one of the high risk categories: pregnant women; young children; the elderly; those with chronic conditions causing immunosuppressancy.

Symptoms

Uncomfortable bouts of diarrhoea and stomach pains will accompany nausea and vomiting and a painfully dry, hacking cough will stay with you for at least a week, but the symptoms could last twice that long. The 'Aussie flu' is a virus so there's no quick fix from your pharmacist. Homeprescribed bed rest, plentiful sleep, fluids and paracetamol or ibuprofen can reduce the discomfort and keep your temperature from spiking. Your doctor won't prescribe you antibiotics either, unless you've contracted a secondary infection due to an overburdened immune system.

If you're still ill at the end of a second week, it's a good sign the virus has intensified. Left unchecked, Aussie flu can lead to more serious health scares like pneumonia, so call NHS 111 if symptoms continue or your condition worsens.

Bird Flu detected. What bird owners should do.

Cases of bird flu have recently been confirmed in Dorset and Warwickshire, which has resulted in a national response led by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

At this moment in time no cases have been reported in Hampshire or the Thames Valley region.

For the latest update, including the current situation and advice for bird owners, please visit the DEFRA website

here: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2017-to-2018

Wild Birds

If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the DEFRA helpline 03459 33 55 77.

Police may then collect some of these birds and test them to help understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in the different types of bird.

Thames Valley Police officers have launched an online search for a new kidney for their poorly one-year-old son.

Little Ethan Davies is on home dialysis for 11-and-a-half hours every day after being born prematurely in March 2016 and suffering a string of serious health problems. The tot spent most of his first year of his life in hospital but is finally strong enough to accept a kidney transplant.

His dad James, 43, and mum Nicola, 36, who both work for Thames Valley Police, have launched an online search to find a matching donor. Ethan's overnight home dialysis puts him at risk of a life threatening infection, so it is a race against time to find him a new kidney.

James, an inspector from Bicester, Oxon, said: "Offering to donate a kidney to a stranger

is an amazing thing to do - we know that.

Can you help?

"Even in this situation you think would I do that for a stranger' but even in a short time we have been inundated with support."

Mum Nicola, a detective sergeant added: "It is completely against my nature to ask for help but I'm sure you understand it is what I have to do for my baby boy.

"This is a massive step but Ethan's survival long term depends on getting this right dialysis is not a lifetime solution for him." He has been on dialysis since July 2016, but an infection saw him put into an induced coma and suffer a heart attack in December 2016.

He is now strong enough to accept a transplant, and his family and friends have launched a search for a match. The best match would be a female donor - offering a smaller kidney - of O-type blood, who is under 60 - but

male donors of other types could also match.

In the past few days 30 people have been in touch asking to be tested. His dad and another family member have been approved as potential donors, but are not good matches increasing the chance of rejection by Ethan's body. If a match is not found before April, dad James will entire a scheme to potentially give his kidney to a patient whose family could offer one in return that matches Ethan. To offer to help, visit the 'Ethan's Journey (to a kidney transplant)' page on Facebook.



Driving through a puddle and splash people in Aylesbury Vale could land you a £5,000 fine



It comes after it was revealed police in Cambridgeshire are hunting a driver who soaked a mum and her two children by driving through a huge puddle, leaving the three of them 'soaked.' And motorists in Aylesbury Vale could face the same fate if they whizz through puddles in their car.

Confused.com motoring editor, Amanda Stretton said: "Some people might think that driving through puddles is a bit of fun, with others accusing the police in this instance of overreacting.

"However, it can be a serious safety issue for drivers and is highly inconsiderate for

pedestrians. "Firstly, drivers have no way of knowing what the road surface is under the puddle, causing unpredictable driving conditions. Secondly, the water itself can cause the car to aquaplane — where the vehicle's tyres fail to grip the road and cause the driver to lose control.

"If that isn't enough, it's also just incredibly rude and drivers can be penalised, quite rightly, with a huge £5000 fine. Police have said that as well as a fine of as much as £5,000, the driver could face a public order offence if it's found that they've been splashing people deliberately.

It is illegal to splash a pedestrian with water from the road while driving your car. Drivers are more likely to be issued with a £100 fixed penalty notice and three penalty points if caught. But if they refuse to pay and take the matter to court they could see a maximum fine of £5,000 imposed.

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Fancy performing at Live in the Park? Here's how you can be on stage at Aylesbury's biggest music festival

Two open mic competitions are being held in March to find talented local artists and bands to perform at this year's Live in the Park.



The two competitions are being run by Aylesbury Town Council and are open to all genres, musical styles and ages.

All selected entrants need is to ensure they have 30 minutes of material (either original, covers or a combination) that will be suitable for a large outdoor music festival.

The competition is open to any performers who live within a 20 mile radius of the town and who haven't performed at the event since 2013.

There will be two separate competitions - one to find a band to perform on the Main Stage (March 15) and one to find an acoustic act for the Second Stage (March 22) with both taking place at Shoot in Aylesbury. Full terms and conditions are available at www.aylesburytowncouncil.g ov.uk

21 homes have been empty for more than a decade across Aylesbury Vale, council bosses have admitted in a Freedom of information request.

These include 69 homes which have been unoccupied for more than two years, and 21 which have been unoccupied for more than five years.

"Councils need to be given the powers and resources to bring empty homes back into use."

Lindsey Vallis, Group Manager -Specialist Services at Aylesbury Vale District council said: "The reported statistics show that the number of empty

properties across the whole of Aylesbury Vale is low compared to the national picture. The total figure of 195 includes new build properties that have yet to be sold and many houses that are only temporarily empty, for example those being bought, sold and refurbished.

"Our main focus is on those properties that have been unoccupied for long periods of time. Through working with the owners of empty properties we have reduced the number of empty properties in Aylesbury Vale by 66% since December 2011. "The list of empty properties has recently been reviewed and we are now working on a shortlist of priority properties that have been selected taking into account how long they have been unoccupied, any adverse impact they may be having on other nearby residents and whether they are located in an area where there is a high demand for housing.

"We have a range of measures to assist bringing houses back

into use including empty property loans, which eligible owners can use to fund repair and renovation work so that a house can be brought back into a fit state for habitation. In extreme cases, for example when owners of long term empty homes cannot be traced, we have enforcement powers enabling us to repair and rent or sell properties on.

"If you have concerns about an empty property near you or are the owner of an empty property and would like to find out more about how we can assist you in bringing the house back into use then please contact our Housing team at envhealth@aylesburyvaledc.go v.uk".

Er, The Abbey comes to mind! Ed!

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

We are hoping that the water will finally be connected to our new kitchen and cloakroom on Friday 2nd February, just in time for the wedding on Saturday 3rd (2.30pm). With all the activity leading up to Christmas I did not cover all the events. The Launton Handbell ringers provided a very entertaining evening on 25th November, with arrangements of many well-known tunes, old and new. They also explained their 'four-in-hand' ringing technique, that allows the 12 ringers to use up to 50 bells from their collection of over 250. The bells range in size from a few ounces (50grams) to 10lb (4.5kg). The recital was followed by a meal of 'Bellringers pie' (what else) and raised £365 for the Church. Thanks to all those who came and those who provided and served the meal.

It was
lovely to
see
families,



from children to grandparents at the Christingle service and the Nativity play. The two events raised £180 which was donated to the Children's Society.

Now looking forward: on the last Sunday of the month our Service will be joined by parishioners from the seven other Churches in the Cottesloe Team (Cheddington, Cublington, Mentmore, Soulbury, Stewkley, Wing and Wingrave). All are welcome but please note the 10.00 am start.

Future dates for your diary are the Breakfast Service on Mothering Sunday (11th March) and our famous Beetle Drive evening on Friday April 6th.

Thank you to all the Allotment holders who have paid their rents for the year and a gentle reminder to those who have yet to pay. We

have finally got the hedge along
Wingrave Road under control and
hope to do the same for the hedge
down the lane.

Request for Village Fete Co-ordinator

Planning for the Village Fete on 28th July 2018 is now underway and the Aldbury Morrismen and the Great Horwood Silver Band have been booked. We are now looking for a co-ordinator to pull things together. ukdavidgray@gmail.com).

There are a number of villagers with experience from previous years who will help and the necessary activities are well documented. The Fete is one of the highlights of Village Life and is always well attended. The proceeds support village 'good causes' which in past years have included The Chronicle, the Village Hall and the Church. Anyone who might be interested in this very worthwhile activity should contact David Gray (Tel: 681952 or email:

Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

February 2018

Services at

4 th Feb.	6.00pm	Evensong	Revd. Philip
			Derbyshire
11 th Feb.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
18 th Feb.	9.30am	Breakfast Service	
25 th Feb.	10.00am	Team Eucharist at St.	Revd. Philip
	ļ	James (note 10am start)	Derbyshire

100 Club Draw January 2018

1st Prize, £50 Mark Davison

2nd prize, £10 Roger Towle



And now it's over to the Official Allotment from Peter Shorrock

It is a well-known fact that a lot of people say they don't like Brussels sprouts. The problem is that each sprout tastes like a concentrated shot of cabbage. (Technically, sprouts contain plenty of glucosinolates, which react with the hydrogen in water to form bitter-tasting chemicals such as *sulphoraphane*).Why then, have they become established as one of the vegetables of choice accompany to our Christmas turkev? Well. scientists have discovered the answer. A mouthful of red wine makes tasteless sprouts sprouty! (In the test they only

used red wine, but I suspect that any form of alcohol will have much the same effect). It is not that the wine washes away the taste, it has an effect on the saliva in the mouth, and disrupts some of the proteins in it, so as to change the taste of the food being eaten. Since the majority of families eat their Christmas turkey with red wine some other alcohol to accompany it, the sprouts are automatically made palatable! At other times of the year, when the sprouts are not accompanied by wine, their sproutiness is more apparent, has caused their bad reputation.

I don't often give advice in this column, but my strong recommendation is that whenever you are eating sprouts, drink some red wine!

As you would expect, at this time of year I have no news to report about the allotments. I have only visited them once in the last couple of months — to

dig up some potatoes and pick my leeks.

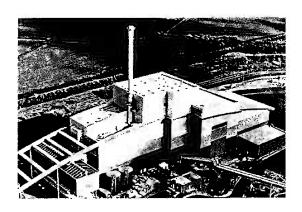
However, I do have vegetable and fruit news to pass on, in case it did not appear in your newspaper.

First, the world's best-selling banana, a variety called Cavendish, is being wiped out by a fungus called Fusarium, which first emerged in Asia, but has spread to Australia, Africa and the Middle East. It has not yet reached Ecuador, Colombia and Costa Rica, but if it does, the Cavendish variety will be Since totally wiped out. 55,000,000 tons of Cavendish bananas had been grown each year before the fungal attack (almost half the world's entire banana crop), you can see how serious this ís. Before the dominant Cavendish, variety was one called the Gros Michel, which has now been virtually exterminated bν Fusarium. Scientists are currently working in the jungles of Papua New Guinea, (where

bananas grow wild), trying to find a banana which is prolific as Cavendish, and as slow-ripening, but is Fusarium resistant. Second, however, some good news, especially if you like eating leafy greens such spinach, sprouts as (again), chard, lettuce, rocket and asparagus. A study has that these suggested vegetables may prevent the development of demential This because of the may be presence of nutrients such as vitamin K and folate in the vegetables. And, it does not seem to matter whether the vegetables are eaten cooked or raw. In the test, 960 people aged 70 initially were given of annual tests memory, visual thinking speed and reasoning over a 10 year period. The 20% who ate most greens declined more slowly, with their scores being equivalent to being 11 years younger.Happy gardening 2018



Woodham near Aylesbury. Visits to Greatmoor Energy from Waste



Do you ever wonder what happens to the things you put in your waste bin? Your recycling is sorted and passed onto recycling companies, but

what about your non-recyclable waste?

All of the residual (non-recyclable) household waste generated in Buckinghamshire is now processed at the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility, at Woodham, near Aylesbury. Greatmoor is operated by FCC Environment, in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council.

Greatmoor has the capacity to treat up to 300,000 tonnes of waste a year which would otherwise have gone to landfill. As a result, it generates a minimum of 22 megawatts of electricity to the national grid meeting the energy needs of around 36,000 homes. This alternative treatment of waste will result in a saving to **Buckinghamshire County** Council of approximately £150 million over the 30 year life of the contract.

Guided tours of Greatmoor are available by prior agreement and at no charge. Visiting groups have included WIs, U3As, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, Primary Schools, Colleges and lots of others.

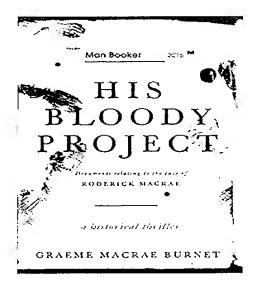
A group visit will include a tour around the facility, which includes the control room (where you will be able to see the cranes loading the waste), a visit to the viewing hatch providing an exciting view into

the heart of the fire, the turbine hall and the huge condenser fans, which is an experience not to be missed. The maximum group size for a tour is 15. School visits are available for Key Stage 2 upwards. If you aren't a member of a local group but would like a tour, why come to one of our open tour days? Greatmoor is holding four public open tour days in 2018. These are on the following Saturdays - March 17th, June 30th, September 22nd and November 24th. On each day there will be tours, at 10am, 12.30 and 3pm. Please note that places are available on a strictly booking in advance basis only. There is a minimum age limit of 12 on open tours. For more information about Greatmoor please visit

www.Greatmoor.co.uk

Aston Abbotts Book Club

Book club met at Sally Clarke's to discuss His Bloody Project by Graeme Macrae Burnet.

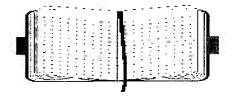


This book was shortlisted for
The Man Booker Prize in 2016
and is an unusual novel that
tells the story of Roderick
Macrae who murdered three
people in Scotland in
1869. Roderick is from a
crofting family and is seventeen
years old when he commits the
crime. The first part of the
book is Roddy's account, in his

own words, of his life and reasons for the murder. In his eves he is justified when he sets out to kill Lachlan Broad, the constable who oversees the local community and who victimises Roddy and his family. Unfortunately two other members of Lachlan Broad's family are also killed. Roddy never denies these murders and is arrested and imprisoned where his is examined by the Resident Surgeon and is encouraged to write down his story by his advocate who tries to prove that Roddy was insane when he committed the crime. The final part of the novel deals with the trial, verdict and sentence. This book was enjoyed by the club members and promoted a good discussion.

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What's on in February?

Morning cafe	Thursday 1 st .10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 1 st . 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club	Sunday 4 th . 2pm	Willen Lake MK Pagoda Car Park
Morning cafe	Thursday 8 th . 10-12	Village Hall
Bingo	Thursday 8 th . 7.30pm	Village Hall
Quiz Night	Sunday 11 th . 7.30	Royal Oak Pub
Mobile Library	Tuesday 13 th . 10.30	The Green
Shrove Tuesday & Pancake Day	Tuesday 13th	
St Valentines Night	Wednesday 14 th from 6pm. <i>Best to book.</i>	Royal Oak
Morning Cafe	Thursday 15 th . 10-12	Village Hall
Whist Drive	Thursday 15 th . 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club AGM	Thursday 22 nd 7.30pm	8 Brook St. L/B
Chronicle contribution deadline	Saturday 24 st . 4pm	Pete10lucas@a ol.com

The lost railways of Buckinghamshire Colin Higgs

With much talk from the Government of restoring disused railway lines to boost transport throughout the country, Colin Higgs has written a piece on the lost railways of Bucks.

Aylesbury – Marston Gate, Cheddington. This connected at Cheddington for London, Birmingham and the North.

Aylesbury – Quainton – Calvert – Brackley. This served Calvert Brickworks and Brackley with some journey onward to Woodford Halse and Leicester.

Buckingham – Water Stratford – Brackley. A very rural route for farming communities, transporting milk, chickens etc.



Princes Risborough – Chinnor –
Watlington. Another rural route
serving Chinnor Cement factory,
farming communities and Watlington
with Halts (Halts are train stations,
depots, railway facility or area where
trains regularly stop to load or

unload passengers or freight.) at Wainhill and Bledlow.

Princes Risborough – Thame –
Oxford. Served small Halts such as
Ilmer, Towersey, Tiddington and onto
Oxford for connections to the
Cotswold areas ie. Moreton in the
Marsh.

Princes Risborough – Wooton – Brill – Bicester. Another rural route serving farming communities transporting milk, livestock etc. With Halts at Ilmer, Dorton, Brill/Ludgerstall.

Brill – Wotton Underwood –
Quainton. Known as the Brill Tram,
build by the Duke of Buckingham and
connected at Quainton to the
Metropolitan Line for London. There
were stations at Wescott and
Waddesdon Road. Part of the original
line is now a footpath.

Oxford - Bedford - Cambridge. This line is now scheduled for re-opening. It has a station at Bicester, Steeple Claydon, Verney Junction, Winslow, Swanbourne Halt and Bletchley. A new spur is to be built from Aylesbury to connect at a new Winslow station then onward to Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge.



The email below was received via the Aston Abbotts website. If you know who it might refer to, please pass on this message as the driver is obviously concerned about the person's safety.

I write as a concerned neighbour from Cublington, regarding (I believe) one of your residents....

I was on my way to work at around 7am, coming out of Aston Abbotts down the hill to the Wingrave crossroads, when I saw an elderly gentleman on the wrong side of the road (opposite the path) making his way down to the crossroads. It was extremely dark, he was barely visible, except his grey hair, wearing dark clothes (dark blue fleece). I went past him as I had traffic behind, but turned round

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and see if he was confused and help him back home. He was still walking in complete darkness on the wrong side (against the traffic) of the road so helped him onto the path. He said he was concerned he might fall off the path as there are no lights, and that he was on his way to Aylesbury, there were no busses, so he was having to hitch hike.

He was grateful to me, shook my hand and carried on his journey and seemed totally capable to complete his journey. I know I have seen a chap at that time before at the bus shelter hitching a lift to Aylesbury from the crossroads—so I can only assume it's him. However, I would be delighted to buy the chap a torch to enable him to get along safely.

I didn't know who else to write to, but felt someone may know this chap????

Recreation Ground at the following times (we run the sessions indoors during bad weather!) Monday: 9.30am & 7pm Wednesday: 9.30am & 7pm Friday: 9.30am. Please contact Danny on 07841111901 or email info@fitness-farm.co.uk for more info.

Abbotts View Farm Cattery

Our lovely new cattery in Aston Abbotts has been open for 6 months and we've had amazing reviews. Some puss cats have already stayed 2 or 3 times and settle in so quickly because we have got to know one another. Just lovely.

We would love to provide a holiday for cats from our neighbourhood whilst their owners are away so if you're looking for a small, clean, friendly, family run cattery (with brilliant views!) then do get in touch to arrange a visit to look around.

Whilst you are away we keep you up to date with texts/photos/video clips to reassure you and never share anything on social media whilst your cats are actually with us (no advertising that you're away from home!)

We have a website with an online booking facility so once your cat and all their details are registered it's easy to check availability and book. Www.abbottsviewfarmcatter y.co.uk

To arrange a visit or for any further information call or email/text Jo 07989 063595

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A note from the Vicar

Dear friends, Hope you are coping with our rather up and down weather at present. I know lots of people have had really bad colds lasting several weeks. Predictions of a bad flu outbreak are in the air alongside all the dire concerns about the pressure on the NHS, especially A+E departments. It's easy for us to become grumpy when things don't seem to run like clockwork but we need to try and

put ourselves into the world pre-1950 (or much of the world today) when good medical care was the privilege of the few who could afford it. So much in our world has changed since then including in the worlds of school and Church and employment.

I remember my economics lecturer at six form college talking about how computers would become central to our lives---even he would

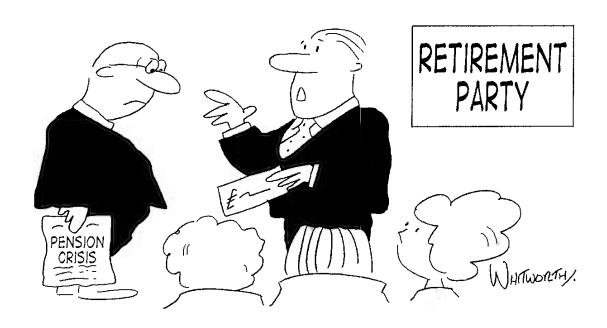
have been amazed at i-pads, pcs, kindles, mobiles, Facebook, tweeting etc.

One thing he got wrong was that we would become less paper dependent. Never! No matter how clever we get we will always need the security of physical records/evidence. In the area of faith we don't get the same sort of evidential backup because it is all about experience and relationship with God which is based on openness and receptivity. DH.Lawrence, the novelist, said "It is a fearful thing to fall into the

hands of the living God. It is an even more fearful thing to fall out of his hands". Have a great Shrove Tuesday---the trad. lemon and sugar pancakes are still the best! God Bless, Revd. Philip.

Church Duties February

Cleaning	Flowers	Date
Colin/Caroline	Wedding	3rd
Ann/Gordon	Anita	10th
Alex/Anita	No Flowers	17th
Colin/Gay	In Lent	24th



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Who's Who when you need them. Important numbers

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Chair Parish Council	Kate Curry	681137
Vice Chair Parish Council	Judy Hardcastle	688070
Councillor & Rural Transport	Colin Higgs	681343
Councillor	Peter Shorrock	681260
Councillor	Phil' Spooner	681544
Councillor	Simon Guy	681319
Parish Council Clerk	Frank Post	668206
County Councillor	Netta Glover	688357
Fete Co-ordinator	David Gray	681952
Vicar	Phillip Derbyshire	01525240287
Church Warden	Caroline Abel-Smith	681001
Church Secretary	Caroline Lane	681373
Church Mowing	Gordon Kemp	681763
100 Club Treasurer	David Gray	681952
Bingo	Pam Dixon	681626
Book Club	Sally Palmer	681152
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Chronicle Distribution	Sally Palmer/Jill Wenble	681152/681877
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6.30 Club	Andy Bystra	681690
Gnomes	Carol Spooner	681544
Ladies Club	Jackie Whyte	681624
Rambling Club & Whist Drive	Colin Higgs	681343
Baby & Toddler Group	Kim Gayler	681123
Royal Oak Pub & Restaurant	Teri Moult	681262
Milkman	Alan	07791885612
Post office & shop Wingrave		682964

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Contribution Deadline Please remember that February's Chronicle contributions must be to me by 24th January. Many thanks. Ed.



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2018 is the Year of the Dog



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 Sunday 7th Roast Lunch booking advised
 Mon 8th Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm
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 Thursday 18th Steak Night
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 Sunday 21st Roast Lunch booking advised
 Mon 22nd Unicorn Quiz from 8,30pm
 Thursday 25th Steak Night
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 Saturday 27th Breakfasts from 9.30 11.00am
 Sunday 28th Roast Lunch booking advised
 Mon 29th Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

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