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New contract “unfair” to Sub-Post Offices

by our staff reporter

“THE worst business decision of the year” is how the sub-postmasters’ trade association, *postmaster network*, described a new contract to be offered to all sub-Post Offices in December. Wilstone sub-postmistress Jenni Corsby has begun a petition to fight back against what she believes will be unreasonable restrictions on her business, and has 140 signatures already.

According to *postmaster network* a recent ruling from the Office of Fair Trading means that the Post Office may now offer new contract terms which would prevent local post offices from offering any products or services which the Post Office deemed to be in competition with its own services. If this is indeed the case it does seem to go against the grain of fair trading, and perhaps is indicative of a monopoly under siege - with postal services to be open to competition shortly.

A particular injustice would seem to be the placing restrictions on local post offices to try and make a reasonable living if they were prevented, for example, from offering insurance, cheque cashing or other operators’ postal services. Jenni Corsby said: “We are not paid enough by Post Office Ltd for the business we carry out for them to make a living, and I rely on income from other sales in the shop. If the Post Office is now to be allowed to prevent us from putting money into our tills from anything they consider to be competitive, what future do we have?”



Post Office customer Pauline Askey (right) signs the petition with sub-postmistress Jenni Corsby.

Picture: Village News

Strangely, Post Office bosses have not given her any information on the new contract proposals. Long Marston sub-postmaster Tim Fielding told *Village News* that he did not expect the new contract to have any immediate impact on his business as he did not currently offer any services which were in competition with the Post Office. It remains to be seen how the Post Office will act. One thing is for sure though: the best way to help our local post offices in Long Marston and Wilstone is to use all the services they offer to the community, and help keep them in business.

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Wednesday 2 November - All Souls Day

8.00pm All Saints

6 November

10.00am All Saints All Age Worship
6.30pm St Cross Evening Prayer

13 November – Remembrance Day

8.15am St Mary's Holy Communion
9.30am St Cross Remembrance Service
10.00am All Saints Holy Communion
10.50am at Long Marston War Memorial
6.30pm St Cross Holy Communion

20 November

10.00am St Cross Holy Communion
10.00am All Saints Morning Prayer
6.30pm St Cross Evening Prayer

27 November

10.00am St Cross All Age Worship
10.00am All Saints Holy Communion
3.30pm St Mary's Evensong



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SUMMER is over, the clocks go back this weekend and we now have the dark and damp autumn and winter days and nights to look forward to. We can however look forward to those long walks on crisp and sunny afternoons and returning home to tea and crumpets in front of a roaring fire.

Check out the "What's on" section on pages 4 & 5 and plan your days and evenings. If you are an organiser of an event, let us know in good time so that we can help you with your publicity. We can enter dates many months ahead to help you avoid clashes with other events in the villages.

Talking of fires, if you are planning a bonfire event, even a small one at home, do take all the necessary precautions and don't forget to check for hedgehogs sleeping in the bonfire before lighting it.

Colin Davenport

Deadline for items for our next edition (December) is Sunday 20th November 2005.

The guest editor next month is Colin Moore.

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Let us know if we are not!

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Turning a plan into actions

THE parish council began the process of turning the Parish Plan into useful actions by staging an action workshop on 3rd October. Villagers were invited to attend, along with officials and councillors from Dacorum and Hertfordshire, and a number took advantage of the opportunity to contribute. Each of the action areas in the plan had a discussion table, and people joined the group they were interested in moving on to another group as the evening progressed. There was no shortage of ideas and enthusiasm - so the event seemed to be a good start. Anyone who was not able to attend but who is interested in helping can still do so. Contact a parish councillor. The 6 action plan areas are: environmental issues; countryside access; transport and voluntary services; housing; leisure and community facilities; crime and anti-social issues.



Turning a parish plan into action at the recent meeting in Wilstone village hall

Ballroom fun!

by Margaret Buchi

WILSTONE village hall committee's Strictly Ballroom for Fun evening proved to be just that - bags of fun! Under the expert guidance of dance professionals Joanne and Gordon, a capacity crowd of 60 dancers took to the floor and got on with the business of the quick-step, waltz, rumba, cha-cha-cha and jive. A barn dance, thrown in for good measure, produced some hilarious moments until everyone consented to move in the same direction. The emphasis was on have-a-go, and everyone did - keeping the splendid newly refurbished dance floor busy right up to the last waltz. Modern jive was new to most, but there was no shortage of volunteers to join the 'Ceroic in 10 minutes' session, and some could be seen perfecting their catapult manoeuvres late into the evening.

Dancers came from all the local villages, and included many past graduates of the Long Marston School of Dancing and enthusiasts from the May Ball. The interval cabaret was a spectacular demonstration of a medieval court dance - the Pavan - by Matthew, Emma, Joanne and Gordon in full court dress of the period. (Like the scene in TV's "Elizabeth I", when she was about to meet the French chap hiding in the cupboard.) A raffle raised £117 for Sarah Henshaw's "Youth in Need" project to provide a training centre for young people in Tanzania.

A new venture (in recent times anyway) for the village hall committee, 'Strictly Ballroom for Fun' is clearly a hit with local dance enthusiasts. Many said: "When's the next one?"

Ashridge deer collisions project *by Simon Knock*

THE Ashridge Estate has become the testing area for a new safety scheme to reduce road accidents caused by deer.

The pilot scheme which is a partnership between the National Trust, the Chilterns Conservation Board and Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire County Councils, is trialing two different types of devices fitted to posts at the side of the road. These special sound devices, which are being used for the first time in the UK, will give off a sound when triggered by the headlights of passing traffic, to stop the deer going into the road. In addition interactive signs will be used to encourage drivers to slow down. This will be activated by the speed of traffic or by crossing deer.

Property Manager at the Ashridge Estate, Graeme Cannon said "Each year there are around 120 Fallow deer killed on the roads in and around the Estate. There is a huge volume of traffic travelling through the Estate every day and this is an area with several hundred deer which cross the roads on a regular basis so drivers do need to be very aware of the risk of colliding with deer. Most deer which are struck unfortunately have to be put down at roadside and there is also the obvious risk of human injury and serious damage to cars. In addition, drivers who swerve to avoid a deer may collide with an oncoming vehicle, so there is a significant problem."

Graeme added: "A major part of the problem is the speed of the

traffic. There is also a lot of traffic on the roads and at night cars have been recorded at speeds in excess of 80mph! We have been recording details of accidents for several years and know where the main 'hot spots' are. With these acoustic reflectors we don't want to stop deer crossing the road completely but if we can deter them when traffic is passing it will hopefully reduce the number of deer collisions."

The Ashridge Estate have been working closely with the UK Deer Collisions Project. Project leader Dr Jochen Langbein said "It is important that we are aware of all collisions involving deer. The only way we can record all incidents is for the people involved to tell us about it and urge members of the public to do so."

If you are involved in a collision with a deer, you can inform the Deer Collisions Project by e-mailing info@deercollisions.co.uk. Nationally there are some 30,000 deer related road collisions resulting in 250 human injuries and £10.5 million worth of damage. Accidents involving deer are at their highest between October and December, and the scheme has been implemented in time for this season.

The results of the project will be monitored over the next year and, if successful, may be used in other parts of the country.

Simon Knock
Ashridge Estate 2005

What's on...

LONG MARSTON VILLAGE HALL

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TRPC and Village Meetings
Barn dances & Discos
Committee and Society Meetings
Pet Dog Training Sessions
Fund-raising Events
The Pantomime

The Hall needs your help.

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A Wine Quiz/Call my Bluff

Friday 18 November

At the Village hall

First question at 7.30pm

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Example:

On a Spanish wine, what is *tinto* ?

- A) White
- B) Red
- C) Grape type
- D) Strong in Alcohol

Diary dates.....

Tring Rural Parish Council meetings (8pm)

The public are welcome to attend all these meetings.

Wednesday 16 November, Wilstone village hall.

Wednesday 21 December, Wilstone village hall.

Sunday 30 October

Halloween party, Wilstone village hall, 5pm - 7pm.

Wednesday 2 November

All Souls Day. All Saints, Long Marston 8pm

Saturday 5 November

Jumble sale. Wilstone village hall 10am

Sunday 6 November

PSA St Mary's Puttenham 3pm

Friday 11 November

Long Marston School Auction. 7.30pm Tickets £10.

Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Day

Friday 18 November

Wine tasting quiz/call my bluff. Wilstone village hall.

Saturday 19 November

Barn Dance. Bishops wood school. 7pm

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...What's on

Saturday 26 November

Christmas bazaar at Long Marston village hall.

Sunday 27 November 6.15pm Panto auditions for children's chorus. LM village hall

Sunday 27 November 7pm Panto meeting for adults. LM village hall.

Tuesday 29 November

Long Marston Village Hall AGM 8pm

Thursday 15 December

Santa to visit Wilstone

Tuesday 20 December

Carols around the Christmas tree. Long Marston

Saturday 31 December

New Years Eve party. Wilstone village hall.

Sunday 8 January 2006

Children's rehearsals start for pantomime.

16,17,18 February 2006

Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood. LM village hall

Saturday April 29 2006

ABBA revival night. Wilstone village hall

Charity Christmas cards sale

THE combined charity Christmas card sale will be held on the following dates at the Court House, Berkhamsted, from 10am to 4pm:

Saturday 29 October,
Saturday 12 November, Saturday 26 November.

Many national and local charities from Herts and Bucks will be represented.

Jumble Sale

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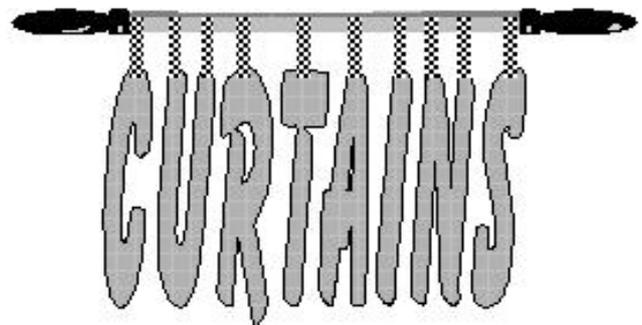
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Villages lose out to Leighton

It's that time of the year again: nights are drawing in, leaves are turning, and there's another flight-path consultation going on. The latest twist to the tale is that Luton Airport is proposing missing Leighton Buzzard whenever possible, resulting in more planes over many Vale villages. There is no reason to suggest this arrangement would be worse for your area, but precedent deems that when a proposal is revised then ALL villages should be reconsulted. Yours has not!

Please write to your Parish Council NOW, asking them to obtain more information from the airport about how the revised proposals will affect the village, why your PC has not been consulted, and that it is unfair that the Vale is being sacrificed to protect Leighton Buzzard. Plus anything else you feel like saying.

Remember, it's your letters that have kept the flight path at bay for over three years, so don't give up now! Bucks Association of Local Councils has asked for more information from Luton as they consider the documents lacking. PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) is not a consultee this time, but that hasn't stopped us pointing out flaws, inconsistencies and other inadequacies in the consultation documents and process to the airport and the Civil Aviation Authority. For more information, please contact PAVAN at Rachel@PAVAN.org.uk or phone 01525 240950.



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In Brief...

Christmas bazaar: 26 November

The Christmas Bazaar will be held at Long Marston Victory Hall on Saturday 26 November from 2pm to 4pm.

Mobile library

THE rural mobile library visits Long Marston, Puttenham, Astrope, Wilstone and Little Tring once a fortnight on Thursdays. This a useful service provided for all by Hertfordshire library services, and it could probably do with a few more customers to encourage them to keep it going. You can't miss the large cream coloured library lorry. Dates and times for November and December are below.

November 3rd, 17th

December 1st, 15th, 29th

Long Marston: Bromley -11.30 to 11.55; village hall - 12.00 to 12.45; school - 12.50 to 1.15. **Puttenham:** 2.00 to 2.10. **Astrope:** 2.15 to 2.30. **Wilstone:** Grange Road - 2.35 to 3.15; Half Moon 3.20 to 4.10. **Little Tring:** 4.15 to 4.30.

New Pilates class

A NEW Pilates course for beginners is to start at Wilstone village hall on Wednesday 9th November. The course is for 6 weeks, and the weekly sessions start at 9.30am. Pilates is a great way to exercise and addresses strength, flexibility and posture. Everyone can work to their own ability and still challenge themselves. Enquiries and bookings to Clare on 07816 120 783.

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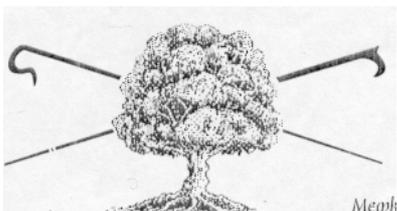
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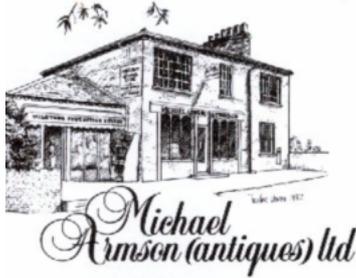
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Parish News

by the Rev'd Huw Bellis

ONE of the charities which we are supporting as a Team Parish this year is the Mission to Seafarers. I spent two years working for them before I trained for the ordained ministry and for the first year I was based in New Orleans. You will realise then that I have been following the news about Hurricane Katrina with great interest and concern. Only today I heard from the Mission secretary that they have still not been able to contact the wife of the priest who mentored me whilst I was there.

New Orleans is one of the largest ports in the world. The Missions to Seafarers works in ports reaching out to Merchant Seamen and women. In the daytime we would visit the ships, and in the evening we ran a centre for the seafarers to visit. Here they could relax, but most importantly they would contact their families.

My work took me into areas of the city which others, locals included, probably never visited. The docks are all along the length of the river, but as you may also remember from the news the worst flooding was alongside the industrial canal. It is here that one of the levees broke and it was a location that I visited regularly because it is where cargoes of sugar and aluminium were loaded. The docks were quite ordinary, however the drive to get to them took me through the most deprived housing that I can remember. Hardly a building had a door or window that wasn't broken. The projects, as these housing estates are known, had a feeling of being lawless places. It was a criminality born out of extreme poverty. There is no way that I would ever have stopped the van while driving through them.

In the year I was there, there were over 450 murders and this is in a city of only about 400,000 people. When my parents visited, on the way from the airport I had to collect some sailors from the poorest end of town. When we got to the Mission my mother asked if it was all right to drink the water. Rather than being in the richest country in the world it felt to her that she was in a third world country. Away from the glamour of the French Quarter there was a sense of hopelessness. My memory of New Orleans isn't an image of Mardi Gras, instead it is of the crack addicts sitting on the street corners. The catastrophic flooding has brought this side of America's party city to light.

What I discovered working for the Missions to Seafarers was that when a ship comes into a port everyone is interested in the documents, in the cargo, in refuelling, in the business. No one was interested in the crew – that is the people who do the vital work of bringing 'our daily bread' around the world - no one that is except the Mission to Seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers isn't there to convert people or to force them to go to church. As a Christian organisation they are there to demonstrate the love of God for all people. In giving the crews of the ships the opportunity to come ashore for a few hours, to post letters home to loved ones, to make a precious phone call, they are emphasising that within what is essentially a difficult and dangerous industry it is above all people that matter. Sometimes the people are forgotten, but as Christians our Mis-

sion is to place love of God and love of neighbour before anything else. Maybe you don't like the word 'mission'. It seems to smack of all that was wrong with 19th Century colonialism. The Mission to Seafarers teaches us another lesson, mission is about putting people first. Mission is about transforming our world so that poverty and inequality cannot be forgotten and ignored.

One can't help but feel that there is a parallel in New Orleans. Somewhere in all of the hype about this great party city the people of the city were forgotten about. I wonder if the tourists on Bourbon Street ever asked where the locals were. I doubt it. Now they know and that should give us all the will to change the terrible circumstances in which so many have to live.

LIGHT UP A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

OVER the past 20 years, the **Iain Rennie Hospice at Home** has cared for more than 6,500 terminally ill patients and their families across the Chilterns area. Our pioneering service began in 1985 when five nurses helped our first patient, Iain Rennie, to come home from hospital to be with his young family during the final stages of his battle with cancer. 20 years later, the Hospice at Home charity that proudly bears Iain's name still holds fast to the values that made a difference for him and his family. Our belief in offering practical, hands-on nursing care at home for our patients, combined with support for their families and access to a 24 hour on-call nursing service, is as strong as ever.

During the past five years, more than £46,000 has been raised to support our work by people sponsoring lights on Christmas trees spread over the Iain Rennie "patch". Lights have been dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special event, or as a Christmas present, perhaps for someone overseas. This coming Christmas, trees will once again be lit up in Hemel Hempstead, Tring, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Giles, Princes Risborough and Tylers Green, with dedication ceremonies being held at each venue.

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A link person with German or Russian needed

IN the coming months a link person will be needed to communicate and correspond regularly with Father Pavel Adelheim and Vera his wife to enable the Tring Team/Pskov link to continue and to flourish. Many of you know already that I am retiring from ministry in the New Year. I have had twenty wonderful years, for which I feel very privileged. It has been an amazing time for me.

I have made so many friends over those twenty years and been richly blessed by belonging to such a loving, caring and supportive community throughout the team parish and the deanery.

As regards the Pskov link, although we have a number of friends in Pskov who speak English quite well and very well, the main contact remains Father Pavel. He is the pivot and pillar of our link. Obviously if someone has Russian, that is great news, but Father Pavel also loves to speak and write German, so someone with German would be ideal too. It is not an arduous task, indeed it is a very enjoyable task. The friendship and link is greatly valued here and there. We have made many friends over the past fifteen years. If you would like to know more about the task and if you would be willing to be a link and contact, please get in touch with me. It has made a huge difference being able to communicate by email. but it is also a delight to occasionally phone them and relate news to each other. As it happens, Father Pavel has invited a group to travel to Pskov next year, so that could well be something to arrange. From previous articles about Pskov you will know that Vera was due to have a new pacemaker fitted in a hospital in St. Petersburg. The operation appears to have been successful. I spoke to her at the beginning of October, and she was at home and her usual cheerful self, but it is early days and she must be still feeling rather weak. *Janet Ridgway 01442 851303.*

Obituary

Theodore "Teddy" Meyer

21.6.1928 - 10.8.2005

TEDDY was a founding Trustee of the Puttenham Trust and a Vice-president of the Long Marston & Puttenham Horticultural Society.

His grandparents, the Turners, lived at the Old Rectory in Puttenham. As a young woman his mother was encouraged by a friend to join a skiing trip to Switzerland and on the ski slopes she met her future Swiss husband, so Teddy was born and brought up in Bern.

There were regular annual visits to his grandparents at the Old Rectory and his dual-nationality childhood instilled in Teddy a strong attachment to Puttenham. He was a real country gentleman, an instantly welcoming host and always full of fun.

Teddy married Claire and they settled in New York. When he inherited his home here, Teddy continued his lifetime practice of coming to Puttenham every year, in the spring and autumn. He felt these times held so much promise. Although Teddy travelled a great deal, he loved his garden in Puttenham, especially his trees and was always planning the planting.

Teddy had the ability to fit in wherever he was, with aristocracy or with us. He was a great supporter of the Puttenham community; a generous benefactor of St Mary's Church, Cecilia Hall and the Puttenham Trust. He was a wise and caring Trustee and, for a difficult issue, he would say it is always better to deal with it by "a teaspoon of sugar, rather than one of vinegar". No one had a bad word to say about him.

Teddy was a very good friend to Puttenham and the surrounding villages and to all of us who had the fortune to meet and work with him. He will be greatly missed.

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THE funeral of Ben Armson, son of Mike Armson - who has his antiques business in Wilstone, took place at Mentmore Church on 14th October. Ben was tragically killed in a motorcycle road accident two weeks previously. He was 28. The parish church was packed with his friends and family members, with many standing in the aisles.

They heard tributes to Ben, who was an enthusiastic contributor to life. He had managed to combine his passion for fishing with making a living, as he worked as an engineer designing high-tech fishing tackle.

He also loved motorcycling and was a skilled and experienced rider. Many of his friends from the motorcycle club attended and the car park at the Stag Inn was filled with exotic machines.

Following the fire



Following the fire! Burrell traction engine RL 574 spotted in Wilstone recently closely shadowed by vintage fire appliance.

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Long Marston School monthly draw results

September

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October

1st prize £15	Ticket No. 33	Name: Gill Barber
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Parish Council news

Parish Plan progress

THE workshop event staged by the Parish Council on 3rd October was successful at getting the six action plans started, Councillors reported. The Council had also received commendations on the plan from officials and elected representatives who had received copies and attended the workshop. Cllr Jill Finlan said that a number of people had agreed to join a working party with her to implement the countryside access actions. Cllr Peter Foster had identified opportunities to take forward the transport improvements, and would follow them through. The community service component needed a leader though. Crime and anti-social issues actions would initially focus on improving the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Support for Long Marston village hall was discussed as part of the leisure and community facilities component. Councillors will now take forward the individual action plans. This seems an encouraging start, and there is definitely an enthusiasm in the community to make something useful of all this.

Luke's Lane 'promoted'

Hertfordshire Highways have decided that the long-awaited

Luke's Lane resurfacing scheme is to be 'promoted'. It has now been reclassified as a 'major scheme'. Rejoicing at this news was short lived though, as apparently HH have no money remaining for 'major schemes' this year! Hmm. It will be included in the programme for 2006-2007 though. In the meantime the road will be regularly inspected and patched up when necessary.

"No cows" it is!

There was a clear majority in favour of developing the "no cows" option when improvements to the pedestrian routes between Long Marston and Wilstone were discussed at the workshop. Cllr Jill Finlan, leading the task, would proceed on that basis. The objective is to increase the use made of the footpaths between the villages and make them a useful alternative to the narrow roads. It was necessary that the limited funds available should be concentrated on one route. For those enjoying the company of livestock, suitable alternative footpaths exist at present. Councillors also discussed whether more use could be made of existing road verges as footways.

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by Phil Buchi

Airfield enforcement

The promised inspection of commercial activities on the Marsworth airfield industrial site was carried out in October, following complaints from the Parish Council. Jane Law of Aylesbury Vale District Council sent a full report of the inspection to the Clerk, Dawn Slade. Permission for the "To let" boards at the entrance has been refused, and the land owner required to take them down. It is likely that the owners will appeal though - thus delaying enforcement.

Only two businesses on the airfield had valid "certificates of lawful use", and the report confirmed that these two businesses are operating within their terms and conditions. The inspector found evidence of a number of unauthorised and illegal uses, specifically several buildings used for storage and a depot for aggregates and hardcore. Several heavy lorries were observed to visit the aggregates site during the visit. The inspector has ruled that all these unauthorised uses are "considered to be unacceptable". The owners have been given 28 days to cease operations and remove all materials from the site. AVDC and Bucks County Council seem determined to take action, so the combined representations from Tring Rural and Marsworth parish councils are having some impact.

Local housing needs

Councillors agreed to approach an organisation called the Rural Housing Trust to undertake a formal survey before making recommendations on any further provision of affordable housing for local people in the villages.

Dacorum BC will be asked to await the result of this survey, which would ensure that all alternatives were considered before any decisions were made on specific sites. Cllr Abby Fermont said that if housing was to be built to meet local needs, then the formula that would be used was to build smaller homes, available to local people at reasonable rents, with no right to buy. The properties would be owned and managed by a housing association, but would remain as rented homes in perpetuity. In this way the problem of homes being sold-off at a profit is avoided.

Dacorum have said that the site they own in Wilstone could be suitable for such a scheme, but the parish council want all options carefully considered and a thorough decision making process.

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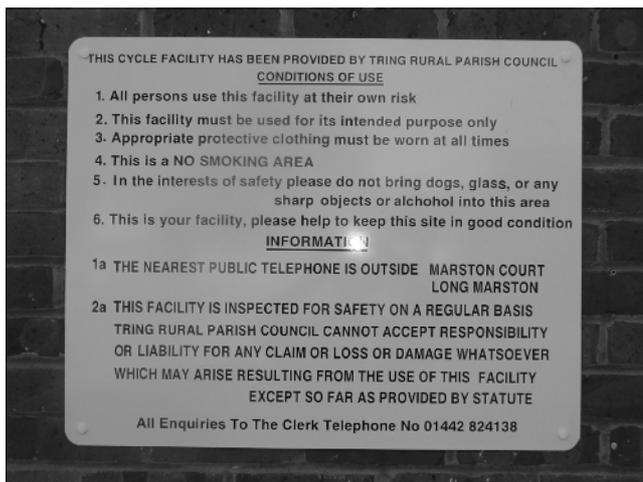


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Village view

by John Painter



This cloudscape was taken just as the sun started to set across the fields at the western outskirts of Wilstone after a rather pleasant day. It was taken during the Village Walk organised by the parish council at the beginning of July. This year has been a particular good year for cloudscaapes and sunsets, the long spells of bright sunny weather breaking up as the storm clouds roll in may not be everybody's idea of an ideal summer's day, but for a photographer it provides some stunning images.

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The agricultural story line...

by David Mead

Ploughing precision

LAST month we were dealing with the 25 acre Back Road Field. Between this and the canal is the triangular Allotment Field with the footpath running across it. I should think that the farmer at the time the canal was constructed was none too pleased to have a nice rectangular field divided into two triangles, The Allotment Field and the field where Scorpion had their depot. Both used to be part of Gubblecote Farm. On the 1719 map the boundaries were slightly different. The north east was called Near Dixon's Gap Furlong*, and Far Dixon's Gap Furlong.



Clouds gather over allotment field, now ploughed and re sown. Taken from Dixon's Gap bridge, with the canal on the right

Back to 2005. A crop of winter wheat, variety Malacca, was harvested in good sunny weather. The 5 hectare field was cleared and it wasn't long before the ploughman had set his furrow, or in this case - 5 furrows, and the field was ploughed leaving a wide environmental strip beside the canal. Autumn is the time for the ploughman. He is under pressure to prepare the fields for the drilling of the autumn sown crops, in this case - wheat.

This year, Chris Mead has had the weather on his side so there was time to take part in some ploughing matches. The first was the Chiltern Hills Association's matches, this year at Longwick. Bert Webb, who lived in Marion Cottages, and Tubby Edmunds, who now lives in New Road, for years



Chris Mead with the 1958 Fordson Power Major and a two-furrow Ransomes conventional plough, owned by George Norman

competed in these competitions. Ploughing a straight furrow is the first of many problems. Depth, evenness, the opening ridge, the closing furrow and time limit all make for a difficult competition, with the state of the soil and the weather on the day too. Enough said. Just ask Chris how he got on this year using a vintage tractor and plough. To be fair, after the West Herts match last Friday Chris qualified for the county matches. Then there will be the nationals, and of course the World Championships. We'll charter a plane from Luton if you get there Chris!

I must try to find the menu for the ploughman's supper held at the Shoulder of Mutton in Wendover about one hundred years ago. There were about 10 courses, all quite substantial. Luckily the horses in their traps knew the way home. I don't expect there were many straight furrows next morning!

***Furlong:** [OE. *furlang*] Orig. the length of the furrow in the common field; usually understood to be equal to 40 poles (rods, perches). Early regarded as = the Roman *stadium*, which was 1/8th of a Roman mile; and hence always used as a name for the eighth part of a statute mile. The present statute furlong is 220 yards. **OED. Ed.**

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Tales from Tringford farm

by Gary and Minty

WE think there's been enough chat from these cats, dogs, horses and miscellaneous other non-humans, so we have put our heads together metaphorically and physically speaking to tell our own story.

Firstly we must introduce ourselves: we are two cuddly teenage lambs without our mums and *yew* might think that was a disadvantage to our early development. No way!! we were lucky to be selected by a very astute Bo-Peep as possible thespians or may be that should be Sheepspians, which I am glad to say is now our status in life, but these facts will be revealed later in our diary of events.

Now for our personal introductions. Firstly I, being the brighter of us two, will relate the events to your editor as they happen each month if at all interesting. Right then, my name is Gary, I stand head and shoulders below Minty, my friend, who is rather portly: he says it is his curly woolly coat that makes him look like that. My woolly coat is a nice shade of chocolate brown, with a dark head and black legs. For the farmers amongst you I am a Texal cross Charollais. Minty on the other hand is purebred Texal with a white coat with brown face and black legs. We live at Tringford Farm, a des res abode above Wilstone on the road from Tring, somewhat windy at times but nothing our woolly coats can't deal with. We have lots of friends who include two horses, Miss Nina and Lily and one pony/horse, Frosty. We presume he is called that because he is white like Minty. There are twelve hens and four cockerels, who keep the hens in order. They seem to do this by jumping on their backs and pecking them. I can't really understand why – and they do it so often! There are three lady white ducks who enjoy their daily swim on the pond which now has a wonderful waterfall for them to have a shower.

They respond to the name of girls, well that's what we hear when Bo-Peep calls them in for their tea when they waddle

into the hen house in such haste. They sometimes do this in the afternoons when we have crept in for forty winks. It's hard work chewing grass all day so we do need our lay downs especially if the weather is a bit inclement as, being actors we have to think of our appearance. Mind you, Minty is getting so big he has a job getting through the hatch, job for the handy man there. There is one gander, he lost his wife one night when a fox came a-visiting. Before that he was quite fierce but now he just wanders around with anyone who will talk to him. Sad really, but then maybe Bo-Peep will find another wife for him.

That then leaves us with two dogs, Hermione, not of Harry Potter fame, but a black and white Spaniel who is quite quite mad rushing around jumping fences like a steeplechaser, followed by Bertie, the Yorky, who couldn't jump over his own shadow. He is used by us for jumping practice when we all go round the field with "Mr McGregor" of a morning after leaving our comfy pen. I think the horses disapprove of this because they sometimes chase us away. They can be rather grumpy at times, becomes of being prima donna jumpers I suppose. Bo-Peep brings little Ed, the fluffy scruffy Terrier each day, who we have to keep in order with a good butt when he gets a bit too cheeky.

Then there are Treacle and Fudge: they are Lily's ladies dogs. Oh my word, I have forgotten Oscar the kitten. He is a friend of Bertie, come to think of it they are about the same size as each other. They are always chasing around trying to bowl each other over. So all in all we are quite a happy bunch living in our little farmyard and paddocks.

Now that seems enough for our introductions – next month we will tell you about our filming trip to York for a Garfield Shoot. So until next month! Bah, bah

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What do you call a Vicar on a motorcycle? *Rev.*

What do sea monsters eat? *Fish and ships.*

What do you call a frightened man? *Hugo first!*

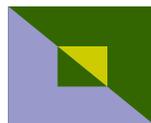
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Who was the first underwater spy? *James Pond.*

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Crackington Quay- 7mm scale Picture: Village News

Long Marston Cricket Club

Over 100 members, guests and friends attended the clubs annual presentation dinner and dance at Mentmore Golf and Country Club on Saturday 8th October. The club president Peter Dean presented the following awards:

John Calder Cup -	Jack Murrell
Harold Cutler Cup -	Tom Joyce
Mary Sims Memorial Cup -	Nigel Horn
Len Dean Cup 1st XI -	Ian Demain
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by Jane Kelly

Sausage and Bean Casserole

Having a bonfire party? This casserole would be great. Serve with mashed potatoes and shredded and cooked savoy cabbage.

WHAT YOU NEED

450g (1 lb.) good pork and herb sausages.
225g (8oz) dried butter beans (soaked overnight in plenty of water.)
3 sprigs thyme
2 tbsp olive oil
125g (4½oz) unsmoked lean bacon chopped
2 leeks thinly sliced
1 large onion halved and sliced
3 garlic cloves crushed
1 tbsp chopped rosemary.
500g jar passata
300ml (10fl oz) chicken stock
300ml (10fl oz) wine
2 bay leaves.
Chopped fresh parsley to garnish

WHAT YOU DO

1. Drain the beans and put in a saucepan with the thyme, cover with fresh water and boil for 10 mins then simmer for another 10. Drain and remove thyme. (don't be tempted to use tinned beans as they will be too mushy after long cooking)
2. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and fry the sausages gently until brown on all sides. Remove and keep to one side.
3. Put the bacon, leeks, onion, garlic and rosemary in the casserole and cook gently for 5 mins, stirring occasionally until soft but not coloured.
4. Stir in passata, stock, wine, bay leaves and beans. Bring to the boil then cover and transfer to the oven 180C/350Fgas 4 for 40 mins.
5. Add sausages to the bean mixture and cook in the oven for a further 40 mins. Sausages and beans should be tender.
Garnish with parsley and serve. (serves 4)

Research results from Tanzania

by Sarah Henshaw



I ADVISED in my article published in *Village News* in September 05, that Friends of Youth In Need Project had commissioned some research to be undertaken in Tanzania. Having research information is very helpful when applying to grant making organisations for funding. The grant makers require evidence that there is a need for an organisation or project, and what the organisation has learnt from the research. It also helps us to fully understand the situation of the people we want to help.

Friends of Youth In Need has commissioned 3 pieces of research, which has cost £1500. Thanks to money raised locally we have been able to do this. The first piece of research was undertaken by Alex Joseph, a local Tanzanian. This was a situational analysis of the needs of the street youth. The second piece, is being undertaken by Mr Masawe, another local Tanzanian who lives in Monduli, the area where we want to create the centre. This research is about the needs of the Maasai. And the third piece is also being undertaken by Alex Joseph, to research the labour market in Tanzania, to ensure we are providing the correct vocational training for these young people.

I thought it would be interesting to feedback some of the research that Alex conducted with the street youth. He interviewed, at random 62 young people who are currently living on the streets of Arusha Town. 50 of them were male and only 12 female. Alex suggests the larger number of males is due to the fact that females are absorbed into activities like being house servants, therefore they are not observed on the street. Most of the young people interviewed were aged between 15 and 24 years, which is the target group for the project. 2 of the young people interviewed did not actually know how old they were. The majority advised that they had been on the streets between 6 – 10 years, arriving on the street between the ages of 11 – 15 years.

Out of the 62 young people, 20 of them had never attended any formal education at all, 13 had completed primary school education and the other 29 had attended but did not complete primary school. Only 1 of the young people interviewed had been to secondary school, but dropped out. Only 35 out of the 62 said they could read and write at a basic level.

The main reason the young people gave, as to why they had come to the streets, was to find work and to earn money to support themselves and their families. Other reasons were to escape violence and abuse at home. Most the young people interviewed reported that their family's income was approximately Tsh 60,000, about £30 per month, meaning that their families are experiencing a high level of poverty. Many of the young people's parents had died, leaving the responsibility of securing the family's basic needs to them. 17 of the young people reported that their parents were alive, 11 that their fa-

ther was dead, 13 that their mother was dead, 9 that both parents dead, and 12 didn't know if their parents were alive. The death of their parents was as a result of disease and HIV/AIDS.

The young people advised that the continued problems they face on the street are poor accommodation, they sleep in shop door ways and unfinished buildings, using with torn up boxes and old sacks as sleeping materials. They are exposed to violence from the police and the 'Sungu Sungu' group, which is an informal organisation of citizens patrolling the streets for security purposes. Street youth are often regarded as deviants who are engaged in criminal activity, therefore they are rounded up and experience violence. Alex advised that some street youth admitted to him that they had engaged in criminal activity, such as stealing, as a desperate means to meet their needs.

The street youth advise that they spend most of their time each day in search of food and money. The food is of very poor quality and low in quantity, it is found at the local dump, which means the street youth as susceptible to diseases like cholera, typhoid and dysentery. They advise that they are aware that the food they eat leads to risk of disease, but they state they have no alternative and if they become ill, they have no access to health care, because they have no money to pay for it. The street youth have very limited access to money, they beg for money, or may gain casual employment, such as minding cars, washing cars, carrying people's luggage, garbage collection where they are paid very little. 37 of the 62 street youth interviewed advised that they use 'gundi', which means they sniff glue. They buy this from local shoe shiners, and use it as a means of escape from their dire circumstances. All of the young people advised that they require further education and training. It is interesting to note that 32 young people advised they wanted to learn mechanics and driving, 14 said carpentry, 7 needle work and tailoring, 5 painting and 2 masonry. 48 out of the 62 interviewed advised that they felt residential training would be more beneficial to them, rather support via outreach work. They felt that a residential setting provides them with a conducive environment to learn, and a place where they could seek guidance and advice about life. Although this paints a desperate picture of the lives of the street youth, they are very encouraged by our project and were very happy to participate in the research. They advised that 'good life' is being able to work, to gain housing, food, health care, marriage and education for their own children. All they want is to access to basic amenities, which as human beings we are all entitled to.

For more information about the project, please go to
www.youthinneed.org.uk

Fresh fodder fills foodies!

by Church Correspondent

AS "Matt" the Saint once put it so expressively "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few". This now classic quotation by such a revered evangelist really encapsulated the catering coup at the village's Harvest Supper. **Venue:** the superbly spruced up Wilstone Village Hall. **Menu:** hearty homemade soups and delectable desserts, with choice cheeses and near vintage wines. **Culinary contributors:** Few. **Guests:** Legion. The simple sustenance served at the supper and the conviviality of the company made this such an enjoyable evening. As at last month's Family Fun Day in St Cross church garden, it was great to welcome comparatively new residents in Wilstone to this spree, as well as inhabitants of longer standing, and friends from far flung Tring and Aston Clinton.

But before anyone starts merrily knitting too many haloes for the organisers of this prestigious social event, a word of caution. There's another well-known quotation which roughly translates as "never put off until tomorrow what you should do today". Shattered at the end of the evening after all their hard work during the day it was decided that, apart from doing the washing up, the helpers would leave until the morning the chore of clearing away the rest of the debris and stacking tables back on the stage. A bad decision! as WVH was booked for Sunday morning rehearsals by a drama group who arrived to find the hall in a very dishevelled state. Bookings Secretary, Colin Reedman, had to set to and clear them space – many many thanks Colin!

News from All Saints

By Neil Brown & Carole Harrison

TOBY'S Quiz Night, held on Friday 14th October, was again a great success. Ninety four participants made up the fourteen teams answering questions on various topics, which included Toby's famous numbers round – won by Eight Short Planks. The overall winning team was Footshooters Reunited who were awarded the Question Mark Trophy. The 'Just Us' team of three ladies (Phyllis, Gill and Brenda) did extremely well and did not receive the wooden spoon in what was quite a close event.

The evening raised just over £350 and thanks go to all who supported us, the children who were 'runners' and, of course, our Quiz Master Toby Davidson.

Christmas Quiz Sheets As part of our Fund Raising we shall be selling Quiz Sheets. These will be available from 30th October, costing £1, with a prize of £25 to the lucky winner. To obtain a copy please contact Trisha and Chris Nightingale on 01296 661801, Carole Harrison on 01296 668526, Neil Brown on 01442 825956 or Huw Bellis on 01442 851200.

Your village church needs your support.

News from St Mary's Church, Puttenham

PSA — WE are holding the second of our "Pleasant Sunday Afternoons" on Sunday, 6th November at 3 p.m. (See poster elsewhere in *Village News*). Do come along and join us for a short interlude of Music, Story and Song, followed by Refreshments. Our first PSA was very successful, and we will look forward to seeing you all again, plus some new friends.

Rememberance Compline Service

FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER at 8 P.M

A repeat of a special service for a special day. Please note the time in your diary and join us for this unique service of Compline, including the lighting of a candle for a remembered and lost loved one, to be placed on our large wooden cross

News from St Cross

THANK you to all who supported our coffee morning in Wilstone Church. We raised £75 for the people in the Caribbean who are in such need of funds.

BARN DANCE

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TREATMENT ROOM IN PITSTONE

From the Vicarage

by Rev'd Huw Bellis

Well on the way...

AS you know All Saints church has launched a campaign to raise £28,500 for the work that needs to be done on the building. I, like many people, was daunted by this prospect, and did not know how we would be able to proceed. However the fantastic news is that with some careful budgeting and hard work on the fundraising our fabric fund now stands at almost £9,500. This is wonderful, and thank you for your support. We have also submitted applications for grants to the Herts. & Beds Historic Churches Trust and The Puttenham Trust and we are waiting to hear from these organisations. There is still a large shortfall, but the picture is not bleak.

The work to be done is two phased. The first phase is the essential building work which includes: structural repairs necessary to the buttresses; some work on the roof; and mending the broken stained glass. This accounts for £18,500 of the total needed and we are half way towards this total. Please help us to get the rest. It is not cosmetic work – it is essential that this work is done if the fabric of All Saints church is to be maintained. **Our first target therefore is another £9,000 and we are asking for your help to raise this.**

Which brings us to the second phase of the work. It is part of our vision for the church to make it more accessible and to be at the heart of our community, but there is a practical difficulty about this. The church and churchyard are not that easy to visit except on foot because of the lack of car parking. Leaving cars on the road is not safe for drivers or pedestrians and so the solution has been for cars to be parked on the grass in front of the church. Using this area would be suitable because it is much safer and very importantly the ground has never been used for burials, however some work needs to be done to make it suitable for parking on a regular basis, especially in the winter months.

For this reason at our last Annual General Meeting there was a unanimous decision to pursue the idea of a car park. We also have the support of the Team PCC in this, and the increase use and accessibility of church buildings is one of the cornerstones of the Diocesan 'Vision for action'. Long Marston doesn't have a car park elsewhere and the Parish Plan talks about the need for car parking. We will of course consult widely about this in order to move ahead in the most appropriate way and I would be grateful to hear your comments.

Huw Bellis

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All Souls Day

On Wednesday 2nd November at 8 pm everyone is welcome to come to All Saints church, Long Marston to remember and pray for loved ones who have died. Please bring a flower or sprig of rosemary (the herb of remembrance) to lay on the altar. There will be a list of the departed in church.

Remembrance Sunday in Long Marston

There will be a (short) communion service in All Saints church on Sunday 13th November beginning at 10 am. We will then process to the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance to begin at 10.50 am with the 2 minute silence at 11 am. You are welcome to join us both at church and at the war memorial.

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Profusion of floescence and foliage favours floor fund

By Eileen Doley

TO raise money to contribute towards the cost of a new floor and heating system at St Cross Wilstone, the five churches in the Tring Team with many other supporters came together recently to stage "The Wonders of Creation". This was hosted by St Peter & St Paul in Tring and was a most comprehensive presentation of craftwork and flower arrangements, all beautifully married together in a stunning show.



Spinning by Christine Rutter

Maybe however you were unable to visit, and missed out on these scenes of creativity. So, try to visualise if you will in your mind's eye the nobility of the imposing edifice of St Peter & St Paul's church, but without its obscuring walls and pillars of plaster, stone and brick. Imagine instead that the whole building has been enclosed by ethereal shrinkwrap and you can see right through within. What a sight to behold – a vision of floral heaven complementing an awesome display of handworked craft items. Sometimes in this type of Festival there is often no balance between the crafts and floral elements but certainly here all the features were perfectly matched with neither overwhelmed by the other.



Interpreting Art , by Carole Harrison, Phyllis Proctor and Debbie Roberts

That is what was visible to the hundreds of people who came along to see, be amazed and fascinated by the wonderment of the inventiveness of all around. But what was not visible was the mass of effort by so very many people to stage such a magnificent exhibition. Think about all the many committee meetings which have discussed in detail topics such as catering, publicity, lists of flower arrangers, craft exhibitors and demonstrators, sponsorship, finance, the seamless changeover of organists, and the stewarding of the event.

The sheer complexity of many arrangements demanded not only expertise but physical energy to be able to lug about the components – like tailors' dummies, spinning wheel, paint-

ings, tapestries, quilts, musical instruments, woodturning items, garden impedimenta, walking sticks and even a home made Noah's Ark complete with its wooden carved inhabitants. Then there were cakes to be cooked for the teas, soups made to add to the lunch menu, posters put up on notice boards and poles from Tring to nether regions. And the final most enjoyable task of counting the takings which came to over £3,300



Carved wooden toys by Roger Bennett and Gillian Miller

When those worshippers in Wilstone are soon (hopefully!) able to sit snug in their places with a new heating system cuddling warm air all around, they will certainly remember vividly the hospitality of Tring church. As they walk safely on their new wooden flooring, they will also give grateful thanks to all those lovely folk who spent so freely of their time, money, effort and generosity of spirit. **THANKS, THANKS and THANKS AGAIN!**

PSSST - You'd like some statistics about the Festival? Committee members = 13; Flower sponsors = 37; Flower arrangers = 32; Crafters = 21; Craft demonstrators = 7; Refreshment organisers = 18; Stewards = 28; Organists = 23; Societies = 2 (Tring Floral Art Society, Church of England Flower Arrangers Association); Churches involved = 8 - The Tring Team (St John the Baptist Aldbury, All Saints Long Marston, St Mary's Puttenham, St Peter & St Paul Tring, St Cross Wilstone), Corpus Christi Tring, St Bartholomew Wigginton, St Martha's Tring.



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