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Newsletter



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**By 10th
April
please**

Many thanks, Valerie Adams,
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LADIES NIGHT
Bring along your sewing or
knitting or whatever else you
like to do and relax with other
like minded ladies.

The next meeting will be
Wed. April 9th at 7:30pm
Newcomers welcome
Call Val on 640296 for info

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
06-Apr	Family Service	S.Larman J.Goss		N.Law	H.Fone	P.Goss
13-Apr		J.Brunswick H.Bowen	R.Parrott 1Peter 2, v19-25	N.Law	C.Jenner	D.Smith
20-Apr	Family Communion	K.Ryle T.Baker		C.Roberts	L.Watson	R.Smith
27-Apr		S.Berriman S.Hodges	J.Peeters 1Peter 3, v13-22 J.Brunswick John 14, v15-21	C.Roberts	J.Smith	J.Peeters
04-May	Family Service Rogation	D.Jones J.Goss		M.Hodges	D.Hilton- Jones	A.McGinn

Sunday School - April

Sunday School will be held on the 27th April.
at the Parish Church between 11.00 and 12.00am.
All children between the ages of 5 - 11 are welcome.
If you would like more information then please
contact Jeremy Shields on 641020.



CHURCH NEWS

SABBATICAL

I suppose its something most never get to experience – but one of the few perks of my job is a 3 month break every 10 years (just about compensates for not having weekends free!). Sadly, it can't be used just to laze about and some sort of earnest project must be undertaken. I want to look at what makes a village great to live in.

We are lucky enough to have some very lively communities in the Schorne Team of Parishes and I want to find out why this should be when other villages in Aylesbury Vale have very little community feel or activity. So I shall be travelling on my motor scooter to other lively villages round the country that are thriving to see what factors they have in common. I shall also be circulating you all with a questionnaire to see if you can give me any clues about why you like living in your village. My project is being supervised by the Royal Agricultural Institute and they will help me process all the information I collect.

This does mean I'm not going to be around from April to the end of June but I am hoping you will be well looked after by my colleagues in the Schorne Team.

I have lived in the countryside all my life and I am passionate about helping rural communities to thrive and to preserve their traditional way of life. I believe that the village church should be at the heart of its community and a key element in drawing people together as a sign of God's love. My objective is to find out how I can help to do this better in our village – and start it going in villages which don't seem to be so blessed as us.

I look forward to being back with you all in the summer.

With every blessing – Revd Andy Bell.

CARERS BUCKS

Who is a Carer?

“A Carer provides unpaid support and care on a regular and substantial basis to a relative or friend who, due to frailty, illness or disability, would not be able to live independently without them.”

Carers may, but do not always, live with their cared-for person – someone who cannot manage without them. Crucially, Carers are *not* paid care-workers or care staff.

Who cares?

Carers Bucks does! It is the support organisation for unpaid Carers across the county. Carers Bucks supports Carers as young as 6; the oldest Carer we have is 97, who looks after her daughter in her 70s who has learning difficulties. Caring is no respecter of social position or wealth: 1 in 3 of us will be a Carer at some point in our lives.

How many people care?

It is estimated that there are more than 43,000 Carers in Bucks, ie, just under 1 in 10 of the population.

What does Carers Bucks do?

Carers save the country £57 billion per year. Carers Bucks provides support for them to continue their role in good health. We provide:

- Up-to-date information and advice on services available in the community and to inform Carers of their rights
- Liaison with statutory, health and other organisations
- Emotional support and a listening ear
- Advice on how to protect their health
- Training to help them in their caring role
- Links with other Carers, including support groups
- Access to grants payments to help towards practical items, massage or counselling

Most Family Carers do what they do for love, and don't regard themselves as Carers. They care for their child, spouse or parent, without realising either how special they are, or that they are entitled to support in their own right. We need to identify as many of these Carers as we can.

If you are a Carer, or know someone who you think could do with our help, telephone **01494-463536**, or write to Carers Bucks, 9 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, HP13 6NR, (mail@carersbucks.org):

Please tell people about us!



Saturday Coaching

Starts
Saturday 26th April
10 am - 11.15
Information

Cricket for boys and girls

School Years 3 – 10

Senior cricket – Saturdays and Sundays

Full Junior Programme:

- Coaching every Saturday morning
- BBQ's and games days – fun for the whole family
- Teams play in matches and tournaments
- Trips to see professional cricket. 20-20 Cup!

For more information, see www.whitchurchcricket.com
or contact

Trefor Williams 07789192762

CHURCH PLANT SALE

The Church Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 19th April on the Village Green as previous.

Those gardeners with plants to donate for sale will be very welcome on the day.

In addition parishioners who have plant pots surplus to their own requirements should leave them in the Church porch or under my car port, for which many thanks.

Phillip Corbett.

GLASS RECYCLING APRIL

2 collection dates this month on Wed. 2nd and 30th

BOOK CLUB – 1 st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
April 3rd	Pollie	641721
May 1st	Kit	641694
June 5th	Elaine	641516
July 3rd	Ann M	641322
July 31st	Ann R	641314

New book lovers welcome.

Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.

A Good Walk in the Country

If you fancy fresh air and healthy exercise every now and then why not join us on the first Friday of each month for a good walk and a pub lunch.

We'll pick a different walk of around 6 miles each month, ending at a pub, but suggestions would always be welcome

The next walk will be on Friday 4th April

If you're interested phone Jack or Mary on 641738 or email j.peeters@btinternet.com

Grendon Rangers Football Club

Grendon Rangers Football Club is looking for yet more players at all age groups, but especially for the youth teams from U6 to U15. We continue to move from strength to strength and are expanding out of our base at Grendon Underwood to also utilise pitches at Brill, Ashendon & Waddesdon. This growth means that we can offer both opportunities for new players at all ages and also a fun way to keep fit and make friends. We want to win, but emphasise the responsibilities & spirit that come from team games. Interested players (& parents) should contact us on players@grendonrangers.co.uk or visit our website www.grendonrangers.co.uk

David Evans,

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Garden Farm – Spring

Before Maureen asks again, the greenhouse still hasn't been erected, but given the strong winds we've had in the first few days of March perhaps that is no bad thing. Much though I want to get going on all manner of things in the garden, including the greenhouse, I needed a break from the City based work I have been doing for the best part of two years. And as soon as I finished the phone started ringing with all manner of offers of "opportunities" – some of which could definitely use – and some I can definitely live without! So let's say that this is the month the greenhouse goes up – so that should mean by the end of March... by which time the days will be longer, it will light into the evening and I will be able to potter about in my greenhouse to my hearts content. Maybe.

I have finished digging over in the vegetable plot and will be raking and preparing the tilth in the coming week. I have my seed onions and potatoes so I can get the staples in early. The Swiss Chard has survived the winter and is now growing vigorously – so we're off to a good start.

This year I want to use as much as possible of my home made compost. My compost bins are the cold kind (not the ones that you have to work hard at to get and keep up to temperature. This means it takes longer for the compost to form, however as we mix our greens browns and other stuff carefully, let them get wet, and give them a weekly feed of chicken muck, straw and sawdust the end result is fantastically rich. It takes about 6 months and I have three bins on the go at once, although one is full of woody stems and other stuff that needs shredding.

Anyway, its time to take the tops off the two productive ones and extra the compost which I will spread on the vegetable plot, loosely dig in and then rake over. I usually sieve the compost for use in the potting shed but for vegetables I shan't bother. I'm also going to plant potatoes in some more unusual places this year . We have a steep bank down one side of the garden, and for some time I have wanted to terrace this to use it for flowers and veggies. In the winter it is shaded and damp but in the summer it gets enough sun and breeze so I'll build a small terrace first as an experiment and put some spuds in. Having only just dug up some of last years potatoes they have inevitably started sprouting even though they've been kept in the dark, so I'll try with those – nothing to lose!

Something else that made it over from last year is the celery, despite some reasonably frosty nights the plants have survived well. I have lopped all the remaining tops off and they are sprouting again. In fact if they make it through OK we'll have our first celery by the end of April.

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The bees are still dormant in my one remaining hive. I think it still viable but we'll know for certain by April. I will start feeding them again shortly as there is not enough for them to eat, and if the weather stays mild they will be out of the hive using up energy. If they don't make it, I will restock both hives this year, and move them at the same time.

My thoughts are once again turning to pigs – to getting a couple of weaners in April to fatten up through the summer. However I think I don't have the time to fence them in so we may once again have to wait another year – doesn't stop me day dreaming!

You may remember from last month that my chillies survived the winter in the kitchen. They too are waiting patiently for the greenhouse, but until then are thriving. With the longer days, stronger sunlight and plenty of water the plants have grown taller and are covered in flowers. We've eaten our first "crop" and now there are 4 more growing on the plants with the promise of plenty more to come.

So, leaving aside the usual maintenance work, and erecting the greenhouse, the goal for this year is to produce more – vegetables, eggs, honey, wine, cider, pork (maybe), fruit and maybe chicken to eat as well. Not "The Good Life", not totally self-sufficient, but definitely less dependent on less-than-super-markets!

A.P.R.E March 2008
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BOOK SALE and BARBECUE
AT
"THE BLACK BOY"

Saturday 17th May
From 12.00 noon
Free Entry to Sale ~ BBQ from £5.00

NEW BOOKS at 75% off
Cookery, Gardening, Reference, Fiction and other titles

Proceeds to be divided between Macmillan Nurses and
the Oving Recreation Fund.

OVING PAVILION

LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO. 6 - 4th Feb 2008

ACTION NOTE

Present

Jack Peeters (chairman), Elaine Conway, Kit Couper, Frank Bennet, Stuart Taylor, Paul Waldron, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford, Steve Baker.

Apologies Paul Brett

Notes of previous meeting Agreed.

General Project Status for Design and Location Committee

Jack Peeters firstly reported that the proposed location of the Pavilion was the subject of discussion within the tennis club and he hoped to gain their support in due course.

Also, Jack Peeters reported from discussions with the fundraising committee, that major funders would not be likely to impose restrictions on our methods of procuring the building. In other words we would be free to use either a “design and build” option or a conventional building contract. (“Design then build”)

Discussions then centred around the “Design-and-build” or “Design-then-Build” options. Philip Shuffill then presented some work done to investigate what main facilities we would need inside the pavilion and what sort of layout this would require. Given that there are some mandatory requirements (e.g. Referees separate changing area, size and number of changing rooms etc.) the number of possible layouts became smaller. Consideration was also given to the ability to cater for some or all of the areas to be used either independently or all at the same time. Viewing areas and lighting for the hall to be maximised by having windows at the front and the side

Discussion continued covering areas such as storage, size of hall, the roofline and aesthetics of the pavilion.

At this point, Jack, Kit and Stuart produced some pictures and a small presentation after a recent tour of “pavilion types” in the local area.. These were to give us some idea of the different styles, materials and looks of possible options which we may want to consider (or not as the case may be) and how we thought/felt that may fit within the recreation ground.

The committee then discussed the issues of low maintenance and energy efficiency which we thought should be essential in order to keep the running costs of any new pavilion to a minimum. At this point, no details have been agreed for any design issue.

The committee decided to use the information provided as a starting point to get some quotes for "Design-and-Build", with Jack Peeters, Stuart Taylor and Steve Baker using their contacts, on the basis that these would all be based on the same information and would then provide us (and the fundraising committee) with some more accurate idea of the work still to do in terms of final designs, layout, financing etc.

A sample layout allowing for the many and varied uses anticipated has been produced. This is not a final design, more of a starting point in order that we can then progress with interested parties in providing some costs.

Lastly, discussion moved toward the Reading room, paths and disabled/emergency vehicle access. It had already been discussed at previous meetings that there should be a path from the Tennis courts and car park to the new pavilion. The committee now thought that combining a wider path (approx. 3 metres) would both allow for service vehicles and disabled parking to get close to the Pavilion whilst utilising the existing entrance. At this time no actions or proposals have been made.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th Feb 2008, 8pm at Frank's house.

OVING PAVILION

LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO. 7 - 18th Feb 2008

ACTION NOTE

Present Jack Peeters (chairman), Elaine Conway, Kit Couper, Paul Brett, Frank Bennet, Stuart Taylor, Paul Waldron, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford.

Apologies Steve Baker

Notes of previous meeting These were agreed.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Stuart advised that Terry Benwell was now resident in South of France and that his son had taken over the business. He would not be able to help in producing drawings for the initial feasibility scheme.

Stuart reminded the group that quotes for construction of the original Pinelog scheme was in the region of £250,000-£280,000 based on a build cost of £800-£1,000 per m².

Jack had spoken to Pinelog and was advised that we should be looking at £1,500 per m² build costs excluding services. The initial feasibility sketch produced by Philip & Julian showing a 22m x 8m building plus veranda would therefore cost in the region of £264,000. With services estimated at circa £50,000 we are looking at a total cost of £300,000-£350,000.

NB These costs are for a timber framed building and include the foundations.

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In reviewing Design Considerations Pinelog advised:

- i) there was little difference in the cost of the cladding – brick, timber, render;
- ii) a roof pitch of $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ would be sufficient – this will take a range of concrete tiles, slate, eternits, etc but not plain tiles; and
- iii) that it would be appropriate to have flat ceilings above the changing rooms, kitchen, toilets etc but recommended a vaulted ceiling above the “Club Room”.

Unfortunately they seemed to be reluctant to provide any free sketch proposals at this stage.

Design Considerations

It was agreed that the Group now needed to focus on the design options for the internal layout with a view to presenting an agreed design or a range of preferred options at the Village AGM on 14th May.

Stuart advised that we need to be cautious about what we give to D & B companies in terms of a “design brief”. In his experience they produce what they are asked to produce and do not necessarily undertake continual review with the client.

Stuart also advocated that we needed to take care in the manner in which our suggestions are promoted. It was accepted that we needed to keep the building “in scale” with it’s function and that we needed to keep in view the reaction of villagers to the previous proposal

It was agreed that the initial feasibility layout produced by Philip & Julian was a useful indicator for what is likely to be required in the new pavilion. However everyone was invited to have an input and provide their own thoughts on design/content/finishes/etc to Philip & Julian within the next two weeks. ***All by 3/3/08***

Philip & Julian would meet thereafter to pool the ideas received. Julian undertook to produce some 3D views of the design options subject to gaining some training on the use of the software!

Paul Brett agreed to speak to Paul Malling, a local building specialist, to see whether he would be prepared to offer some external professional assistance.

Jack Peeters agreed to investigate whether the cost of the building will be subject to VAT and whether this could be recovered by the Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th March 2008, 8pm at Frank’s house. *Thanks to Frank for his hospitality*

SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR APRIL 2008

	Grainboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
6 April	8.00 HC/PB DM										
Easter 3		10.00 FS DH	11.00 FS JB		9.30 HC/PB DM	9.30 HC/PB PDM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS PDM	9.30 HC/PB/SD	
White								6.30 HC PDM	8.00 HC/PB SS		
13 April											
Easter 4		9.30 HC PDM				11.00 MS JB	11.00 FC PDM	9.30 FS	11.00 Sing & Praise		9.30 FS JB
White			6.00 HC SS					6.30 ES PDM			
20 April								8.00 HC/PB PDM			
Easter 5		9.30 FS PJM	11.00 FC PDM		11.00 MS JB	9.30 HC DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS LW	9.30 FC LW	
White								6.30 ES PDM			
27 April							8.00 HC/PB DM				
Rogation		9.30 HC AV	11.00 HC DM			9.30 FS JB At Weedon	11.00 HC PDM	9.30 FC PDM	11.00 UM		9.30 MS LW
White								6.30 ES PDM			
4 May											
Easter 7	8.00 HC/PB PDM	9.30 HC SS			9.30 HC/PB PDM	9.30 HC/PB DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS LW	9.30 HC/PB LW	
White	6.00 1 st Sunday		6.00 ES PJM					6.30 HC PDM			
<p>Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am</p> <p>3 April DM 10 April SS 17 April PDM 24 April LW</p>											
<p>Rev David Meakin 641606 Rev Andy Bell 670298 Rev Liz Welters 655069 Rev Philip Mears 655237 Rev Paul Mansell 641246 Janet Bayly 670245 Rev Ann Varner 423363 David Heffer 670273</p>											
<p>HC Holy Communion FC Family Communion FS Family Service UA United Service at Parish Church UM United Service at Methodist Church +B With Baptism</p> <p>PB Prayer Book MS Mattins ES Evensong</p>											