

# Village Life

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for Aston Clinton, Buckland  
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**The Editor is always pleased  
to receive local news of people,  
clubs and events.**

# Village Life

The bi-monthly community news magazine for  
Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

Someone told me recently that I was old. Not getting a bit older, but actually old. This did not come as a total surprise to me (*67, since you ask*) but it was said to make a point. Many of the people involved in putting Village Life together are past the first flush of youth, although we can still just about manage to bash a keyboard. However, the point my young friend was making was that we see the world from one angle and other viewpoints are available.

We try to reflect these differences with articles about youth organisations like the Cubs and Guides and this issue's article from the school was actually written by one of the pupils (*Thanks, Amelia*). However, fresh blood, or ink if you prefer, is always welcome. So, if you think you have something of interest to say to your fellow villagers we would love to hear from you.

As the weather improves and we move into the Spring and Summer, more and more events are being held locally. You will find some ideas for days out in this issue and we try to keep a note of dates for your diary on the *Events* page of our website, [www.acvillagelife.co.uk](http://www.acvillagelife.co.uk). Try to make the most of the wonderful countryside and attractions we have in the area.

I started this page talking about old relics in the village, and that reminds me that the archive we mentioned last time is looking promising and we hope to source some funding to help make it happen. More details on progress are on page 13.

Finally, a request for help. Every two months Village Life is delivered to every home in Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp by a wonderful team of volunteer distributors. We currently have a few vacancies for new distributors so if you can spare about an hour or so six times per year for a walk around your part of the village to deliver our magazine, please contact *Louise Rolfe* on *07808 180926* or [distribution@acvillagelife.co.uk](mailto:distribution@acvillagelife.co.uk). Thanks. *Richard Vincent*

## Finished

No dictionary definition has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between 'complete' and 'finished'.

However, during a recent linguistic conference attended by some of the greatest linguists in the world, the chairman was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished'. Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand". The chairman's response was this:-

*"When you marry the right woman you are complete. If you marry the wrong woman you are finished. And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are completely finished!"*

His answer received a five-minute standing ovation.



Jesus's last word from the cross is "*Telestia*" Which we have in the English translation as "*It is finished*". One word that changed the world. And it was the one word he uttered, as John's gospel records, because Jesus knew all was now completed.

Everything that God wanted to complete was completed at the Cross of Calvary. Sin was punished – sinners set free. Evil was defeated – humanity liberated. Death destroyed – life eternal once again available. Enemies reconciled – both to God and to each other. The whole of creation restored and renewed.

Jesus says "*It is Finished*" because all this had been completed. The healing work of the cross was done, and the reconciling power of the cross was released onto a broken world.

All of this we begin to see and celebrate at Easter: New life, new hope, new possibilities.

Because everything necessary for our salvation from the captivity of Satan, the entrapment of a world gone bad and our own sinful disposition has been dealt with.

Surely that deserves more than a standing ovation. *Happy Easter - Nick*

## The Alpha Course

A hugely successful course offering a safe and friendly environment to explore aspects of the Christian faith with others between September and Christmas. Details of venue and timings of when the course begins will be made available.

To register an interest please visit the church website [www.astonclintonbaptist.org](http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org)



**Tot Spot** is a drop-in Baby & Toddler group held at the Baptist Church Hall on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings during term time. It is for parents and carers to bring their little ones to enjoy a time of structured play, snack, song and story time. The cost is £3.

# St Michael and All Angels

## Regular Services:

9.15am Sung Eucharist 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays

4th Sunday Benefice Service (see below for times and places)

6.00pm Sung Evensong every Sundays



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 21 April	9.15am	Easter Fire Family Eucharist	St Michael's Church
Sun 29 April	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints Buckland
Thurs 2 May	2.00pm	Bereavement Group	St Michael's Church
Fri 10 May	12.30pm	Men's Lunch	The Oak
Sun 27 May	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Michael's Church

## REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Café (Closed on Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
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More details about these events on the church website: [www.s-michaels.org.uk](http://www.s-michaels.org.uk)

## Bellringers needed for St Michael's

The bells of St Michael's have rung out, Sunday by Sunday for over two hundred years. We want to keep this ancient tradition going for future generations.

Church bellringing is a fascinating activity which keeps both body and mind active! We are a small band with ages spanning from twelve to over eighty so all are welcome to see if you would like to be trained to be part of our band. You can call me **01296 415532**, email [roger.powell@willowend.net](mailto:roger.powell@willowend.net) to get in touch, or visit us during practice night on **Fridays 8 – 9.30pm** to meet us and see the bells.

*Please do come – we really look forward to welcoming you. Roger Powell, Tower Captain*

## Holy Week

**15th April: Monday of Holy Week**  
8pm *Stations of the Cross* **St Michael's**

**16th April: Tuesday of Holy Week**  
8pm *Tenebrae* **St Mary's**

**17th April: Wednesday of Holy Week**  
10.00am *Mid-week Communion*  
8pm *Taizé Evening Prayer* **All Saints'**

**18th April: Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm *Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Foot Washing* **St Michael's**

**19th April: Good Friday**  
12 Noon – 12.55pm *The First Hour* **St Michael's**  
1.20 – 1.50pm *Watching & Waiting* **All Saints'**  
2.30 – 3.00pm *At the Foot of the Cross*  
*followed by tea and hot cross buns* **St Mary's**

**21st April: Easter Day**  
8.00am Holy Communion **All Saints'**  
9.15am Easter Fire Family Eucharist **St Michael's**  
10.45am Easter Communion **St Mary's**  
11.00am Easter Fire Family Service **All Saints'**



## Pitstone Green Museum

*Pitstone museum is a wonderful old Victorian farm, crammed with exhibits relating to farming, county life, trades and professions.*

There has been a farm of some sort on this site for centuries, but the buildings as we know them today originate from the farm started by the Hawkins family at the beginning of the 19th century. They built the farmhouse that remains to this day and farmed until the 1960s when it became obvious that there would be no economic future.

In 1963, Pitstone Local History Group (later renamed Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society - PIMS) was formed as a way of preserving the history of farming in the area and a group of local enthusiasts started to organise and preserve all the buildings and equipment that had been accumulating over many years. In 1992 the owner, Jeff Hawkins, gave The Society a 99 year lease to run the site as a heritage centre, to safeguard the site for the future and open it to the public. When Jeff Hawkins died in 2001, he left the buildings and contents to the National Trust; the Society's lease now being with the NT. The direction of the museum

changed somewhat from rural life exhibits to the introduction of other items including model railways, the Lancaster Bomber cockpit and other scientific and military equipment. These displays have proved very popular and have served to broaden the appeal of the site.

The Museum's name was changed to The Heritage Park to emphasise the size and scope of the attractions, as, over the years, the range of exhibits has expanded. People have donated items as diverse as a huge rack saw, a gas engine that used to power Grace's Mill in Tring, a working blacksmith shop, a working print shop, model railways, engines of all shapes and sizes and even vintage computer games and equipment. Their latest major project has been based on a very local business. Just around the corner in Ivinghoe there had been a little shop that was a butcher's at the start of the 19th century. It soon became a general store which was run by the Elliott family until around 2000 with the retirement of the last proprietor, Rosemary (Jane) Elliott. She had made it plain that she would like the shop to be preserved at the museum and her wishes have been carried out with an exact replica built using the original interior fittings including the counter and all the shelving.



The Museum only opens to the public on special **Open Days – mostly Bank Holiday Mondays and the 2nd Sunday of each month from Easter to October.** People often ask why it is not open more often but most people agree that the carnival atmosphere generated by the present system is the best way forward. It is a registered charity, entirely run by over 60 unpaid volunteers, who manage the open days where they pride themselves on everything being active and dynamic rather than static.

They try to ensure that there are plenty of people to demonstrate and explain everything on display and, wherever possible, the public can try things of interest. There is something for almost everyone and most exhibits are under cover so not affected too much by the weather. Refreshments are on sale all day, there is plenty of free parking, dogs on leads are welcome and most places are accessible.

The Heritage Park is now a centre for historically based attractions, retaining the atmosphere of ancient times before technology and mechanisation changed our lives forever. It will continue to evolve in the future with your support. [www.pitstonmuseum.co.uk](http://www.pitstonmuseum.co.uk)

*David Lonsdale*

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## 2019 Open Days

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22 April – Easter Monday

6 May – Early Spring Bank Holiday Monday

27 May – Spring Bank Holiday

26 August – Summer Bank Holiday Monday

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*Sundays*

9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September  
& 13 October

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*Opening times:* 11am – 5pm

*Admission charges:* Adults £7, Children £2,  
under 5's free and Over 65's £6

## Village Market

*The ever-popular Village Market is returning once more on **Sunday 12th May from 11am to 3pm** at Aston Clinton School. This fantastic community event is now firmly established in the village calendar and remains as popular as ever.*

Last year was a huge success with over 2,000 visitors buying produce from local businesses, enjoying mouth-watering food and taking in the live music from local musicians. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the day and over £4,500 was raised for the village school. The money has helped to purchase additional equipment to make the learning environment even better for our children.



Over 50 stalls offered everything from amazing fresh bread to stunning home furnishings and everything in between. It really is an event that brings the whole community together and is an excellent way for local businesses to reach a wide audience. Pitches cost just £25 or £60 for a catering pitch, so if you would like to book or find out more please email [bookings@acvillagemarket.co.uk](mailto:bookings@acvillagemarket.co.uk).

This year is shaping up to be just as great as last year, with live music, crafts, great stalls, kids entertainment and a raffle with excellent prizes including a Nintendo Switch and £200 cash courtesy of aCar2Go. It's an event not to be missed and we hope to see you there.

## A canal walk at Drayton Beauchamp

*It's early morning in Spring. At this time, I feel as if the world is mine alone, shared only with the birds and insects going about their busy lives. I stand on bridge 5 over the 'dry' canal between Drayton Beauchamp and Little Tring, thinking about times past. Have you ever wished you could have someone back who died years ago, just for a couple of hours, and what you'd do if you could?*

My Dad has been gone for twenty years this year. I can hardly believe it, as he is still such a presence in my life. This was one of his favourite walks, and this stretch of canal had never held water in his long lifetime. He would be pleased at the restoration work I think, and I imagine walking it together again, and the changes he would see after those two decades.

There were never dabchicks here in his day, not on this stretch of the canal. Looking back towards the church, I watch as they change over on their makeshift nest platform, thinking how he would have loved this sight.

Some of it he wouldn't recognise: the bypass has been done well, and the canal is now a better habitat than it was. For years all the winter aconites vanished under the chestnut trees near the church but there were a few this year, so perhaps they are returning. We looked there for the first ones every February. There was a wonderful display in the wood by the stream this year though. Were they always there and we didn't notice, or have they migrated? I can see the leaves of the green alkanet, in its usual spot by the bridge, coming up ready to produce the brilliant blue flowers that we always looked for in May. The three-cornered leeks still creep over the bank into the churchyard, scenting the morning air with their onion tang. Violets still hide beneath the hedgerows where we always found them.



He'd love some of the new things. There are many clumps of marsh marigolds - water guzzles he called them - whereas in his day we had to walk another stretch of canal to find those. And frogspawn, recalling childhood collecting expeditions with jam jar and string. A red kite circles overhead - he would have been amazed by that. In the 1970s we travelled all the way to their last stronghold at the RSPB's Gwenffrwd-Dinas reserve in Wales, and now I can watch them from my garden in Aston Clinton.

The moorhens and coots are doing really well, and I remember how he worried about their declining numbers at the end of his life. I also recall his tales of collecting moorhens' eggs as a boy along the Aylesbury Arm equipped with walking stick, string and an old spoon. Never more than one egg from each nest, but a short walk in those days produced enough for an omelette. He'd be worrying about sparrows and hedgehogs now. Today a skylark is singing its heart out, and I recall how, as Dad's hearing failed, I would get him to cup his ears and look the right way in the hope of getting him to catch the thrilling, trilling sound. A grey



Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal

wagtail arrives on the bank and bobs its tail as it catches flies amongst the cowslips. I can hear a chiff chaff up in the trees: I wonder if I might hear a cuckoo, as we often heard the first one here, across towards the reservoirs, but not this morning.

Walking in the other direction, the canal now contains water up to bridge 4, where a small plaque commemorates Dad. A pair of mute swans has moved in, there are kingfishers, and a little owl can often be seen in a tree near the bridge.

There's a bright patch of dandelions, and I remember how we always used to say that if they were rare, we'd travel miles to see a field full of them. It's always been a good spot for butterflies too – we often saw the first brimstone of the year here, and the first small tortoiseshell. Right on cue, a peacock butterfly settles on the path in front of me, and I wait a

few moments until it moves on. The celandines are almost over now, and the coltsfoot, but they've both done well this spring.

There's a bumble bee: it was always a good spot for the first one of those of the year too. The old man's beard is still clinging on, although the new leaves will soon displace the seedheads. I hadn't noticed the heron ahead on the towpath, but he lifts off on heavy wings, up over the hedge, to circle and return when I have passed by.

It's twenty years now since my Dad saw these things, but because he gave me his love of them, I see them for him now. I scattered some of his ashes along this pathway, so a little bit of him will always be here. I think he'd like that.

My Dad, Jim Hayward lived in Aylesbury all his life, working as a bookbinder for Hazell, Watson and Viney. *Words and pictures by Alison Beck*





## Scouts

### From Dog Walker to Endurance Walker via Scouting!

*I am a Cub leader with 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group. In my youth I was a Brownie then a Guide but a background in such groups is not prerequisite for being a Leader.*

I am not a runner but enjoy walking my Irish Setter every day in Wendover Woods. No-one would class me as a fitness fanatic. However, every week I ask the Cubs to challenge themselves, take part in outdoor events and develop 'Skills for Life'. So, when the email went round about a couple of events the leaders might consider taking part in, I felt I should take on a challenge myself! The Cotswold Marathon organised by Gloucester Scouts was the first suggestion followed by Endurance 80, organised by Buckinghamshire Scouts.

So, the training walks began... I signed up for the Cotswold Marathon - an overnight event covering 30 miles. I reserved judgement on Endurance 80 (80km/50 miles).

On Saturday 9th February a Beaver Leader, a Cub Leader and a Scout Leader set off for Gloucester and overnight we completed 32.7 miles in 12 hours and 35 minutes. We came a respectable 7th out of 19 teams. It was also, at the age of 45, the first time I had been classed as a Veteran!

As I walked the last two miles back to the Scout hut in Gloucester, I vowed I was never going to do anything like this again... however by Monday morning I had signed up for Endurance 80.



Claire Walker (Beavers) Neil Walker (Scouts)  
Clare Simmonds (Cubs)



Chris Barnes (Cubs) Neil Walker (Scouts)  
Nigel Pinder (Group Scout Leader) Claire Walker (Beavers)  
Clare Simmonds (Cubs) Jack Pinder (Explorers)

On Saturday 2nd March, six of us set off around 8am to walk the 50 miles!

At 34 miles we lost two of the team, and as I walked towards the checkpoint in Stokenchurch at 38 miles I was broken... a change of socks, a couple of paracetamol and the four of us determinedly continued! The next 12 miles were brutal but with the end in sight the pace picked up and we walked the last mile in 18 minutes! We had made it in 18 hours and 41 minutes.

Have I signed up for the next event yet... no, but I'm not ruling it out.

I'm not saying you have to join Scouting to find your hidden lunatic, but it helps! My fellow leaders are the most supportive you could find and as a Scout Group we are AWESOME!

If you fancy joining us, as our village is expanding rapidly and we are on the lookout for more leaders across all sections. Please email me on [ac.cubs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ac.cubs@yahoo.co.uk)

*Clare Simmonds*

## To have & to hold...

*There are many joys in which we feel privileged to share as Ministers of the Church of England but for me one of the greatest has to be the honour of officiating at a Marriage service. I can remember my first like it was yesterday and the overwhelming emotion of the words, "I now pronounce you husband and wife". There are always lots of tears...and that's just from me!*



Since my arrival in the Benefice nearly five years ago, I have taken 15 weddings and have the selfies to prove it. My office wall is like a 'hall of fame' with selfies taken with each of my wedding couples on their special day. I even have one with Pip the dog, who was the ring bearer at a wedding I took last year.

This year in our Benefice we have seven weddings in total taking place in our three churches. For the first time at St Michael's in Aston Clinton we held a Marriage Prep Day on the closest Saturday to Valentine's Day in February to walk through and talk through the marriage service with those couples marrying in the Parish Church. The fantastic day, led by our Marriage Coordinator, Sue Powell, created a great opportunity for the groom and bride-to-be to appreciate the unique setting in which they had chosen to share their marriage vows, before God and their family and friends. They had the chance to hear the beautiful sound of our impressive organ and were given a tour of the bell tower by our Tower Captain, Roger Powell. The clergy team were on hand to give them advice about hymns and readings and to address any concerns they might have about the day.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our wedding couples, past, present and future for the awesome privilege of sharing in the happiest day of your lives, and would like to invite those who are possibly thinking about getting married to contact the Benefice Office where we can help you discuss all the options for a marriage service in the Church of England. *Rev Sally Bottomer*

**Coffee,  
Cake,  
Chat, Create...**



We are a small group, who would like to grow a little, meeting in local homes for a natter over cake and coffee while we knit or craft

If you would like to come along and see who we are and what we do please call *Grace 01296 631052* or *Jane 07562 672481* for venues.

We meet on the **2nd Thursday of each month at 10.30am**



## Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd

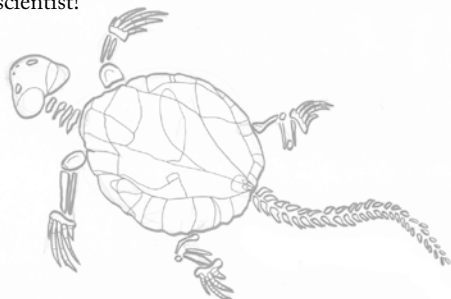


### The London Trip

*In January, Aston Clinton School Year 5 pupils went on the adventure of a lifetime! Their residential trip to London. I am going to tell you all about my favourite parts of the trip and hope you enjoy the journey.*

On day one we got on the coach to go to London. We chatted, played games and looked out of the window on the way. We dropped our bags at the hotel and then set off to the Natural History Museum.

At the NHM there were thousands of exhibits! Although there was lots to see, my favourite part was the Investigation Lab. You can get hands-on experience investigating interesting objects. First, we paired up and chose an object from the table. I chose a tortoise shell. We measured it, weighed it and observed it under the microscope. We recorded the details on our work sheet – I felt like a real scientist!



Our next activity was a boat trip along the Thames. We saw lots of famous landmarks; the OXO Tower, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Tower Bridge and many more. We had lots of fun waving at people on the bridges as we went underneath.

By now everyone was really hungry, so we went to Pizza Hut. It was really cool and some of us did the dreaded jalapeno challenge where you try to eat as many as you can. Trust me, it is really hard as they are so spicy!



The next morning we walked from our hotel to Buckingham Palace. We saw the Royal Standard flying which means the Queen was at home. Sadly, we didn't see the changing of the guard, but it was still worth a visit.

Afterwards we walked to the National Gallery to see some masterpieces. My favourite painting was *Whistle Jacket* by George Stubbs because it is so life-like. We had an amazing tour with a guide who picked three paintings that they told us all about. It was spectacular to see them up close.

In the evening for dinner we went to the Rainforest Café. The inside is literally like a jungle! It feels like you are in a real rainforest trying to find food. Every few minutes there was the sound of a thunder storm and it looked like actual lightening in the sky.

After dinner we went to see a really cool show called *Wicked*. It's about the Wicked Witch of the West and her back story and it is amazing. I would recommend it to anyone.

On the final day we visited the Science Museum before travelling home. We looked around all the incredible exhibits. My favourite bit was a show about our solar system.

Thank you for joining us on our adventure to our capital city. *Amelia Brine*

## An archive for Aston Clinton

*In our last issue we mentioned the idea of a permanent archive for Aston Clinton. This has struck a chord with several people and we are now looking at ways of making it happen.*

First of all, there is the logistical question of how to copy all the documents. We are already aware of hundreds of items and we have had offers of technical help and equipment to make digital copies. The next step will be to find somewhere these copies can be safely stored, bearing in mind that we want this to be a permanent record. It seems like just a few years ago that Betamax videos and Walkman were the future, so we need to bear in mind that whatever system we use will need to be transferred or updated every few years.

Another question is the physical items we already have and those we hope to receive. For example, there are Parish magazines from the nineteenth century. These will need to be stored in the right conditions to avoid any further deterioration and we are taking expert advice on how best to do this. We already have a temporary home available and are looking for a more permanent arrangement. Ideally there would be somewhere that items could be on display, but at present an Aston Clinton museum seems a long way off.

If you, or someone you know, has anything which you think may be of interest or if you would like to help, then please get in touch. [editor@acvillagelife.co.uk](mailto:editor@acvillagelife.co.uk)

## U3A Digital Photography Group

In February, 16 members of the Aston Clinton U3A Digital Photography group took themselves off to the Ashridge Estate to study the trees and their branches. The idea was to capture the strange shapes of branches and roots and maybe even the bark. Despite the less than perfect light there were some pleasing results and the group is now looking forward to its next field trip to Old Amersham in April.



Picture by Roger Colebrook

## British Legion, Aston Clinton Branch

Our branch of the Royal British Legion will once again be at this year's Village Market. We will be raising funds to replace the wooden crosses that are placed on the four graves of our servicemen who are buried in the grave yard next to the church. They will be made from the finest oak and polished and preserved to last. Please come to our tent and support us. Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation, please contact me. *Ralph Weston*

## Aston Clinton Ladies' group

**Wednesday April 10th.** Lenten Service at St Michael's Church **8pm** followed by coffee and hot cross buns at Janet Leech's house.

**Wednesday May 15th at 8pm** in the Guide Hall Tales and Pictures of Old Aylesbury by Ron Adams

For further info contact *Sue Sanders 630740* or *Janet Watson 631014*. New members are very welcome.

## Oops! Not more typos!

Following the little gems in the last edition of Village Life, I have found that Church service sheets, Parish Magazines and notices are a hot bed of typographical errors to such an extent that one organisation is having a competition for the best one! So here are a few of the entries:

The meeting will *be gin* with prayer  
'But deliver us from *email*'

Remember you are *butt* dust and  
unto dust you shall return

Glory to God in the highest and *peas* to  
his people on earth.

377; *Immoral* invisible, God only wise.

For this purpose, Christ was revealed to  
destroy all the *woks* of the evil one.

I know that my redeemer *lies*'

Hail *tincanate* deity

Here, O Lord, I see thee face to face, *her*  
would I touch and handle things unseen

The response to 'Lord hear us'  
'Lord Graciously *heat* us.'

Come and join us after the service for  
mulled wine and *mice* pies.



## Aston Clinton Bowls Club



After a successful Open Day last year, Aston Clinton Bowls Club is planning to hold another one on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May 2019 from 10am until 3.30pm. You will have the opportunity to work with the club coaches, learn the basics of the sport and have a short game.

If, after the Open Day, you feel that bowls is a sport you might like to take up, there will be an opportunity to sign up to the full coaching course (Four sessions of about 90 minutes each and arranged at your convenience). Tuition is free, all equipment is provided and all you will need will be flat shoes (slippers or trainers are ideal).

Even if you can't make our Open Day, you'd be more than welcome to come along to the club at a mutually convenient time and have a taster session – just contact the Club Secretary.

*Further information about Aston Clinton Bowls Club, its Open Day, or how to become a member can be obtained from:*

**Brian Clark**, Secretary **01844 351461** or email [brianp.clark29@gmail.com](mailto:brianp.clark29@gmail.com) You can also visit the website: [www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org](http://www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org)



## Let's get the most out of our cherished rights of way

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*Give your views about  
Buckinghamshire's rights of  
way in a new online survey.*

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Buckinghamshire has a network of over 2000 miles of public rights of way, and it is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire County Council to ensure that residents and visitors alike have free access to these routes and are able to get the maximum benefit from the access they provide.

As part of this duty, there's a requirement for Bucks County Council to have in place a rights of way improvement plan (ROWIP) which sets out how the public rights of way network will meet the needs of the public. This has to be reviewed every ten years, and in Buckinghamshire that review falls in 2019.

So that we can develop a ROWIP that reflects what people need and expect from the county's rights of way, we're conducting an online survey, and are asking Buckinghamshire residents and organisations to take part.

Bill Chapple OBE, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, said:

*"Whether they're used for sport, relaxation, studying nature or simply getting from A to B, Buckinghamshire's rights of way are an important part of our local heritage."*

Take part in the survey at:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Bucks\\_CC\\_ROWIP](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Bucks_CC_ROWIP)

## Your Local Silver Band

*Is there a cornet in your closet or a baritone in your basement? Are you a budding or lapsed brass player? Maybe you have an event that needs a little pizzazz? Or perhaps you simply want to treat your ears.*



It may surprise you to know you have a Silver Band on your doorstep just six miles from Aston Clinton!

Ellesborough Silver Band is ably guided under the conductorship of Graham Wells at Ellesborough Parish Hall on Friday evenings where the baton comes down at 8pm sharp(ish). We pride ourselves on being the friendliest band around and have a strong focus on nurturing musicians of all abilities and ages, with our current players ranging between eight and 80 years old!

We have been going since 1896, serving our local community by playing at summer fetes, parades and more formal occasions such as Remembrance services and concerts. Our varied repertoire includes popular classics, marches, hymns and music from TV and films. We have lots of events coming up this summer including a trip to Bourg en Bresse with our Morris Men friends at Towersey Morris

Most of our players come from local villages, including several Aston Clinton residents, playing on horn, trombones and baritone. If you are interested in joining, hearing or hiring the band, you can find details on our website [ellesboroughsilverband.co.uk](http://ellesboroughsilverband.co.uk)

*For a taster of what we're about, please join Ellesborough Silver Band and friends for a quintessentially English afternoon of music and cream teas at Ellesborough Parish Hall on Sunday 12th May from 1:30pm*

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## What's on at Bucks County Museum in April?

### Samurai: Warriors of Ancient Japan

6 April – 13 July 2019

### Rock and Fossil Day

Saturday 13 April, 11am – 4pm

### The Stuart Household

Easter Day 21 April: 11am – 4pm

Easter Monday 22 April: 10am – 5pm

*Entry by donation.*

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The Museum also has a café serving light snacks and a shop stocking beautiful jewellery, ceramics, gifts, local books and cards.

### Bucks County Museum

Church st, Aylesbury HP20 2QP. 01296 331441

[www.buckscountymuseum.org](http://www.buckscountymuseum.org)

## Are you brave enough to walk on fire?



*Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is looking for volunteers to take on the challenge and step out onto the burning hot coals, to raise money for the Hospice.*

With temperatures exceeding 1200°C, hot enough to melt aluminium, each participant will undergo essential training, including motivational and psychological methods, in preparation for the Firewalk.

The minimum age to participate is 11 years, and friends and family are encouraged to attend on the night and cheer from the sidelines.

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The event is due to take place on **Friday 10th May** at Aylesbury Rugby Club.

**Registration costs £20** and organisers ask that volunteers **raise at least £80 to take part** in the Firewalk.

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If you think you have what it takes, visit [fnhospice.org.uk/firewalk](http://fnhospice.org.uk/firewalk) or call **01296 429975**

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## New Cycling 'Champion'

*Aylesbury received Garden Town status from the government in January 2017. It recognised the town as one of the key places for growth in the UK and brings the opportunity to receive extra funding to put in place the right infrastructure, facilities and leisure spaces, alongside new developments totalling just over 16,000 new homes.*

And now a new Cycling Champion has been announced to promote the bicycle as a means of transport in Aylesbury Garden Town. Councillor Clive Harriss, who's a member of the Aylesbury Garden Town Delivery Board, jumped at the opportunity to advocate cycling, as a great way to get fit and a more sustainable way to travel.

Like many, Clive was keen to embark on a more healthy lifestyle in the new year and believes cycling is the perfect way to increase his exercise. He now regularly travels the six miles to work in Aylesbury by bike and has already noticed a difference in his fitness levels and lost weight in the process. One of the key focuses of becoming a Garden Town is to encourage more environmentally friendly ways to get around and going by bike is a great option.

Plans are already afoot, through the Aylesbury Garden Town Programme, to make cycling a more attractive way to travel. Repairs will be carried out to the existing Gemstone routes and improved signage put in place.





## 2nd Aston Clinton Brownies - a quarter century of change

*At Christmas, 2018 I stepped down from being a leader at the Brownie unit where I had been for over 26 years. This is with some regret; I have had a hugely enjoyable time, but I no longer have the passion of earlier years and the girls deserve better. I am delighted that two new young volunteers have come forward. They were not even born when I started leading and will have the energy and enthusiasm which, together with the ongoing support of Hilary Weston, will help the unit flourish and give the girls an excellent Girlguiding experience.*



A C Brownies

Over the years there have been several changes, as Girlguiding responds to the needs of the girls. The five essentials have remained unchanged: working together in small groups, self-government and decision making, the balanced and varied programme, caring for the individual and the shared commitment to a common standard.

The most obvious change to outsiders is the uniform. When I took over, the girls were only just leaving behind the brown dresses and yellow ties that I wore as a Brownie in the



Cherie Blair opening the new Guide Hut

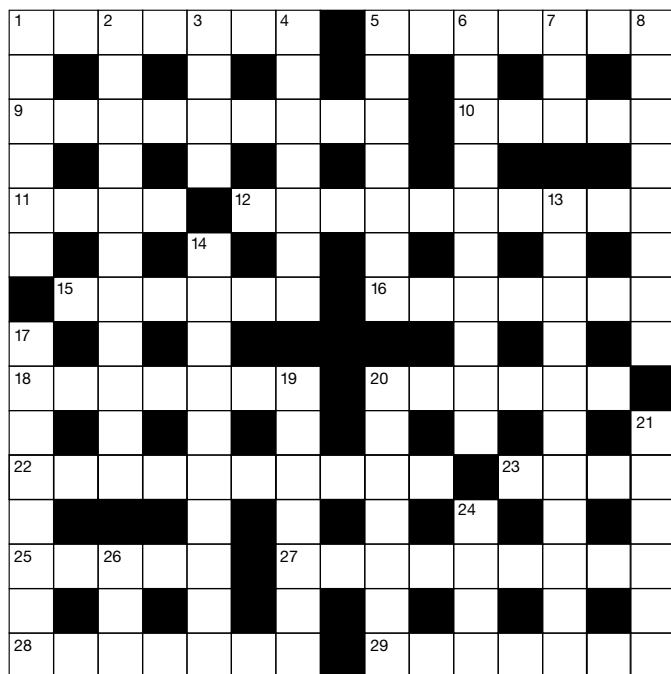
1950s. The current uniform, a choice of tops and bottoms from a smart coordinated range, still in brown and yellow, came in a few years ago.

The Promise, which is one of the things which distinguishes Girlguiding from just a youth club, has also developed over the years. Doing 'my duty to God' has evolved into being 'true to myself and develop my beliefs'. 'Service to the Queen' has continued, with the addition of 'and my community' to reflect good citizenship.

The Brownie programme has also changed, with the most significant development in 2018. The girls used to work for 'interest badges' (swimmer, cook, etc) while in the unit they progressed with staged achievements. Now the badges are themed, with six themes including 'Know Myself', 'Take Action', 'Be Well' being common across all sections from Rainbows through to Rangers but with levels appropriate to the girls' ages and abilities. The new interest badges (e.g. charities, my rights) follow the themes & are more relevant to the lives and interests of modern girls.

# Village Life crossword no.32

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 25)



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1&11 Your free magazine (7,4)  
 5 Late 50/60's rebellious youth (7)  
 9 Fictional (9)  
 10 Royal canine (5)  
 11 See 1  
 12 Outlook/opinion (10)  
 15 Brandy (6)  
 16 Tutor (7)  
 18 Fishing (7)  
 20 Derek – English actor (6)  
 22 A device operated by water pressure (10)  
 23 Inflammation of the eyelid (4)  
 25 Respond (5)  
 27 Deserted (9)  
 28 Down payment (7)  
 29 Broad rimmed felt hat (7)

## CLUES DOWN

- 1 To no avail (6)  
 2 Passed over an obstacle (11)  
 3 Sharp (4)  
 4 Springy (7)  
 5 A rifle blade (7)  
 6 Acquiescence (10)  
 7 Neither (3)  
 8 A group of people using needles (8)  
 13 Denizens (11)  
 14 Italian Hors d'oeuvres (10)  
 17 Sired (8)  
 19 Chivalrous (7)  
 20 A male donkey (7)  
 21 Heavy (6)  
 24 Rim (4)  
 26 Mountain (3)

One significant change to running the unit has been the move to the electronic age. When I started, all records were on paper. Notices to parents were photocopied and handed out, as some leaders and many parents did not have access to email. The Girlguiding database started nearly 10 years ago and now paper records have all but disappeared. All records and achievements are now on a secure database and notices and forms are sent out by email whenever possible.

I leave with some great memories but am happy to pass on the running of the unit to a younger, more energetic team.

We must not be complacent for the future and I invite anyone wishing to get involved to register their interest on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).

*Cheryl Muirhead*

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## Lindengate welcomes new leadership

Lindengate is delighted to welcome our new Director, Jan Webster, to lead our transformational organisation to the next phase in its evolution. Her experience is both vast and specialised – an ideal skill set for meeting the needs of our multi-faceted organisation.

Jan has over twenty years' experience in supporting organisations with leadership, planning, evaluation and fundraising. Operating in some of the poorest communities in Africa, within challenging environments, she initiated a flourishing organisation that works with brain trauma survivors.

Jan, a great advocate for the positive mental health movement, commented:

*"I am privileged to join Lindengate, an exemplary organisation able to support a variety of people with a wide spectrum of needs. Our vision for the future is to actively encourage our service users' voices to get stronger. We aspire to become leaders in the mental health conversation, with a view of raising the profile of mental health awareness."*

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If you would like to visit the Lindengate gardens, public drop-ins are taking place on **Saturday 13th April 10am to 12pm** and **Wednesday 1st May 5pm to 7pm**. These are free events when the gardens are open to the public. Families and children are welcome to wander around and explore the beautiful site with refreshments available by donation. Dogs on short lead are also welcome. Visit social media sites for updates: [Twitter @Lindengate](https://twitter.com/Lindengate) [FB @LindengateGardening](https://www.facebook.com/LindengateGardening)

## St Michael's - Church Green

*For over 100 years, St Michael's Church has shared Church Lane with Park Farm. Circumstances have forced the sale of this property – the only 'Brown Field' site being developed in Aston Clinton.*



The developer is Laxton Properties, a small local company whose partners are Ed Whetham and Aston Clinton resident, Giles Holder.

When the development was first mooted, St Michael's Church was particularly worried by the probable loss of parking in Church Lane, but Laxton agreed to provide eight parking spaces on the proposed green opposite the north gate to the church by way of compensation. It has offered to transfer the legal title to these spaces to the church, but when the Parochial Church Council approached its solicitors it was surprised by the cost for obtaining this gift.

However, Laxton, whose generosity towards the village includes the donation of a small plot of land on two sides of the Anthony Hall's storage shed, has now agreed to pay the PCC's solicitors' costs and to donate the balance between those costs and £3,000 to the church to assist in the repairs to the church roof and stonework. All this is in addition to the monies and other works (including a zebra

crossing between the school and the junction with Church Lane) that Laxton will have to contribute to AVDC under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Director, Ed Whetham, says that the Company's policy is to donate £3,000 to a local charity for every house it sells, and St Michael's PCC is pleased to be able to take this opportunity to thank Laxton Properties for its generosity. *James Adam – Churchwarden*

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## The Turpin Charity

The Turpin Charity is a village charity which gives grants to local people in need. It is currently looking for a new clerk. This is a paid position which entails about 10 hours work per month. This involves taking minutes and general administration.

For further details, please contact *Richard Maskell* on **01296 630857**

## Wendover Choral Society Concert

Our choir will be performing *Haydn's The Creation*, (sung in English) on **Saturday 18th May 2019** at St Mary's Church, Wendover, starting at **7.30pm**. We will be conducted by our Music Director, Peter Bassano and accompanied by the Oxford Sinfonia.

We have three soloists joining us from the Royal Academy: *Eleanor Broomfield* - soprano, *Edward Ross* - tenor and *James Geidt* - baritone.

Tickets cost £15.00 and U16s are £5.00.

Tickets are available from St Mary's Church shop Just, 11 High Street, Wendover, HP22 6DU or from [wendoverchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wendoverchoralsociety@gmail.com).

*Details can also be found on our website*  
[wendoverchoralsociety.co.uk](http://wendoverchoralsociety.co.uk)

# Village People

*This is a series about the people of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Not just the people who live in these villages but the people who are a part of the daily life of the villages.*

**Mark Waller** is the manager and coach of Aston Clinton Colts Football Club's Under 15 team.



**Q. How long have you been involved with Aston Clinton Colts?**

A. Together with my wife Di, who is the Club Secretary, I've been involved with the Colts for 10 years. I started with the Under 6 age group and each year have progressed with my players who are now in the Under 15 age group.

**Q. What is your role and what does that involve?**

A. I am the manager and coach of the Under 15 team and have two assistant coaches who help me every weekend. Saturday mornings involve training the players in all aspects of football development - from the basics like dribbling the ball, throw-ins, corners, defending,

tackling, goalkeeping, to positions, set pieces and the off-side rule etc. Sunday mornings are match days. This involves team selection, travelling to away games, setting up the pitch/goals/ flags/respect barrier for home games and clearing up again afterwards. Coaches are always the first to arrive and the last to leave!

It is hard work and a big commitment at times but also very rewarding.

**Q. What qualifications/ experience/training do you need to be a coach?**

A. Most importantly you must have an FA DBS certificate to be able to work with children. Then you need to have a Level One coaching

badge, a safeguarding children certificate, and an FA emergency first aid certificate. All these courses can be accessed via your local county Football Association. I have also recently completed my Child Welfare Officer qualification. Finally, you must enjoy it and make it fun for the kids.

**Q. Do/did you play yourself and if so, at what level?**

A. I played youth football when I was boy in my home town of Lowestoft and in recent years also played for the RAF Halton men's team on occasions.

**Q. When was Aston Clinton Colts formed?**

A. The Colts was formed in 1983. Its run by unpaid volunteers and all activities and equipment are funded through member subscriptions and general fund-raising activity.

**Q. What age groups do you cater for and how many teams are there?**

A. We cater for Under 6 through to the Under 18 age groups and have 17 teams at present. In addition to the 17 managers, there are about 30 other coaches and assistants to run all the teams.

**Q. Do you have teams for boys and girls?**

A. We don't have separate teams as girls can play with the boys up to the Under 18s and we do have some girls in the club. However, I believe the committee is working on a project to establish a girls' team.

**Q. Have any of the Colts players gone on to play at senior level?**

A. Many of the ex-Colts have gone on to play for Aston Clinton and other local teams like Thame and Tring. One lad went on to sign a professional contract with Ipswich Town

and another one went to Oxford. A girl, who still lives in village, went on to play for QPR, Watford Ladies and is now at MK Dons Ladies.

**Q. Do you live locally?**

A. Yes, I moved to Aston Clinton with my wife and two teenage sons in the summer of last year. Before that we lived in Halton in the married quarters. I served for 23 years in the Army, the first 10 years as a Coldstream Guard then 13 years in the Military Provost Guard Service.

**Q. What are your hobbies, what do you do for fun?**

A. Apart from football, I just enjoy spending time with my wife and sons and joining in with what they like to do. Our boys are into photography and videoing, so we'll take them to places they want to visit. I enjoy gardening, eating out, picnics and walking the dog. I also like to read autobiographies from people in the football world or the Armed Forces like Ant Middleton or Jason Fox.

**Q. What's your favourite music?**

A. I like Clean Bandit, Calvin Harris, Rag 'n' Bone Man and Coldplay.

**It is hard work and a big commitment at times but also very rewarding.**

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**Q. What's your favourite film?**

A. Taken (all three)

**Q. Which football team do you support?**

A. Norwich City FC

**Q. What was the first car you owned and what do you drive now?**

A. My first car was a Ford Fiesta, now I have a Toyota Verso

**Q. What changes to village life (good or bad) have you noticed in recent years?**

A. From the Colts point of view, it's good as I have seen the club double in size, with more teams, more coaches and a bigger tournament.

*Interview **Andrew Andersz***

*If there is anyone whose contribution to village life you believe should be featured in a forthcoming issue of Village Life, please send details to [Editor@acvillagelife.co.uk](mailto:Editor@acvillagelife.co.uk)*

## Parish Council News

*We are often asked what we do, and as parish councils go, we are a busy, pro-active one!*

Our roles include: managing and maintaining the park, maintaining all the facilities i.e. Café, skate park, M.U.G.A, playpark, trim trail, grass areas, pitches and wooded areas. We are landlords of the Café, Bowls Club, Tennis Club, Churchill Hall and All-weather pitch and the custodians of the fountain and trough sitting area, bus shelters and dog bins in the village. We also own and maintain the streetlights in residential areas and maintain the internal public footpaths. In addition, we do our best to help with issues in the village which we are not permitted to fix e.g. roads and pavements. We also manage several events throughout the year such as Play in the Park, Astonbury Festival, the Santa Float and the Remembrance Ceremony



We have discovered recently, that many people do not realise that the Parish Council is also the burial authority for the churchyard at St Michael and All Angels church. The wording on the Regulations states: -

*All enquiries must be made to the Clerk for Aston Clinton Parish Council, who is the officer responsible for the administration of this burial ground. Funeral Directors are asked to apply to the clerk before any arrangements are made, including siting of graves and digging.*

*The Clerk has delegated powers to approve burial in this churchyard, of any resident whose name is included on the current Register of Electors for Aston Clinton Parish at the time of death, or the child of any such resident, providing the child is under 18 years of age.*

*Approval for the burial of any resident of the Parish whose name is not included in the current Register of Electors at the time of death, will be decided by three Aston Clinton Parish Councillors in consultation with the Clerk.*

*The fees for Burial are set by and payable to Aston Clinton Parish Council. Payments are to be sent to the Parish Clerk at the Parish Office.*

There are various regulations to be followed as well as a list of fees. It was quite common, in years gone by, for churchyard administration to be signed over to the local parish council, although this does not seem to be well-known.

When the time comes to bury loved ones, we ask residents to please contact us in the first instance, as well as your chosen minister or celebrant, so we can sort out the legalities for you. Please ask for the clerk, [Gill Merry](mailto:parishcouncil@astonclinton.org) on **01296 631269**, or email: [parishcouncil@astonclinton.org](mailto:parishcouncil@astonclinton.org) or call into the office in the park.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 8 June	Lindengate Fair
14 - 16 June	The Buck Pub
Sat 22 June	Florence Nightingale Hospice Midnight Walk
Mon 29 July	Play in the Park 2-4pm
Sat 17 Aug	Astonbury Festival 12 noon

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# All Saints' Buckland

## Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays  
 11am Family Communion, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays  
 10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 6 April	10.00am	Produce Stall and Bacon Butties	All Saints' Church
Sun 21 April	11.00am	Easter fire Family Communion	All Saints' Church
Sun 28 April	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints' Church
Sat 4 May	10.00am	Produce Stall and Bacon Butties	All Saints' Church
Sun 26 May	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Michael's Church

More details about these events on the church website: [www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk)

## Buckland Church flowers



*We were very pleased to hear from Frances Farley, as her many friends in the villages will know she has been seriously ill. She writes:*

"Thank you to all the ladies who helped decorate All Saints for the recent wedding and at Christmas. The church looked wonderful, adorned in green, white and gold. The wedding couple were thrilled. A special thanks, too, for all who tended the flowers afterwards. The rotas for the weekly altar vases for 2019 have been circulated, so thank you ladies for your continued support.

The start of 2019 was not good for me and my family as I was rushed to hospital with a serious bug that caused potentially fatal sepsis. I had three weeks in Stoke Mandeville and my treatment will continue into June. Even my hip replacement from two years ago has had to be re-fitted.

Because of needing all my strength to recover, I must now hand over the responsibilities, of organising festival decorations, ordering oasis and fund-raising events etc. Hopefully this will be taken up by someone who will enjoy it as much as I have over the last eight years."

## Buckland Open Gardens

**Sunday 23 June 2 - 5pm** in aid of All Saints' Church, Buckland. Tea and home-made cakes will be available in the church. Any enquiries to **Kate Eckett 01296 630461**

### CROSSWORD No.32 SOLUTION

**Across** 18. Village Life 5. Beatnik 9. Imaginary 10. Corgi 12. Standpoint 15. Cognac 16. Teacher 18. Angling 20. Jacobite 22. Hydraulics 23. Slye 25. React 27. Abandoned 28. Deposit 29. Stetson

**Down** 1. Vainly 2. Leapfrogged 3. Acid 4. Elastic 5. Bayonet 6. Acceptance 7. Nor 8. Knitters 13. Inhabitants 14. Antipastos 17. Fathered 19. Gallant 20. Jackass 21. Leaden 24. Edge 26. Alp

## Horticultural Society

*Ever since I came to Aston Clinton in 1976 the Horticultural Society has been active in the village with strong support from residents for our summer shows.*

In 2007 the Society celebrated its 50th anniversary and we recorded this landmark by planting 50 field trees in Aston Clinton park. With permission from the Parish Council and a grant from AVDC we obtained about seven varieties suitable for this part of Buckinghamshire. In March 2007 working parties dug holes and planted the trees, many of which were dedicated to friends and families. Today they have grown, some to 30ft with secure trunks. The largest group can be seen on the right-hand side of the path as you go down to the bridge over the stream. Our losses have been surprisingly small; no more than five or six. There are two tall trees that are full of catkins. The picture shows the largest group.



This year, because our Spring Show takes place before Easter, we are able to include in the domestic section a class for Simnel Cake. It is a light fruit cake traditionally made during the Easter period. It is distinguished by two layers of almond paste or marzipan. The top layer is capped by a circle of marzipan 'eggs' and lightly browned under a grill.

Simnel cake has been around since medieval times and was made for the middle Sunday in Lent, when the forty-day fast was relaxed. Traditionally only eleven marzipan balls are used to decorate the cake representing the 12 apostles, minus Judas. You can find the recipe from our show schedule opposite.

We will have a stall at the **Village Market on the 12th May** when again we hope to sell a wide range of plants.

Our talks for April and May are as follows:

**Wednesday 10th April** Frank Parge will give a talk entitled: *'The personal Victorian garden of Mary Anne Disraeli at Hughenden Manor'*.

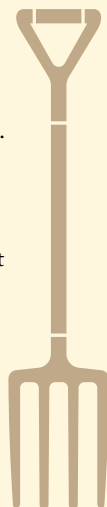
**Wednesday 8th May** Our wildlife expert from Drayton Beauchamp, Erica Goodman, is giving a talk on *'Giant Tortoises'*. Plus, we will have a tulip competition. All our talks take place in the **Anthony Hall at 8pm** and everyone is welcome.

I have not said anything about your gardens this time, but please contact the society if you need any guidance. *Ralph Weston*  
[muchpottering@btinternet.com](mailto:muchpottering@btinternet.com)

## Aston Park Allotments

Aston Park allotments has vacancies. Each plot is 15 x 5 metres. Water is supplied from a large water tank, there's also a communal locked shed which is managed with a key deposit scheme. **Annual rent is £20**, payable each January in advance.

Please contact the parish Clerk in the first instance via email [parishcouncil@astonclinton.org](mailto:parishcouncil@astonclinton.org) or telephone **01296 631269**



## Simnel Cake

*Traditionally eaten on Mothering Sunday, now associated with Easter, Bake time 2¼ hrs*



### Ingredients:

100g	butter	1 tsp	mixed spice
100g	demerara sugar	½ tsp	cinnamon
		½ tsp	nutmeg
3	eggs	1/1½lb	mixed fruit
1 tbsp	treacle	25g	ground almonds
½ tsp	almond essence	25g	glace cherries
150g	plain flour	200g	marzipan
½ tsp	baking powder		

### Method:

1. Cream together butter and sugar.
2. Beat the eggs lightly and stir into the creamed mixture with the treacle.
3. Sift flour and fold into mixture with spices.
4. Add essence, fruit, ground almonds & cherries.
5. Place half the mixture in a greased and lined 7-inch tin. Roll out half the quantity of marzipan and place on top of the mixture. Place the remaining cake mixture into the tin.
6. Bake in a slow oven 325° F (Gas Mark 2) for 1 hour then reduce to 300°F (Gas Mark 1) for a further 1¼ hours or until cooked.
7. Turn onto cooling tray.
8. When cold, brush the top of the cake with jam or marmalade.
9. Roll out remaining marzipan and cut to fit top of cake, saving the trimmings.
10. Place marzipan circle on the cake and decorate with balls made from the marzipan trimmings.
11. Add other decorations as desired.

## Wendover Arm Trust

Good progress continues with the restoration despite some inclement weather over the winter. We have been pleased to welcome a number of new volunteers to our restoration team and progress is accelerating but we are now in need of some assistance on the administrative side:

1. **Membership Secretary.** A wide-ranging job recruiting new members and retaining existing members, operating the Club 100 lottery scheme, promoting Trust events, recording GiftAid payments, dealing with any enquiries. Further details can be given.
2. **Newsletter Editor.** Our quarterly colour magazine gives members information on restoration progress, events and articles of general waterways interest. Some advertisements are incorporated and we should like to increase this income revenue. Guidance will be provided.

Both positions can be home based and preferably in the local area.

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If you are able to help us with either of these positions, please contact:

*Chris Sargeant, Chairman:*

email: [Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

Tel: 01494 775845

or (in respect of the latter position).

*David Page:*

email: [newsletter@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

Tel: 01494 863176

*Many thanks, Nigel Williams, WAT*

## St Mary the Virgin Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

10.45am 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 21 Apr	10.45am	Easter Communion	St Mary's Church
Sund 28 April	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints Buckland
Sun 26 May	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Michael's Church

**Lunch and Bridge** in aid of St Mary's. It will be held in the Cecilia Hall, Puttenham **Thursday 18th July**. £40 per pair or £80 per table. To reserved contact *Rosemary Brooke* on **01296 630446**.



St. Mary's Church, Drayton Beauchamp

### *Summer Concert*

For the first time in over 30 years our summer concert will be on a Friday, not a Saturday.

Please join us on **Friday June 14th** at 7.30pm to welcome *The Bell Quartet*, an exciting new string quartet established by four postgraduate students at the Royal Academy of Music - sisters Rebecca and Hannah Bell (violins), Erik Fauss from California (viola) and Joseph Keenan from Wales (cello).

We look forward to sharing their passion for chamber music which has led to UK wide recitals, coaching by internationally renowned musicians and prestigious upcoming engagements and competitions. **Tickets £15** available from *Anne Eardley* 01296 434357 / 07890798476 *Rosemary Brooke* 01296 630446 or *Guy Moores* 01442 826241

## WI News

Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Aston Clinton WI meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm.

Our speaker in April will be Maralyn Jenkins, whose subject is '*Pets as Therapy*.'

We have also organised a visit to Greatmoor, the Bucks CC waste plant, which is of great interest to our members.

Several members met at the Anthony Hall recently for the first meeting of our Craft Group where we learnt to crochet. The Craft Group will meet monthly and we hope to learn about a wide range of different crafts including flower arranging, patchwork and decoupage. Also, our Walking Group will be walking the Aylesbury Ring throughout the Spring and Summer.

We look forward to welcoming new members- Come along and try us - You will be most welcome. Or, for more information, please contact me by email [b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com](mailto:b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com)

*Claire Castle, Secretary*

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## Emergency

### HEALTH

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Aston Clinton Dental Clinic	01296 323090	<a href="http://www.astonclintondentalclinic.co.uk">www.astonclintondentalclinic.co.uk</a>
Amersham Hospital	01494 434411	<a href="http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk">www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk</a>
John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741166	<a href="http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/">www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/</a>
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	<a href="http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk">www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk</a>
Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161	<a href="http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk">www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk</a>
NHS Direct	111	
Samaritans	116123	<a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a>

### ENERGY SUPPLIERS

Electricity Emergency	0800 7838 838	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	
Water Emergency	0845 9200 800	

### CRIME

Police Emergency	999	
Police non-emergency and Neighbourhood watch	101	<a href="http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk">www.thamesvalley.police.uk</a>
Childline	0800 111	

## Organisations *Any error or omission in this list should be notified to the Editor.*

### EDUCATION

Aston Clinton School	01296 630276	<a href="http://www.astonclintonschool.co.uk">www.astonclintonschool.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Pre School	07928 309321	<a href="mailto:pre-school.acpsmanagement@gmail.com">pre-school.acpsmanagement@gmail.com</a>
Totspot (AC Baptist Church)	01296 631824	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org">www.astonclintonbaptist.org</a>
Marsworth pre-school Group	07506 179658	<a href="http://www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk">www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk</a>

### SPORT AND LEISURE

Aston Clinton Badminton Club	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	01296 630403	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org">www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org</a>
Aston Clinton Colts Junior F.C.	07786 908219	<a href="mailto:diwaller@astonclintoncolts.co.uk">diwaller@astonclintoncolts.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	<a href="http://www.astonclintonfc.co.uk">www.astonclintonfc.co.uk</a>
Aston Park Tennis Club	01296 630826	<a href="http://www.astonparktennis.co.uk">www.astonparktennis.co.uk</a>
Aston Wine Club	01296 630531	<a href="http://www.astonwineclub.co.uk">www.astonwineclub.co.uk</a>
Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club	07092 075004	<a href="http://www.aylesburydivers.org.uk">www.aylesburydivers.org.uk</a>
Back to Netball	07545 033986	<a href="mailto:weststandmolly@aol.com">weststandmolly@aol.com</a>
Buckland & Aston Clinton Cricket Club	01296 631788	<a href="http://www.baccc.play-cricket.com">www.baccc.play-cricket.com</a>
Buckland Book Group	01296 630531	<a href="mailto:brfletcher@hotmail.co.uk">brfletcher@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Buckland Bridge Club	01296 630552	<a href="mailto:Buckland.bridge@gmail.com">Buckland.bridge@gmail.com</a>
Dolphin Swim School	07966 450458	<a href="mailto:dolphinswimschool2017@gmail.com">dolphinswimschool2017@gmail.com</a>
Swimezee	01296 730742	<a href="http://www.swimezee.co.uk">www.swimezee.co.uk</a>



## YOUTH GROUPS

Aston Clinton Guides, Brownies and Rainbows		<a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk">www.girlguiding.org.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Scouts	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.scouts@Yahoo.com">ac.scouts@Yahoo.com</a>
Aston Clinton Cubs	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.cubs@Yahoo.co.uk">ac.cubs@Yahoo.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Beavers	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk">ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Youth Club	01296 298682	

## CHURCHES

St Michael and All Angels, Aston Clinton	01296 632488	<a href="http://www.s-michaels.org.uk">www.s-michaels.org.uk</a>
All Saints, Buckland	01296 632488	<a href="http://www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk">www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk</a>
St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp	01296 632488	<a href="http://www.s-marys.org.uk">www.s-marys.org.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	01296 631824	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org">www.astonclintonbaptist.org</a>

## HALLS FOR HIRE

Anthony Hall	01296 630229	<a href="mailto:Theanthonyhallac@gmail.com">Theanthonyhallac@gmail.com</a>
Baptist Church	01296 630303	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org">www.astonclintonbaptist.org</a>
Buckland Village Hall	01296 630310	
Green Park / Adventure Learning Charity	03303 030101	<a href="http://alfvillages.org.uk">alfvillages.org.uk</a>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Aston Clinton Parish Council	01296 631269	<a href="http://www.astonclinton.org.uk">www.astonclinton.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:parishcouncil@astonclinton.org.uk">parishcouncil@astonclinton.org.uk</a>
Buckland Parish Council	01296 626073	<a href="mailto:bucklandpc@googlemail.com">bucklandpc@googlemail.com</a>
Drayton Beauchamp. Parish Meeting	01296 630396	
Aylesbury Vale D.C.	01296 585858	
AVDC Councillors	Bill Chapple OBE	<a href="mailto:bchapple@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk">bchapple@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk</a>
	Mike Collins	<a href="mailto:mcollins@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk">mcollins@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk</a>
	Carole Paternoster	<a href="mailto:cpaternoster@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk">cpaternoster@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk</a>
Bucks County Council. Councillor Bill Chapple OBE	01296 426814	<a href="mailto:b.chapple@buckscc.gov.uk">b.chapple@buckscc.gov.uk</a>
Environmental Health (fly tipping)	01296 585605	
Highways	01296 486630	<a href="http://www.buckscc.gov.uk">www.buckscc.gov.uk</a>
M.P. for Aylesbury	David Lidington	<a href="mailto:david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk">david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk</a>

## MISCELLANEOUS

All Saints Friends, Buckland	01296 630454	<a href="mailto:peter.elwin@elwins.net">peter.elwin@elwins.net</a>
Aston Clinton Ladies Group	01296 630740	
Aston Clinton U3A	01296 436403	<a href="http://acu3a.weebly.com">http://acu3a.weebly.com</a>
Horticultural Society	01296 633376	<a href="http://www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk">www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk</a>
Royal British Legion	01296 632039	
SSAFA Forces Help	01296 631030	
Tuesday Lunch Club	07921 172642	
Turpins Charity	01494 758843	<a href="http://www.turpinscharity@outlook.com">www.turpinscharity@outlook.com</a>
Wendover Heights Veterinary Centre	01296 623439	<a href="http://www.whvc.co.uk">www.whvc.co.uk</a>
Women's Institute	01296 706908	<a href="mailto:b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com">b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com</a>